

Memorials & Trisagia

November 12

1-year Memorial for Phyllis (Philothei) Gullett, mother of Nicole (Bryan) Hopkins and Donna Gullett

November 19

40-day Memorial for John Mezinis, father of Maria Mezinis, brother of Napoleon, Gus, and Greg Mezinis

December 10

40-day Memorial for Demetrios Liyeos, brother of Art (Martha) Liyeos

December 17

6-month Memorial for Evangelia Halastanis, mother of Panagiota Christakis, Vasiliki (Brian) Zapf, and Demetri (Brenda) Halastanis

1-year Memorial for Ollie (Alexander) S. Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan

In Our Prayers:

Nora (Elaine) Bangert, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Achilles Kirkou, Michael Labis, George and Janice (Ioanna) Paradassis, Elaine Scott, Despina Zeris.

November 12: Our Father Among the Saints John the Almsgiver, Archbishop of Alexandria. Our Father Among the Saints Martin, Bishop of Tours

Saint John was born in 555 on the island of Cyprus in the city of Amathus; his father, Epiphanius, was a ruler of Cyprus. The Saint was consecrated Archbishop of Alexandria in 608. A man of exemplary uprightness, in his zeal for Orthodoxy he strove mightily to fight the many heresies among the Christians in Egypt; but above all, he was famous for his singular generosity, humility, and sympathy towards all, especially the poor. His mercy was so great that the report of it reached the Persian invaders of Jerusalem, who desired to see him because of it. Saint John reposed in 619, at the age of sixty-four.

Saint Martin, the great luminary of Gaul, was the son of pagan parents. When he was still quite young he became a catechumen; at the age of twenty-two he received Holy Baptism. Then he undertook the labours of a monk, and was afterwards consecrated Bishop of Tours, renowned as an ascetic and wonderworker, a faithful shepherd of Christ's flock. He converted many both from paganism and heresy, cast out demons and raised the dead, and while undertaking all the apostolic burdens of a bishop, he never ceased to be a simple monk and man of prayer. His monastery became a center of monasticism not only for Gaul, but for all of Western Europe. A widely celebrated incident of his life took place when he was still a catechumen, fulfilling his military service. Seeing an ill-clad beggar asking alms at the gate of the city of Amiens and being overlooked by passersby, Saint Martin, having nothing else to give, rent his military cloak in two with his sword and gave half to the beggar, so that he might cover himself in the cold. That night, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him, clothed with the half of the cloak he had given to the beggar. Saint Martin's cloak - capella in Latin - was kept in a sanctuary which came to be called capella, from which the word "chapel" is derived; and they under whose care it was kept were called cappellani, from which "chaplain" is derived. Saint Martin reposed in peace in the year 397.

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Τοῦ Ἱεράρχου.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐν τῇ ὑπομονῇ σου ἐκτίσω τὸν
μισθόν σου Πάτερ, Ὅσιε, ταῖς προσευχαῖς
ἀδιαλείπτως ἐγκαρτερήσας, τοὺς πτωχοὺς
ἀγαπήσας, καὶ τούτοις ἐπαρκέσας· Ἀλλὰ
πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, Ἰωάννη Ἐλεῆμον
μακάριε, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

For the Hierarch.

Mode pl. 4.

By your patience you obtained your
reward, O devout Father. You persevered in
your prayers without ceasing; and the poor
you loved and satisfied. We entreat you,
blessed John the Merciful, intercede with
Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Welcome to all our visitors.

Welcome to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. It is our hope that your visit here will bring you many blessings from God and that you will visit with us again soon. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church Hall.

8th Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Announcements

Artoclasia - Blessing of the Five Loaves: Artoclasia today in honor of Nektarios Despotopoulos son of Lula Despotopoulos and brother of Xenii (Tom) Simpson.

PanHellenic Scholarships: Electronic applications are now available online at <http://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply/>. Scholarships for high academic achievement and those in financial need will be awarded. Undergraduate students of Hellenic descent are encouraged to apply. The deadline is Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Air Conditioner Update: Thank you to everyone who has given so generously towards the new Sunday School Hallway air conditioner. We still need about \$20,000. Please send donation to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Sunday School air conditioner" in the memo.

Holiday Assorted Greek Pastries Gift Boxes: Place your order for these wonderful pastries brought to you by the Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society by December 10th. Last day to pick up orders will be December 17th. Prices: Boxes - \$12.00, Trays - \$20, \$30, or \$40. Please contact Helena Brown at 314-839-5824 (hm) or 314-456-5602 (cell) to place an order or if you have questions. All proceeds benefit Philoptochos charities.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Nov 12:

Youth Sunday

St. John the Merciful; St. Nilus the Myrrh-Gusher
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
12:15 pm Greek School
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm IOCC Banquet

Monday, Nov 13:

St. John Chrysostom

9:00 am Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, Nov 14:

Apostle Philip; Constantine of Hydra
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov 15:

Christmas Fast Begins (Fast)

Sts. Gourias, Samonas, Avivos; Patriarch Thomas
2:00 pm Kafenio

Thursday, Nov 16:

Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (Fish allowed)

9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:30 am Women's Book Study in Parish Council Room
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study

Friday, Nov 17:

St. Gregory of Neocaessaria; Patriarch Gennadios (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon

Saturday, Nov 18:

Great Martyr Plato; Martyr Romanos (Fish allowed)
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm AOC (Adult Orthodox Christian) at the home of Gus Harris

Sunday, Nov 19:

Stewardship Sunday/Annual Memorial (Fish allowed)

Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
11:15 am Annual Memorial
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting
12:00 pm Jr. GOYA meet in Church Hall
12:15 pm Greek School
5:00 pm Great Vespers

Life and death depend on our neighbor, because if we win over our neighbor, we win over God, but if we offend our neighbor, we offend God.

- St. Anthony the Great