

Memorials & Trisagia

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 Dimitrios 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

2-year Memorial for Angelo Palladino, son of Stella Palladino, brother of Kathy Palladino and James Palladino

18-year Memorial for George Palladino, husband of Stella Palladino, brother of Kathy Palladino and James Palladino



In Our Prayers:

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



November 19: The Holy Prophet Abdias (Obadiah). The Holy Martyr Barlaam.

The Divine Scriptures do not tell us with any certainty when the Prophet Abdiah lived nor what was his homeland. Thus, some say that he is that Abdias who was Ahab's steward, who, because of Jezebel's wrath, hid one hundred prophets in a cave and fed them with bread and water (III Kings 18:4), and that he later became a disciple of Elias the Prophet about 903 B.C. But others surmise from the words of the same prophetic book that he is somewhat later than Joel (celebrated on Oct. 19). He is also called Obdiu, or Abdiu, or Obadiah; his name means "servant of God." His book of prophesy, which consists of only one chapter, is ranked fourth among the minor prophets.

Saint Barlaam, who was from a certain village near Antioch in Syria, was advanced in years and a husbandman by occupation. Because of his confession of Christ, he was brought before the judge, who had him scourged with whips and then scraped with iron claws. Since this could not break his constancy, he was forcibly haled to the idol's temple, and live coals with incense were placed in his right hand. The judge thought that he would cast them down because of the pain, thus seeming to have offered a sacrifice of incense to the idols. But Saint Barlaam stood unmoving until his hand was thoroughly burned by the coals; he fell to the ground, and so gave up his soul into the hands of the Lord. He contested in martyrdom during the reign of Diocletian (284-305). Saint Basil the Great and Saint John Chrysostom both gave homilies in his honour.

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This week we celebrate the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos. Please join us on Tuesday, November 21st for 9:00 am Orthros and 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος δ΄.

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἢ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῶ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανώς ἢ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἢ ἐκκλήρωσις.

Apolytikion of the Feast of the Theotokos

Mode 4.

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

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 a special Stewardship Sunday coffee hour in the Church Hour.

9th Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

*A prayer from the heart has more power than a thousand words,
especially for someone who won't listen.*

- Elder Paisios of Mount Athos

Announcements

Coffee Hour is sponsored today in memory of John Mezinis.

PanHellenic Scholarships: Applications are available online at www.panhellenicsf.org/apply/ Scholarships for high academic achievement and those in financial need of and of Hellenic descent The deadline is Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Bible Study Dates: Bible Study has concluded for this year but will resume on January 9, 2018 at 7:20 pm. Tuesday evening Vespers services will continue to be held throughout November and December. Please join us!

Giving Opportunities during this Joyous Holiday Season

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.

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis Mexico is in need of \$5,000 for crucial ministries. If you would like to donate to this important cause, please send a check payable to Assumption Church with "Orthodox Missions Mexico" written in the memo line.

The Holy Monastery of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Ormylia, Greece has a Philanthropic center called "Panagia Philanthopini - Our Lady who Loves Mankind," whose mission is to comfort and alleviate the suffering of the poor and working class public without preference to race, religion, gender, or creed. The Center is dedicated to spreading the message of God's love and saving grace through medical, educational, scientific research, charitable and spiritual services and ministries. The director of this center is Charles Anthony, a former parishioner of the Assumption Church. During the upcoming holy season, we will take a collection to help the children's programs at this center. If you would like to give a donation for this cause, please make a check payable to "The Assumption Church" and mark it for "the Ormylia Foundation" and mail or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your support.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Nov 19: **Stewardship Sunday** (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
- Monday, Nov 20: St. Gregory of Dekapolis; Archbishop Proklos (Fish allowed)
- Tuesday, Nov 21: **Entrance of the Theotokos** (Fish allowed)
No Greek School
No Youth Night
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Nov 22: Apostle Philemon of the 70; Martyr Cecilia (Fast)
No Kafenio
- Thursday, Nov 23: **Thanksgiving** (Fish allowed)
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Nov 24: Church Office Closed (Fast)
St. Clement, Bishop of Rome; St. Peter, Bishop of Alexandria
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Nov 25: **Great Martyr Katherine** (Fish allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Nov 26: St. Stylianos of Paphlagonia; St. Nikon, Preacher of Repentance (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
12:15 pm Greek School

