

Memorials & Trisagia

October 7

- 1-year Memorial for Constantinos (Gus) Maris (Maroulis), husband of Pamela Maris
30-year Memorial for Michael Zervos, father of Presvytera Ranae (Fr. Joseph) Strzelecki

October 14

- 40-day Memorial for Evangelos "Van" Evangelopoulos, son of Sofia Evangelopoulos, brother of Glikeria (George Liyeos) Evangelopoulos and Stephanie (Nik) Vojcic.
1-year Memorial for John Mezinis, father of Maria Mezinis, brother of Napoleon, Gus, and Greg Mezinis
14-year Memorial for Peggy (Pege) Kantis, mother of George (Maria) Kantis, Andrew Kantis, and Debbie Kantis
20-year Memorial for Sevasti (Susan) Kantis Poulis, mother of Ellie (Shawn) Wideman
39-year Memorial for Costa (Costandinos) Kantis, father of George (Maria) Kantis, Andy Kantis, and Debbie Kantis

November 4

- 1-year Memorial for Demetrios Liyeos, brother of Art (Martha) Liyeos
Memorial for the Departed Members of the Hellenic-American Progressive League

November 25

- 9-month Memorial for Constantinos Papavlasopoulos, husband of Nasika (Nancy) Papavlasopoulos, father of Maria (Matt) Peters and Pete Papavlasopoulos

Announcements

40-day Blessing: Eleni Psara, daughter of Spiro and Colleen Psara, will receive the 4-day blessing today after Divine Liturgy.

Kisumu Well Project: The Clergy Brotherhood of Greater St. Louis are raising funds to help the OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) support the final digging of and plumbing for a well in Kisumu, Western Kenya. Bishop Athanasios has requested \$5,000 to finish incomplete project. Please give donations to Assumption marked "Kisumu Well Project" by November 30th.

Prison Ministry Coat Drive: The Assumption Prison Ministry is conducting a Winter Coat Drive for men and women who are ex-offenders. New or gently-used coats accepted. Larger sizes preferred. Please drop off coats in the Prison Ministry collection box located in the Narthex.

Dinner for FOCUS: Assumption is hosting the Thanksgiving dinner for Focus this year on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Amy Kirkou is chairing this event and needs volunteers to help serve. Please contact her at 314-265-4416.

Help Needed for New Years Eve: Dr. Jenny Kardaris is chairing this year's New Year's Eve Party. She is looking for volunteers. Please call her at 636-751-9696 if you are able to help.

Matching Fund Drive: A very generous donor has pledged \$6,500 to Assumption for a matching fund drive in order to pay off the air conditioner for the Sunday School classrooms. Please help expunge this debt by donating what you are able. We need an additional \$6,500 to close the loan. Please write "Air Conditioner" in the memo line of your checks, and thank you for your generosity!

Courtyard Pavers: We are creating a new courtyard in front of the Church. Engraved pavers are available to commemorate our families or memorialize our deceased loved ones. If you would like to donate toward this endeavor, please contact Tony Tharenos or Diane Sieckmann at 314-966-2255.

Sunday Bulletin

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῶν Ἁγίων.

Ἦχος δ΄

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει
αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς
ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες
γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους
καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ
ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις,
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion For the Saints.

Mode 4.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily
awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption,
in that they contested for You our immortal
God. * Since they possessed Your power, they
defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ
God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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.

Third Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"



October 7 - Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria

These holy Martyrs were Romans of high rank in the service of the Emperor Maximian, to whom it was reported that they did not take part in the festivals of the idols. When he called them into his presence, they confessed their Faith in the one God. He had them arrayed in women's clothes and paraded through the streets in mockery. They were afterwards scourged, from which Saint Bacchus died. This was about the year 296. Saint Sergius was then taken to Resapha in Syria, where he was tortured and beheaded. His tomb in Resapha became a very famous shrine, to which pilgrims came from as far away as Western Europe; Resapha was later renamed Sergiopolis in his honour.

Excerpted from: The Great Horologion or Book of Hours, Trans. Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Holy Transfiguration Monastery Press, Brookline, MA, 1997.



The first and most essential means of making peace with those who offend and persecute us is to pray for them, according to the commandment of Christ.

– *Saint Leo of Optina*

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Oct 7: Sts. Sergios & Bacchus; Deacon Kaesarios
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
7:00 pm Mylonas Lecture in Classical Art & Archaeology -
St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium
- Monday, Oct 8: New Martyr Ignatios; Virgin Martyr Pelagia
- Tuesday, Oct 9: Apostle Iakovos Alphaeus; Righteous Athanasia
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Oct 10: Sts. Eulampios & Eulampia; Righteous Theophilos (Fast)
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Oct 11: Apostle Philip, Deacon; Confessor Theophanes
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm YAL (Young Adult League)
- Friday, Oct 12: St. Symeon the New Theologian (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Oct 13: Martyrs Karpos, Papylos & Agathodoros
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Oct 14: **Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting



In Our Prayers

Nora (Elaine) Bangert, Seraphima Henderson, Thekla (Rebecca) Kagaris, Dean Kases, Janie (Zafera) Kyramarios