

Memorials & Trisagia

September 23

- 3-day Memorial for Mary Shomali, mother of Ellen (Majed) Alyatim and Bassam Shomali, grandmother of Alex (Amanda) Alyatim
- 40-day Memorial for Despina Zeris, mother of George (Marty) Zeris and Joann (George) Glikos
- 3-month Trisagion for Tom (Athanasios) Dubis, husband of Magda Dubis, father of Effie Dubis and Crist (Tracy) Dubis
- 1-year Memorial for Nancy (Mary) Koclanes, sister of Judy Bellos and Alexandra (Eugene) Goldsand

October 14

- 14-year Memorial for Peggy 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 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: Alexandra Aslan, daughter of Andy and Nicki Aslan, will receive the 40-day blessing today after Divine Liturgy.

Coffee Hour is sponsored this week in memory of Nancy Koclanes and Despina Zeris.

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 for the people of Kisumu in Western Kenya. Bishop Athanasios has requested \$5,000 to finish the incomplete project. Please give donations to Assumption marked "Kisumu Well Project" by November 30th.

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.

Thanksgiving 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 cook and serve. Please contact her at 314-265-4416. Donations are also needed to cover expenses. Please make checks out to Assumption and write "FOCUS Thanksgiving" on the memo lines.

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!

Sunday Bulletin

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**Ἀπολυτίκιον Προδρόμου.
Ἦχος δ΄. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.**

Ἡ πρόφην οὐ τίκτουςα, στείρα
εὐφράνθητι· ἰδοὺ γὰρ συνέλαβες, Ἥλιου
λύχνον σαφῶς, φωτίζειν τὸν μέλλοντα,
πᾶσαν τὴν οἰκουμένην, ἀβλεψίαν
νοσοῦσαν· χόρευε Ζαχαρία, ἐκβοῶν
παρρησίᾳ· Προφήτης τοῦ Ὑψίστου ἐστίν, ὁ
μέλλον τίκτεσθαι.

**Apolytikion for the Forerunner.
Mode 4. Come quickly.**

Sing now, O barren one who did not bear before, * for you have indeed conceived the burning lamp of the Sun; * and he will illuminate * all the world afflicted * with spiritual blindness. * Dance, O Zacharias, and now openly cry out: * "The one who is to be born is a Prophet of the Most High God."

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.

First Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



September 23 - Conception of St. John the Baptist

This came to pass fifteen months before the birth of Christ, after the vision of the Angel that Zacharias, the father of the Forerunner, saw in the Temple while he executed the priest's office in the order of his course during the feast of the Tabernacles, as tradition bears witness. In this vision, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and said to him, "Thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John" (Luke 1:13). Knowing that Elizabeth was barren, and that both he and she were elderly, Zacharias did not believe what the Angel told him, although he had before him the example of Abraham and Sarah, of Hannah, mother of the Prophet Samuel, and of other barren women in Israel who gave birth by the power of God. Hence, he was condemned by the Archangel to remain speechless until the fulfilment of these words in their season, which also came to pass (Luke 1:7-24).

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

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 23: **Conception of St. John the Baptist**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
- Monday, Sept 24: Protomartyr Thekla; Righteous Koptios
- Tuesday, Sept 25: St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria; St. Paphnoutios of Egypt
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 26: **Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian** (wine & oil allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Sept 27: Martyr Kallistratos; Apostle Aristarchos of the 70
- Friday, Sept 28: Confessor Chariton; Prophet Baruch (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Sept 29: St. Kyriakos the Anchorite; Martyr Petronia
9:00 am Fall Parish Clean Up Day
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Sept 30: St. Gregory of Armenia
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

In Our Prayers

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

He who does his spiritual work correctly finds excuses for everyone else in order to justify their shortcomings, but never justifies himself, even when he is in the right.

—Elder Paisios of Mount Athos