

## Memorials & Trisagia

### September 16

- 40-day Memorial for Haralambos Radiotis, brother of Maria Tsaoussis  
1-year Memorial for Angeliki Karagiannis, mother of Ari Karagiannis, Nick Karagiannis, and Gus (Amy) Karagiannis  
2-year Memorial for Elizabeth Tsaoussis, daughter of Maria Tsaoussis, sister of Flora (Charlton) Dimitriou

### September 23

- 40-day Memorial for Despina Zeris, mother of George (Marty) Zeris and Joann (George) Glikos  
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

## In Our Prayers

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

### **September 9- Theophanes the Confessor**

Our father among the saints Theophanes the Confessor (also called Theophanes the Branded) was Bishop of Nicaea. He was the younger brother of the St. Theodore the Branded (December 27), and is also known for being a hymnographer. His feast day is celebrated on October 11.

The brothers received an excellent education and were particularly involved in philosophy. Striving towards the knowledge of God, they settled in the Lavra of St. Sava. Here St. Theophanes was tonsured, and later became a hieromonk.

The holy brothers were famed as advocates of icon veneration. They boldly fulfilled the mission entrusted them by the Patriarch of Jerusalem and went to Constantinople to denounce the iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820). Afterwards, they also denounced the iconoclast emperors Michael Balbos (820-829) and Theophilus (829-842).

The saints had to endure imprisonment, hunger, even torture. The emperor Theophilus gave orders to inscribe a phrase insulting to the glorious confessors upon their faces with red-hot needles.

Therefore, they are called "Branded." "Write whatever you wish, but at the Last Judgment you shall read your own writing," said the agonized brothers to the emperor. They sent Theodore to prison, where also he died (+ 833), but Theophanes was sent into exile. With the restoration of icon veneration, St. Theophanes was returned from exile and consecrated Bishop of Nicaea. The saint wrote about 150 canons, among which is a beautiful canon in defense of holy icons. He died peacefully around the year 850.

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## **Sunday Bulletin**

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### **Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Ἦχος δ΄**

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν  
ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ  
ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς  
ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν,  
ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογία· καὶ καταργήσας  
τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν  
αἰώνιον.

### **Apolytikion for the Feast. Mode 4**

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted  
joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen  
the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God.  
He nullified the curse and instead gave His  
blessing; and causing death to be neutralized,  
He granted us eternal life.

### **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.

## Sunday before the Feast of the Holy Cross

### ***Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18***

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### ***Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17***

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

## Announcements

**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 December 15th.

**Family in Need:** An Orthodox family with four children are in need of twin beds and a double bed. If you are able to provide these items, please let Fr. Achilles Karathanos, 314-288-8036, know asap.

**College Student Addresses:** Please update your child's college address and email with the church so that students are able to receive YAL communications and the annual packages from Assumption.

**Donations For Olive Oil Needed:** Speak to Diane Sieckmann at 314-966-2255 if you can help.

**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.

**Thanksgiving Dinner for FOCUS:** Assumption is hosting the Thanksgiving dinner for Focus this year. 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.

**Consecration Album:** If you had an advertisement in the Consecration Album, please pick up your copy of the book from Diane Sieckmann.

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 9: Synaxis of the Parents of the Theotokos: Joachim & Anna  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
**11:00 am First Day of Sunday School & Procession**  
**12:00 pm Philoptochos Luncheon**
- Monday, Sept 10: Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora
- Tuesday, Sept 11: St. Theodora of Alexandria; Euphrosynos the Cook  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 12: Hieromartyrs Autonomos & Kournoutos of Iconium (Fast)  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Sept 13: Eve of the Elevation of the Holy Cross
- Friday, Sept 14: **Elevation of the Holy Cross** (Fast)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Procession  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Sept 15: Great Martyr Niketas; Righteous Philotheos  
9:30 am Sunday School Teachers' Workshop  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Sept 16: Great Martyr Euphemia; Martyr Melitina  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:00 pm Philoptochos General Meeting



We grow cold within when our heart is distracted, when it cleaves to something other than God, worrying about different things, getting angry and blaming someone, –when we are discontented and pander to the flesh, wallowing in luxury and wandering thoughts. Guard against these things, and the coldness will diminish.

St. Theophan the Recluse, *The Art of Prayer* 259