

Memorials & Trisagia

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 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

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.

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.

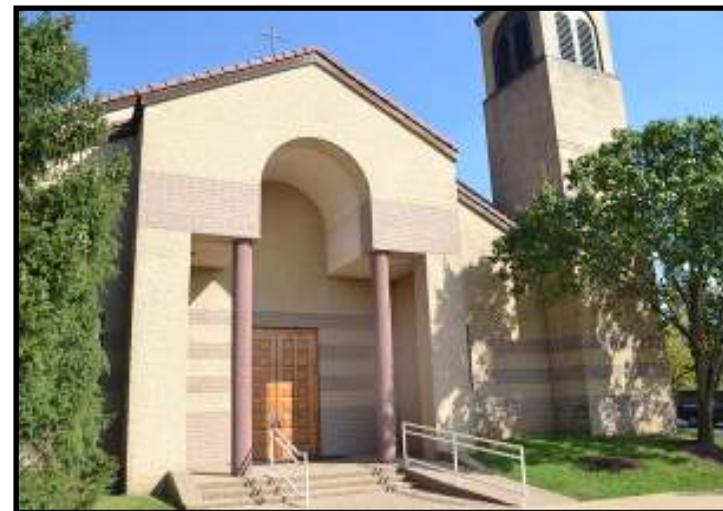
Matching Fund Drive: A very generous donor has pledged \$6,500 to Assumption for a matching fund drive in order to pay off the air conditioner for the Sunday School classrooms. Please help expunge this debt by donating what you are able. We need an additional \$6,500 to close the loan. Please write “Air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

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

Sunday Bulletin

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Απολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρος.

Ἦχος δ΄

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων
διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν
πρᾶξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας
ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας
ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις
αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Γρηγόριε· πρέσβευε
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Hieromartyr Mode 4.

Becoming a partner with the Apostles
in way of life and successor to their thrones,
O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you
found an entrance to contemplation. Hence
you rightly expounded the word of truth,
and you shed your blood in struggling for the
faith, O Hieromartyr Gregory. Intercede with
Christ our God, beseeching Him to 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.

Second 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 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



September 30 - Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia

This Saint, a Parthian by race, was the son of Anak. He was born about the year 240 and was taught the Faith of Christ in Caesarea of Cappadocia. He entered the service of Tiridates, King of Armenia, but when discovered to be a Christian, he was subjected to many horrible torments at the King's hands, then was cast into a pit of mire with poisonous serpents and left to die. By the power of God, however, he abode there unharmed for fourteen years, his needs provided by a certain widow, until he was made known by revelation and set free. He converted to piety innumerable multitudes of Armenians, including Tiridates himself, and was consecrated bishop by Leontius, Archbishop of Caesarea, to shepherd the vast flock he had gained for Christ. He spent the last part of his life in retirement in the ascetical discipline, and reposed in peace about the year 325. Saint Gregory is honoured as the Illuminator of Armenia.

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Deal with everything you face in life with love, kindness, meekness, patience, and humility. Be rocks. Let all the waves break over you and turn back leaving you untroubled. You'll say, "That sounds fine, but is it possible?" The answer is, "Yes, always by the grace of God." If we look at things in human terms, of course it is impossible. But instead of affecting you adversely, all these things can be of benefit to you, increasing your patience and your faith. Because all the difficulties that surround us represent a kind of gymnastics for us. We exercise ourselves in patience and endurance.

- St. Porphyrios

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 30: St. Gregory of Armenia
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
- Monday, Oct 1: Protection of the Theotokos; St. Romanos the Melodist
- Tuesday, Oct 2: Hieromartyr Kyprianos; Virgin Martyr Justine
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Oct 3: St. Dionysios Areopagite, First Bishop of Athens (Fast)
9:30 pm Grief Share
2:00 pm Kafenio
6:30 pm Vespers
- Thursday, Oct 4: Hierotheos of Athens; Martyr Domnina
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Oct 5: Martyr Charitina; Righteous Methodia (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
6:30 pm Great Vespers at St. Thomas Church
- Saturday, Oct 6: **Apostle Thomas**
9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy at St. Thomas Church
2:00 pm Town & Country Parade
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- 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



In Our Prayers

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