

Memorials & Trisagia

September 17

40-day Memorial for Judge Ellis (Elias) Gregory, husband of Shirley Gregory and father of Carolyn (Jere) Reed

6-month Memorial for Mary Karaganis, mother of Julie (Mike) Barro

September 24

40-day Memorial for Angie (Angeliki Vangiani) Antonopoulos, wife of Peter Antonopoulos, mother of Louis (Meghan) Antonopoulos, and sister-in-law of Roberta Korfias

40-day Memorial for Eleni Michailidis, mother of George (Paula) Michailidis

October 8

6-month Memorial for Presvytera Theodora Azkoul, mother of Diane (Rick) Sieckmann

December 17

1-year Memorial for Alexander (Ollie) S. Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan



In Our Prayers:

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



September 17: The Holy Martyr Sophia and Her Three Daughters Faith, Hope, and Love

These Saints were from Italy and contested for the Faith about the year 126, during the reign of Emperor Hadrian. Faith was twelve years old, Hope, ten, and Love, nine; each was tormented and then beheaded, from the eldest to the youngest. Their mother Sophia mourned at their grave for three days where she also fell asleep in peace; because of her courageous endurance in the face of her daughter's sufferings, she is also counted as a martyr. The name Sophia means "wisdom" in Greek; as for her daughters' names, Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity), they are Pistis, Elpis, and Agape in Greek, and Vera, Nadezhda, and Lyubov in Russian.

Kontakion of the Saints. First Tone.

The Soldiers standing guard

Since Faith and Hope and Love were in truth sacred branches * of ven'erable Sophia, the namesake of wisdom, * by grace they have shown all men that Greek wisdom is foolishness, * and in contest they proved to be prizewinning victors; * wherefore, they received a crown that shall never perish * from Christ God, the Lord of all.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ
εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς
βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωροῦμενος,
καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου
πολίτευμα.

Apolytikion for the Holy Cross

Mode 1

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your
inheritance, granting victory to the faithful
over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting
Your commonwealth.

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 coffee hour in the Church Hall.

A special welcome to Rev. Fr. Jon C. Emanuelson and Presvytera Barbara from St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Sunday After the Holy Cross

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Announcements

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the families of The Honorable Judge Ellis Gregory and Mary Karaganis.

Women's Book Study: Autumn dates: Thursday, Sept. 21 - Thursday, Nov. 16. The morning group meets from 10:00 am - 11:30 am at the home of Presvytera Ranae Strzelecki (913 Dover Falls Drive Manchester MO 63021-6860), and the evening group will meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the home of Janice Hazeltine. (11284 Bristolwood Dr., Crestwood MO 63126). They are reading *First and Second Corinthians Straight from the Heart* by Father Lawrence Farley. It is available from CBD, Amazon, and Ancient Faith and we will have limited number of copies available for sale through the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Bookstore. Please call Diane Sieckmann at 314-966-2255 for a book. If you have questions about the book study, please contact Presvytera Laura Morton at 314-303-1784.

Please support Fr. Achilles Karathanos and the October OCMC Mission Team to Kenya: Here are some ways to help: Make an online Donation to support the cost of the trip: Visit: www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx, find "Kenya Youth," and click "support" next to "Fr. Achilles Karathanos"; send a check to OCMC, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086 made out to "OCMC" with "Fr. Achilles Karathanos" in memo; write a check to "Sts. Constantine and Helen" with "Kenya Mission Trip" in memo and send to the Church by September 15th: Sts. Constantine & Helen, 405 Huntwood Rd, Swansea, IL 62226; donate the needed Great Horologion Liturgical book~ \$130.00 (see Fr. Achilles or call Church Office: 618-277-0330); donate an iPad or other Tablet with minimum 9.7" display~ (larger preferred) for E-Matins liturgical use at the Nyeri Cathedral, Kenya~ please speak to Fr. Achilles.

Air Conditioner: We purchased at badly needed new air conditioner for the Sunday School Hallway. The cost was \$39,200.00. Donations to help pay for it are greatly appreciated. Please send donation to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Sunday School air conditioner" in the memo. A \$5,000 matching fund has been offered to double donations up to that amount.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 17: St. Sophia and her three daughters Faith, Hope & Love
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting
- Monday, Sept 18: St. Eumenios of Gortyna; Martyr Ariadne
- Tuesday, Sept 19: Martyrs Trophimos, Sabbatios & Dorymedon
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:00 pm Youth Night
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 20: **Martyrs Eustathios, Theopiste & Agapois** (Fast)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Sept 21: Apostle Quadratus; Prophet Jonah
10:00 am Women's Book Study at the home of Patricia Bishop
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study at the home of Janice Hazeltine
- Friday, Sept 22: St. Phocas of Sinope; St. Phocas the Gardener (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Sept 23: **Conception of Baptist and Forerunner John**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Clean-up Day at Assumption
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Sept 24: Protomartyr Thekla; Righteous Koprios
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School



He who accepts present afflictions in the expectation of future blessings has found knowledge of the truth; and he will easily be freed from anger and remorse.

- Saint Kosmas Aitolos