

Memorials & Trisagia

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 1

- 2-week Memorial for Angeliki Karagiannis, mother of Aris Karagiannis, Nick (Rebecca) Karagiannis, and Gus (Amy) Karagiannis

October 8

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

October 22

- 40-day Memorial for Nancy Koclanes, sister of Judy Bellos

December 17

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

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In Our Prayers:

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

October Retreat Registration:

Be sure to register for the Assumption October Retreat, “*Sanctity: The Great Goal of the Christian Life*” with V. Rev. Fr. James Corazza . Call the Church office at 314-966-2255 to RSVP. See the attached flyer for the full retreat schedule and more information

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September 24: The Holy First Martyr Thekla, The Equal to the Apostles

This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the Resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia at the age of 90.

Kontakion of the Saint. Plagal of Fourth Tone.

As first-fruits of our nature

O Glorious virgin, thou wast entrusted with an apostolate, * while shining brightly with virginal beauty and adorned with crowns of martyrdom. * And, O Thekla, thou also * didst subdue the bull's fury and change fire to dew * by thine entreaties, O first contestant among all womankind.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῆς Ἁγίας . Ἦχος γ´

Θείου κήρυκος διδασκαλίας, πόθῳ
κτίστου σου ἀναφλεχθεῖσα, τῶν γεηρῶν
ὡς ρεόντων ἠλόγησας· καὶ σεαυτὴν ἱερὸν
καλλιέργημα, τῷ Θεῷ δοῦσα ποινῶν
κατετόλμησας. Θεκλα ἔνδοξε, Παύλου τοῦ
θείου συνέκδημε, τὸν σὸν Νυμφίον Χριστὸν
ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for Protomartyr Thekla Tone 3

All aflame with love for your Creator,* from the teachings of the sacred preacher,* you disregarded as fleeting all thingsmundane. * And being bold in the face of the penalties, * you gave yourself as a beautiful gift to God. * Thecla, glorious companion of the Apostle Paul, * we pray you entreat your Bridegroom, Christ, * and ask Him to grant us His great mercy.

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.

First Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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.

Announcements

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the family of Angie (Angeline) Antonopoulos.

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.

Mission Team-St. Louis and IOCC: Need new members. Please speak with Fr. Joseph.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 24: Protomartyr Thekla; Righteous Koprios
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
- Monday, Sept 25: St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria; St. Paphnoutios of Egypt
5:00 pm Vigil Service at St. John the Theologian Church in Cape Girardeau
- Tuesday, Sept 26: **Falling Asleep of the Apostle John the Theologian**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 27: Martyr Kallistratos; Apostle Aristarchos (Fast)
2:00 pm Kafenio
7:30 pm Music Seminar with Yannis Filias and Stella Markou at UMSL
- Thursday, Sept 28: Confessor Chariton; Prophet Baruch
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
10:00 am Women's Book Study at the home of Presvytera Ranae Strzelecki
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study at the home of Janice Hazeltine
- Friday, Sept 29: St. Kyriakos the Anchorite; Martyr Petronia (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
8:00 pm Music Concert with Yannis Filias and Stella Markou at UMSL
- Saturday, Sept 30: St. Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Oct 1: Protection of the Theotokos; St. Romanos the Melodist
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
11:30 am National Church Musician Sunday



Keep from prying into other people's affairs, for such prying gives occasion for slander, judgment, and other grievous sins. Why do you need to be concerned about others? Know and examine your own self.