

Memorials & Trisagia

September 8

1 year Memorial for Evangelos “Van” Evangelopoulos, son of Sofia Evangelopoulos, brother of Glikeria (George Liyeos) Evangelopoulos and Stephanie (Nick) Vojicic

September 15

3 year Memorial for Elizabeth “Liz” Tsaoussis, daughter of Maria Tsaoussis, sister of Flora (Charlton) Dimitriou

15 year Memorial for Helen Konakis, mother of Koula (John) Psara and Maria (George) Xenos

September 22

3 mo Memorial for Eustratios Maris, uncle of Loukas (Suzanne) Grafakos

2 year Memorial for Angeliki Karagiannis, mother of Ari Karagiannis, Nick Karagiannis, and Gus (Amy) Karagiannis

September 29

1 year Memorial for Amalia Karagiannis, mother of Tina (Vangeli) Pappas, Frances Karagiannis, Voula (Petros) Kardakos

October 13

Departed members of the Brotherhood of Alexander the Great

November 3

Departed members of the Hellenic American Progressive League (HAPL)

December 22

22 year Memorial for George Siappas, father of Maggie Zografakis

30 year Memorial for George Zografaksi, husband of Maggie Zografakis, father of Ellie (Dale) Huff, John (Colleen) Zografakis, Paul (Stacen) Zografakis, and Michael Zografakis

53 year Memorial for Ellie Siappas, mother of Maggie Zografakis

We must say each prayer—no matter how in-spired we are, no matter what sweetness the Lord has granted us— we must pray chiefly as the publi-can: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. Everything, even this sigh, everything is a gift from God.

Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

Abbot Nikon Letters to Spiritual Children p.18

Community Needs

Motorbikes for Kenya We are trying to raise enough money for 5 motorbikes for Bishop Neofitos’ Metropolis in Kenya for 5 newly ordained priest. Please send your check made payable to OCMC, with a notation in the memo “Motorbikes for Kenya” and mail it to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

We are upgrading the hall by adding two flat screen TVs for menu displays; each TV will cost \$500.00. We are looking for 3 donors at \$250 each. If you would like to help offset the costs, please call Diane in the church office at 314-966-2255.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church



Sunday Bulletin

September 8, 2019

**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nativity of the Theotokos**

Ἀπολυτίκιον

**Τὸ Γενέθλιον τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου
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 εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

Apolytikion

**The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos
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.

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Fr. Joseph Strzelecki

Welcome to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy.
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 after Liturgy.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

The reading is from 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.

The Gospel According to 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

Welcome back to Sunday School First day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 8. As we begin the new year we are privileged be part of the procession that day to celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross. After Holy Communion all students will be dismissed for Sunday School and we will return to together as a group for the procession. We have an exciting year planned for all. We look forward to seeing you.

Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 10. We will be studying The Book of Romans. Booklets are available from Fr. Joseph or Fr. Daniel.

College Student Addresses: Now that most colleges have begun, please update your child's college address and email with the church so that students are able to receive communications and the care packages from Assumption. Keeping in touch with college students is very important.

Calendar of Events



Sunday, September 8	<u>Nativity of the Theotokos</u> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School and Procession 12:00 pm Philoptochos Gyro Luncheon
Monday, September 9	Synaxis of Joachim & Anna; Severianos of Sebaste
Tuesday, September 10	Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora Poulcheria the Empress 5:45 Greek School 6:30 pm Vespers 7:20 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, September 11	Theodora of Alexandria; Euphrosynos the Cook 2:00 pm Kafenio
Thursday, September 12	Hieromartyrs Autonomos & Kournoutos of Iconium 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Friday, September 13	Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Centurion Cornelius 11:00 am Friday Luncheon
Saturday, September 14	<u>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u> 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Procession 5:00 pm Great Vespers

In Our Prayers

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



Theodora of Alexandria

This saint lived in the fifth century. Out of remorse for the adultery that she committed with another man, she fled from her husband's house, renamed herself Theodore, clothed herself as a man, and pretending to be a eunuch, entered a monastery of men. Her identity as a woman was discovered only after her death.