

## Memorials & Trisagia

### February 17

- 1-year Memorial for Gus (Kostandinos) Papavlasopoulos, husband of Nancy Papavlasopoulos, father of Maria (Matt) Peters and Pete Papvlasopoulos
- 2-year Memorial for Nicoletta Ktena, mother of Nancy Papavlasopoulos, grandmother of Maria (Matt) Peters and Pete Papvlasopoulos

### February 24

- 2-year Memorial for Constantine (Dean) Bellos, son of Steve and Dessie Bellos, brother of Tom Bellos

### March 3

- 6-mon Memorial for Evangelos (Van) Evangelopoulos, son of Sofia Evangelopoulos, brother of Glikeria (George Liyeos) Evangelopoulos and Stephanie (Nick) Vojicic

### April 7

- 1-year Memorial for Jimmy (Demetrios) Georges, son of Peter and Aristeia Georges; brother of Nicholas Georges and Faye (Dan) Williams

### April 14

- 1-year Memorial for Helen (Eleni) Kiriakos, mother of Karen Kiriakos and Athena (Larry) Earhart
- 1-year Memorial for Stella (Styliani) Palladino, mother of Kathy Palladino and James Palladino

## Announcements

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored this week in memory of Gus (Kostandinos) Papavlasopoulos and Nicoletta Ktena

### **Orthodox Studies: What is Great Lent? What are all of These Services About?**

Come and find out. Tuesday evenings after Vespers between now and the beginning of Great Lent.

- \* Tuesday, February 19 - Services in Lent, the Canon, Akathist, Pre-Sanctified, Compline, etc. (Fr. Anastasios)
- \* Tuesday, February 26 - Holy Week and Pascha (Fr. Joseph)
- \* Tuesday, March 5 - Bright Week Services through Pentecost (Fr. Joesph)

**Jewelry Collection:** Philoptochos is collecting jewelry for a used jewelry sale. Bring your gently-used brooches, bracelets, necklaces and other glitzy gems to the Church office so they can find a new home and benefit Philoptochos at the same time.

**2018 Heritage Greece Program:** The Heritage Greece Program is a gift from the National Hellenic Society (NHS) to enrolled college students ages 18-26 of Greek or Cypriot descent. The program runs from June 7-24, 2018. Application deadline is March 18th. For more information, please go to <http://www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/apply-heritage-greece/>.

**AHEPA Scholarships:** The St. Louis AHEPA Scholarship Foundation is now accepting applications for 2019. Please e mail [bdpappas@yahoo.com](mailto:bdpappas@yahoo.com) for an application. Note the deadline for applications to be returned with all applicable material is April 15 with NO exceptions. Preference is given to first time applicants.

**Archdiocesan Scholarships:** The George & Naouma (Gioule) Gioles Scholarship, Katina John Malta Scholarship (both for undergraduates) and Paleologos Scholarship (Graduate studies) are open to applications through the Department of Philanthropy of the Archdiocese. Please visit <http://www.goarch.org>, email [scholarships@goarch.org](mailto:scholarships@goarch.org), or call 212-774-0283 for more information.

## Sunday Bulletin

February 17, 2019



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### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

**Ἦχος πλ. α΄.**

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ  
Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς  
σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ  
καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠὐδόκησε σαρκί,  
ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον  
ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν  
τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

### **Apolytikion for Resurrection**

**Mode Pl. 1.**

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

### **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 of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins**

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

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Gospel Reading: Gospel of Luke 18:10-14**

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The purpose of all the laws and commandments of God is purity of heart.

- Venerable Isaac the Syrian, bishop of Nineveh  
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**February 17 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Reading**

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

Excerpted from: The Great Horologion or Book of Hours, Trans. Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Holy Transfiguration Monastery Press, Brookline, MA, 1997.

**Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, Feb 17: **Publican & Pharisee**  
Great Martyr Theodore the Tyro; Isapostle Mariamne  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School  
12:00 pm Greek Dance: Neo Kyma & Ta Paidakia (Philoptochos Room)  
Kyklos (Hall)  
12:15 pm Greek School
- Monday, Feb 18: Leo, Bishop of Rome; Confessor Agapetos
- Tuesday, Feb 19: Apostle Archippus of the 70; Philothea of Athens  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
**7:20 pm Orthodox Studies - "Services in Lent" (Fr. Anastasios)**
- Wednesday, Feb 20: Leo, Bishop of Catania; Agathon, Bishop of Rome  
9:30 am Grief Share  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Feb 21: Righteous Timothy; Eustathios of Antioch  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am Women's Book Study at Assumption  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:00 pm YAL Discussion Group
- Friday, Feb 22: Discovery of relics of Martyrs in Eugenios  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Feb 23: Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
**6:00 pm Adult Orthodox Christians (AOC) at the home of Duane and Kay Johnson**
- Sunday, Feb 24: **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
1st-2nd Finding of the Head of Holy Baptist John  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School  
**12:00 GOYA Brunch Fundraiser**  
12:00 pm Greek Dance, Kyklos  
12:15 pm Greek School

**In Our Prayers**

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