

Memorials & Trisagia

February 24

- 9-day Trisagion for Sophocles Petrakis, brother-in-law of Amalia (Stelios) Karakasis
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

February 24 - 1st & 2nd Finding of the Head of the Forerunner

The first finding came to pass during the middle years of the fourth century, through a revelation of the holy Forerunner to two monks, who came to Jerusalem to worship our Saviour's Tomb. One of them took the venerable head in a clay jar to Emesa in Syria. After his death it went from the hands of one person to another, until it came into the possession of a certain priest-monk named Eustathius, an Arian. Because he ascribed to his own false belief the miracles wrought through the relic of the holy Baptist, he was driven from the cave in which he dwelt, and by dispensation forsook the holy head, which was again made known through a revelation of Saint John, and was found in a water jar, about the year 430, in the days of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger, when Uranius was Bishop of Emesa.

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

Announcements

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

- * Tuesday, February 26 - Holy Week and Pascha
- * Tuesday, February 19 - Services in Lent, the Canon, Akathist, Pre-Sanctified, Compline, etc.

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.

Sponsor Needed: If you would like to sponsor the Greek Independence Day Luncheon this year, please call Diane Sieckmann at 314-966-2255. Thank you!

2018 Heritage Greece Program: The Heritage Greece Program from the National Hellenic Society to college students, 18-26, of Greek or Cypriot descent. June 7-24, 2018. Application deadline is March 18th. <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 for an application. Note the deadline for applications to be returned with all applicable material is April 15 with NO exceptions.

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, or call 212-774-0283 for more information.

Sunday Bulletin

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Προδρόμου.

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Ἐκ γῆς ἀνατείλασα ἡ τοῦ Προδρόμου
κεφαλὴ, ἀκτῖνας ἀφίησι τῆς ἀφθαρσίας,
πιστοῖς τῶν ἰάσεων, ἄνωθεν συναθροίζει,
τὴν πληθὺν τῶν Ἀγγέλων, κάτωθεν
συγκαλεῖται, τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος,
ὁμόφωνον ἀναπέμψαι, δόξαν Χριστῷ τῷ
Θεῷ.

Apolytikion for The Forerunner

Mode 4

The Forerunner's head has risen once again from the earth; * it sends forth the brilliant rays of incorruption and cures to the faithful all. * Above it has assembled the arrays of the Angels; * below it calls the human race to gather together. * In unison we offer up glory to Christ our God.

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 Prodigal Son

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading: Gospel of Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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It is the poor man who holds out his hand but it is God Himself who receives whatever you give to the poor.

- St. John Chrysostom

Calendar of Events

- 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
- Monday, Feb 25: Patriarch Tarasios; St. Reginos of Skopelos
- Tuesday, Feb 26: St. Porphyrios of Gaza; St. Photini, the Samaritan Woman
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Orthodox Studies - "Holy Week and Pascha" (Fr. Joseph)
- Wednesday, Feb 27: St. Prokopios of Dekapolis; St. Stephan Gerontologist
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Feb 28: Confessor Basil; New Martyr Kyranna
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, Mar 1: Righteous Eudokia; Sts. Markellos & Antonina
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Mar 2: **1st Saturday of the Souls**
Sts. Hesychios & Theodosios; Virgin Martyr Euthalia
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Memorial
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm GOYA Mentorship & Rock Climbing
- Sunday, Mar 3: **Meat Fare Sunday**
Martyr Eutropios; Hieromartyr Theodoretos
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
12:00 pm St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
12:00 pm Philoptochos Pastitsio Luncheon
12:15 pm Greek School

In Our Prayers

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