

## Memorials & Trisagia

### January 13

40-day Memorial for Presvytera Edna (Androniki) Regopoulos, mother of Pete (Joan) Regopoulos  
6-month Memorial for Ismini Draper, daughter of Evangelia Damalas  
Trisagion for Athanasios Dubis, husband of Magda Dubis  
Trisagion for Katherine Dubis, daughter of Chris & Tracy Dubis  
Trisagion Androniki Harisis, mother of Magda Dubis  
Trisagion for Christos Harisis, father of Magda Dubis  
Trisagion for Theodoios and Eftalia Dubis

### January 20

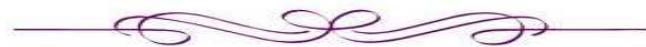
1-year Memorial for Anastasios (Tom) Masa, husband of Barbara Masa, brother of Presvytera Mary Scoulas

### February 17

2-year Memorial for Peter (Panagiotis) Ellis, husband of Paula Ellis

### February 24

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



## In Our Prayers

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

### **January 6 - The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Saviour according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Saviour also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvellous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22). From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

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## **Sunday Bulletin**

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### **Ἀπολυτίκιον**

#### **Ἦχος α΄**

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ  
τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις: τοῦ  
γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει  
σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα: καὶ τὸ  
Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίω τοῦ  
λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ  
Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

### **Apolytikion for Theophany**

#### **Mode 1.**

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O  
Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became  
manifest, for the voice of the Father bore  
witness to You, naming You the Beloved  
Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, con-  
firmed the certainty of the word. O Christ  
God, who appeared and illumined the world,  
glory to You.

### **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.

## Theophany of Our Lord

### **Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

### **Gospel Reading: Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17**

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

## Announcements

**FOCUS Needs:** FOCUS-Gateway is in need of items to help people get through the cold winter. New or gently used warm sleeping bags, comforters, warm coveralls and other warm clothing, especially for men, are needed. Please drop off items in the FOCUS box in the Narthex at church.

**Matching Fund Drive:** A very generous donor has pledged \$6,500 to Assumption for a matching fund drive in order to pay off the air conditioner for the Sunday School classrooms. Please help expunge this debt by donating what you are able. We need about \$921 to pay off this debt.. Please write "Air Conditioner" in the memo line of your checks, and thank you for your generosity!

**PanHellenic Scholarships:** Forty undergraduate scholarships for high academic achievement are given to students of Hellenic descent. Applications are available online at [www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org). The deadline is January 31, 2019.

**Ormylia Philanthropic Center:** "Panagia Philanthopini - Our Lady who Loves Mankind," is a philanthropic center in Greece whose mission is to comfort and alleviate the suffering of the poor and working class public without preference to race, religion, gender, or creed. It is dedicated to spreading the message of God's love and saving grace through medical, educational, scientific research, charitable and spiritual services and ministries. The director, Charles Anthony, is a former parishioner of Assumption. Please make donation checks payable to "The Assumption Church" marked for "the Ormylia Foundation" and mail or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

**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/>.

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan 6:	<b>Theophany</b> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, and Great Blessing of the Waters <b>1:30 pm Holy Water Blessing at Wilmore Park</b>
Monday, Jan 7:	<b>St. John the Baptist</b> 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, Jan 8:	George the Chozebite; Righteous Domenica 5:45 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Vespers 7:20 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan 9:	Martyr Polyeuctos; Wonderworker Eustratios 2:00 pm Kafenio
Thursday, Jan 10:	St. Gregory of Nyssa; Bishop Dometianos 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Vespers <b>7:00 pm OCMC Banquet</b>
Friday, Jan 11:	Righteous Theodosios the Abbot 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
Saturday, Jan 12:	Martyr Tatiana; Martyr Mertios 5:00 pm Great Vespers 6:00 pm Youth Mentoring Program
Sunday, Jan 13:	Martyrs Hermylos and Stratonikos 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School <b>11:15 am Vasilopita Sunday</b>



The beginning of freedom from anger is silence of the lips when the heart is agitated; the middle is silence of the thoughts when there is a mere disturbance of soul; and the end is an imperturbable calm under the breath of unclean winds.

—Saint John Climacus