

## Memorials & Trisagia

### April 7

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

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

2-year Memorial for George Stathopoulos, brother of Paula Ellis

### 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

### May 19

1-year Memorial for George Vagionakis, husband of Theodosia (Sue) Vagionakis, stepfather of Diane (Gus) Kapodistrias



## Announcements

**Project Mexico:** Fr. Achilles Karathanos from Saints Constantine and Helen in Swansea, IL is organizing a team to take to Project Mexico this summer, July 18-24. He currently has 3 adults, 2 young adults, and 2 teens committed from his parish and he would like to open it the other local parishes. There are 5 open spaces for anyone 14 years or older. If you are interested in attending you will need to make a \$100.00 deposit and contact Fr. Achilles immediately at 314-288-8036.

**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!

**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.

### Three Important Ways You Can Help the Church Financially

- \* Please increase your stewardship commitment this year.
- \* Make a special offering to the church during this Lenten season.
- \* Make your stewardship commitment early in the year.



## Annual Prison Ministry Fund Drive

The Assumption Prison Ministry will be conducting a Fund Drive on March 17th through March 31st, to assist ex-offenders and their families. We also help to connect families with their loved ones who are still in prison. Please give any monetary donations to Bill Goranitis or Diane Sieckmann. Thank you.

## Sunday Bulletin

March 17, 2019



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### Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος β΄.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου,  
προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι  
συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ  
ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἠδόκησας σαρκί,  
ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὖς  
ἐπλασας, ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν  
εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαράς ἐπλήρωσας  
τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος  
εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

### Apolytikion for the Feast.

Mode 2.

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

### 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 Orthodoxy

### **Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### **Gospel Reading: Gospel of John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## **March 17 - Sunday of Orthodoxy**

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

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## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Mar 17: **Sunday of Orthodoxy** (Wine & oil allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School & Procession  
12:00 pm Greek Dance: Ta Paidakia, Neo Kyma, & Kyklos  
12:15 pm Greek School  
**5:00 pm Pan Orthodox Vespers & Dinner at the Assumption**
- Monday, Mar 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Martyr Trophimos (Fast)
- Tuesday, Mar 19: Martyrs Chrysanthos, Daria & Jason (Fast)  
6:30 pm Great Compline & Canon
- Wednesday, Mar 20: Holy Fathers martyred at St. Savvas Monastery (Fast)  
9:00 am Grief Share  
2:00 pm Kafenio  
5:30 pm 9th Hour  
**6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner**
- Thursday, Mar 21: Confessor James; Martyr Philemon (Fast)  
10:00 am Women's Book Study at the home of Patricia Bishop  
7:00 pm YAL Discussion Group
- Friday, Mar 22: St. Basil of Ancyra; Martyr Kallinikos (Fast)  
9:00 am 9th Hour  
9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon  
**7:00 pm 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos followed by Coffee Hour**
- Saturday, Mar 23: Righteous Nikon & 199 Martyrs with him (Wine & oil allowed)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Mar 24: **St. Gregory Palamas** (Wine & oil allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School & Procession  
12:00 pm Greek Dance: Ta Paidakia, Neo Kyma, & Kyklos  
12:15 pm Greek School  
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at St. Michael's Orthodox Church - St. Louis



## In Our Prayers

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