Christ is Risen!

May 2021

The Resurrection of our Lord
MAY AT A GLANCE

May 1 ........................................................10am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
11pm Resurrection Service
May 2 ...............................................................................11am Agape Service
May 3 ...............................................................................Church office closed
May 9 .........................................................................................GOYA Sunday
May 13 .......................................................................Parish Council Meeting
May 16 .....................................................................................AHEPA Sunday
May 19 ..........................................................................Philoptochos Meeting
May 21 ......................................................................................Divine Liturgy
May 23 ..................................................................Sunday School Graduation
May 28-31 ..................................MiniGreek Festival 11:00am-8:00pm daily

SACRAMENTS

FUNERALS
April 9, 2021
Michael Siliamanos
May 6, 2021
Andrioniki Pappas

BAPTISMS
Georgia Aikaterini Livanos,
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ASSUMPTION MINIFEST
2021
MAY 28, 29, 30, 31

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CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday
Divine Liturgy
Orthros: 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

English Liturgy
Second and fourth Sundays
10:00 a.m. in the Church

Weekday Services
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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Alex Malian, Seminarian

As we approach Holy Week, I would like to take a moment to reflect upon the challenges we face in this world, and how through the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ the greatest adversary of all has been overcome.

Today we are faced with an enormous challenge as we are in the midst of a pandemic, where thousands have lost their lives to a deadly virus. There is not a single person whose life has not been affected in some way by this pandemic. We ask, “Why is this happening?” Although it seems like we are struggling through this pandemic on our own, Christ has been by our side the entire time. In fact, when we turn to prayer in the midst of troubling times, we discover that He delivers us from fear by teaching us the importance of faith, which is the most important tool we have when facing adversity. The truth is we may never know why suffering and sickness occur in our lives, except that they are the result of living in an imperfect reality. What we do know is that God became man and dwelt among us, so that that He might share in our suffering and deliver us from this imperfect reality.

Next week, we will actually walk with Christ to His Crucifixion, and ultimately, His Resurrection. I have been told many times throughout my life that we must first experience the Crucifixion before we can rejoice in the glory of the Resurrection. In life, there will be many times where we feel crucified; moments of disappointment, fear, and adversity, but in these moments, we must remember that there is nothing in this world that cannot be overcome with the Grace of God. When we feel defeated in this life, let us console ourselves with the reality that Christ defeated death so that we might never be defeated again.

As we attend the services of Holy Week and follow Christ to the Cross, we will not only hear about these events, we will actually feel the extreme love He has for us by reliving these moments. While we journey through each day, let us put our challenges in the context of these events, and remember that what appears to be defeat is actually the gateway to victory. By the end of the week, once we have experienced the entire spectrum of emotions, joy will prevail, and we will celebrate the greatest victory of all time. In the end, we will rise with Christ.

METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN
FOR SUMMER 2021!

After the unfortunate closure of the Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp (MDSC) in 2020 due to COVID-19, the camp will be open again this summer! The MDSC Board of Trustees is working with the Metropolis of Detroit, and following guidance from the state agency that licenses camps to offer a safe camping experience this summer. While some safety protocols will be in place, MDSC’s goal is to operate as close to normal as possible.

Registration opened for camp in March, and because the camp will be taking less campers each week to maintain better spacing in the cabins, weeks will close more quickly this summer. As of the end of April, the camp still had camper space in Week 2, Week 3 and Week 5. The camp program is for youth going into the 3rd – 11th grades. We have several Assumption youth already signed up for this summer, and we strongly encourage more of our youth to attend the camp to enjoy an unforgettable experience of fun and fellowship.

Online Camper Registration can be accessed through the MDSC website, www.gomdsc.org. Tuition is $450 per week.

MDSC also is accepting applications from young adults to work on staff, specifically Counselors-in-Training (age 16-17, but must be going into Senior year or freshman year in college), Counselors (ages 18 & over) and Lifeguards (ages 17 and over and certified). The online Staff Applications can also found through the MDSC website.

You can find more information about MDSC, and view pictures from last summer, by visiting the camp’s website at www.gomdsc.org. If you have any questions about MDSC, please contact Dean Niforos by phone (313-418-6085) or email (dean.niforos@gmail.com).
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Just like the boy who offered his five loaves and two fish, we each offer what we have, however great or small our gift. If we do this prayerfully and in humility, God will receive our gifts and multiply them to feed His people.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of the Lord.

To the beloved stewards and supporters of our parish, we kindly remind you that if you have not yet made your 2021 Stewardship Commitment, to please make your offering today, and enable our church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of our parishioners.

May our Lord richly bless you in all things.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Michael & The Assumption Church Stewardship Committee

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ANDRONIKY PAPPAS

Our beloved Niki fell asleep in the Lord April 08, 2021 at home in St. Clair Shores surrounded by family and loved ones.

Androniky (Niki) Christos Pappas was born October 02, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan to Christos Papapostolou (Pappas) and Panagiota Palantzas. Her siblings were Chrysanthi, (deceased as an infant); Constantia (Mentis) of Dover, Delaware; Theophanis “Ted” (deceased in 1997); and Olympia (Koutsoudas) of Houston, Texas.

Niki graduated from Southeastern High School and began a career with the Wayne County records office as Clerk for over 20 years. She overcame great personal odds as the oldest child of immigrants, and great professional odds by working during a time when women were discriminated against.

She persevered and achieved great personal success. Without children of her own, she nurtured her nieces and nephews and the children of many to understand and overcome life’s challenges while maintaining perspective and a unique sense of humor. She loved her church and was a lifelong member of Assumption. Church involvement was a priority. She was an active member of Philoptochos for many years as well as the Senior Citizens Association. She was a leader in motivating others to keep trying, especially in the exercise classes. Always ready to pitch in, Niki was famous for her speed and dexterity in processing all church mailings.

She was proud of her community activities and being a member of the AHEPA Daughters of Penelope, Thamyris Chapter 272, for more than 50 years. Family, especially keeping past family members remembered and current family members connected no matter how distant the relationship, was important to her. She loved so many and wanted them to feel loved. She also enjoyed reading, especially her newspapers, magazines, and romance novels, and loved women’s fashion.

Her nephew and nieces fondly recall her knack for finding the best bargains, “so much so we still talk about finding a “Niki sale” when we manage to purchase something at an incredible price.” A woman of extremely strong moral character and beliefs, Niki placed great value on contributing to the happiness of others. She gave and expected respect. Having overcome her own personal challenges, she understood the pain of others and found a way to support and encourage them to greater heights. Niki was a straight-shooter and advised from the heart. She managed her life with humor, dignity, compassion, and giving all the days of her life. She loved her family dearly and they loved her in return. “Thea Niki” will be greatly missed by her family, the Assumption community, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Her kindness and warm and loving smile will never be forgotten.

MICHAEL SILAMIANOS

Michael Silamianos, age 95, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2021. Beloved husband to Aggelo for 64 years. Cherished father to Peter (Bette), Georgia (Chuck), Manolis, Maria (Craig), and Bill (Joanne). Adored grandfather to Lisa, Michael, Nicholas, Kristyn, Tony, Christopher, Melissa, Dylan, Michael, Eugene, and Ryan. Dear great-grandfather to 12 and great-great-grandfather to 3.

Born in Athens, Greece, Michael was proud and true to his heritage through and through. He moved to the mainlands to raise and support a beautiful family. He met his wife Aggelo and together they raised five children, instilling the values of love, family, and faith into each of them. Michael had a career as an experimental assembler at Cadillac General Motors Company for many years.

Michael loved to be outdoors - kayaking, biking, sailing - anything to keep him active. He was incredibly friendly, extremely funny, and a dose of pure joy that would bring a smile to any face he encountered. He will be greatly missed.

Assumption’s Sunday School students and teachers wish everyone a Kalo Pascha!
Chris Manos aids FOCUS Detroit’s “Outfitted for Good” Project

This morning we went to Delta Iron Works in Detroit to meet with owner, Chris Manos who is helping us with the fabrication of the windows and doors of “Outfitted for Good.” Chris gave us the update on the work he is doing to get our 40-ft shipping container outreach ministry “Outfitted for Good” or “OFG” going! We are very excited! We need your help to make OFG the best it can be! Help us by making a financial contribution.

COVID-19 has presented great challenges for nonprofits who largely deal with service on a face-to-face basis. At FOCUS Detroit we were thinking and dreaming for months how we could respond to the crisis in a way that was not indoors, but enabled us to serve our friends in need with basic necessities in a safer way. That’s where the idea for “Outfitted For Good” was born. A few weeks ago we had a 40 foot shipping container delivered to us... we are very excited to keep you updated on our newest ministry initiative: “OFG” for short. We are grateful for the seed funds from a couple gracious donors to purchase the container. We are currently working with Delta Iron Works, Detroit to install doors and windows. We are slated to start ministry from the container in mid-May, and will have other exciting projects going along-side of it! We are looking to raise $10K to help this ministry grow! Visit our website to make a donation today! #ofg #outfittedforgood #detroit #service #giving
FORMER GOYA PRESIDENT EMILEA ZINGAS RETURNS FROM WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Excerpts from Grosse Pointe News Article-3/11/2021

Congratulations to Emilea Zingas, our Assumption Parishioner and former GOYA President, as she returns from the World Figure Skating Championships in Stockholm, Sweden! She qualified for the World Championships by finishing third in February’s 2021 Challenge Cup held in The Hague, Netherlands. A dual citizen of the United States and Cyprus, she became the first skater to represent Cyprus in the world championships. She trained for many years at the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club, where her teacher and director of skating says that she always knew that Emilea had a special talent.
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Jesus often spoke of love and showed compassion. He taught us by his example to love one another and to be compassionate to those in need. For example see the following verses from scripture:

“When Jesus went out, He saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick” (Matthew 14:14).

“Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him” (Matthew 20:34).

“...he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Compassion can often mean kindness and sympathy yet in the verses quoted above it refers to something much deeper and more powerful. The phrase “he had compassion” is translated from the Greek word: ἐσπλαγχνίσθη which is from root word: σπλάγχνα, which means, “inners/guts.” In other words, this type of compassion is felt in a deep physical manner. Compassion experienced in this way compels us to respond with love, deep concern and involvement.