



FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS

FUNERALS

In the event of the death of a loved one, please contact the funeral home of your choice, and contact our Church Office. If the office is not open, please contact Fr. Teodor Petrutiu on his cell phone, 248.330.3177.

We will work with you and the funeral home to make arrangements for Visitation, Trisagion, Funeral, and Makaria (a traditional light luncheon of fish and other simple foods). Visitation can be arranged at the church, or at the funeral home. Traditionally, a Trisagion service is held on the evening before the funeral. Trisagion service is generally held at 7:00 pm; on the day of the funeral, the service generally begins at 10:30 am (unless otherwise arranged.) There is a procession to the cemetery where a Trisagion service will take place. Memorial offerings may be made to the Church or to a charity of choice. Envelopes for Church donations will be provided by the Church.

Flowers will be accepted for delivery at the church during regular business hours.

Fees:

If the Visitation will be held at the Saints Constantine and Helen Church, and not at the funeral home, there is a suggested donation of \$500. It is also customary, but not necessary, to offer a small monetary appreciation to the serving Chanter, Assistant, and Priest.

MEMORIAL SERVICE (MNIMOSINO)

Generally scheduled following a regular Divine Liturgy service, The Mnimosino, ie. "Calling to memory" is a prayer service known in English as the "Memorial Service." In the Mnimosino, we ask God to show mercy and forgive the sins of the deceased.

The Mnimosino is chanted 40 days after the death (or the nearest Sunday to the 40 days) and annually for three years on the date of death (although tradition varies on the number of years.). A tray of "Kolyva" ie. boiled wheat, is prepared for the service which is later distributed to the worshippers. The office can put you in contact with a person who can provide the Kolyva, or you can bring your own. The offering bread (Prosporo) and/or communion wine may also be given to the Church on the day of the Memorial.

On the day of the memorial, please bring a list of first names of the deceased and any additional names to be included in the service in a small envelope. When you arrive at church,

give the envelope to somebody at the candle stand, or the Greeter to send to the Altar. It is customary, but not required that a small monetary appreciation be included with the names.

Please call the church office to schedule memorials in a timely manner so we can include the information in the bulletin. The coffee hour sponsorship is **a voluntary donation to the church of \$150** and it may help pay for the donuts and the coffee hour supplies both on the day of the memorial and on the days when there are no memorial services. Because of our Banquet Facility policies, only dry cookies (koulourakia) and paxemadia are allowed for the coffee hour.

Memorial services are not conducted on the following days: from the Saturday of Lazarus through the Sunday of St. Thomas, All feast days of the Lord, and on August 15th.