



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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From Father  
Jim's Study...

## HOLY SLAVERY

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

One of the darkest periods in our country's history, came out of the days prior and during the Civil War, before abolition, our county's "black eye" is known in our history books as *slavery*. Most prevalent in the southern states, slaves were bought and sold to do the work of the privileged. Slaves were often treated poorly, perhaps due to their own insurrection or from the misguided owners who took to corporal punishment among its' common abuses. In some cases, however, slaves were treated more like family members, rearing children in more of a "nanny role", elderly male slaves serving as butlers, with certain "run of the house privileges, or caretakers simply doing a job in exchange for security, food and lodging.

Slavery that took away every possible sense of freedom was bad. Slavery that allowed a man or a woman an opportunity to experience some freedoms, even while in a state of confinement, was not only tolerable, those who had civil slave owners, felt particularly blessed. Most slaves were uneducated and knew nothing but servitude to their slave owners. Those allowed to be taught to read and write were trusted and slaves who were allowed to have certain unalienable privileges were treated more like extended family members. For the privileged slave, slavery, at least to them, wasn't all that bad!

In the nearly three years that Christ's Disciples spent with Jesus, in spite of the teachings they heard and miracles they witnessed in His presence, they could not fully understand Him. Christ was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time. As God, He knew every detail of what was about to happen, For Christ foretold that in Jerusalem, the Son of Man would be arrested and tried by the Judaic and Roman authorities. He would be subject to public humiliations; He would be crucified,



Many parishioners gathered on Holy Friday to prepare our Church for Holy Friday and Pascha. This included, among other things, decorating the Kouvouklion, wrapping Easter eggs and cleaning the Church. We thank those who offered their time and talents and also those who provided the Lenten meal. More pictures from Holy Week and Pascha on page 3.

and then arise from the dead on the third day following His death.

Despite the fact the Disciples heard this all directly from Jesus, they could not understand, nor believe that anyone would harm their beloved Lord. They believed Christ to be the Messiah; and they saw Him in a light where He would be the one to defeat all their enemies, throw out the Roman army from Jerusalem, and then be declared King of Israel. Secretly, the Disciples saw their Lord as indeed the King, and how good it would be to have been associated and so loyal to Him. The brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were so convinced that Christ was their new found King, they asked for favors, one to sit at His right and one at His left. When the other Disciples found out, they became indignant and jealous, because they too were ambitious and wanted places of honor by their King. Christ, seeing that the disease of ambition had affected them all, He called them together and explained to them that they had misunderstood His mission in the world. Jesus explained to them that the glory of the Messiah was different from what they understood. The road that leads to glory is not the road to the public square or the wide laden roads of the world, but rather the "narrow and afflicted road", the road to martyrdom, the road that lead to Golgotha and the Cross! In no uncertain terms, Christ told His beloved Disciples

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| OUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PARISH REGISTRY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rev. Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter</b><br/><b><u>Parish Ministry Team</u></b></p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b> Fr. James Gordon, Alex Magdalinos<br/> <b>Bookstore:</b> See Alex Magdalinos if interested<br/> <b>Chanters:</b> Kosta Buhler, George Houppis, Paul Lillios, Alex Magdalinos, Nick Papastratakos, Isidoros Xilas<br/> <b>Choir Director:</b> Please speak with Fr. Jim if interested.<br/> <b>Custodian:</b> Marian Janowski<br/> <b>Greek School Director:</b> Maria Theodoropulu<br/> <b>GOYA:</b> Alex Magdalinos, Carol Stamas, Maria Vlahos<br/> <b>JOY &amp; Jr. GOYA:</b> Alex Magdalinos, Nick Treantafeles Maria Vlahos<br/> <b>Koliva:</b> Patricia Metropoulos<br/> <b>Office Secretary:</b> Kay James<br/> <b>Office Volunteer:</b> Maita Houppis<br/> <b>Parish Council:</b> Harold Anagnos (<i>President</i>), Thomas Kiriakos (<i>Vice-President</i>), Doug Hugdahl (<i>Treasurer</i>), Houppis (<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>), Carol Stamas (<i>Secretary</i>), Bill Athenson, Robert Buhler, Nicholas Gatsis, George George Kartsimas, Bob Mantzoros, Nicholas Marino, Alex Marx, George Mouzakiotis, Thomas Papastefan, Nick Papastratakos, Tom Vabakos, Peter Venetos<br/> <b>Pastoral Assistant:</b> Alex Magdalinos<br/> <b>Philoptochos President:</b> Patricia Metropoulos<br/> <b>Senior Synaxis President:</b> Mary Kokinis<br/> <b>Sunday Church School Director:</b> Mia Connolly<br/> <b>Toddlers &amp; Parents:</b> Maria Bolos</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>40-DAY BLESSINGS</u></b></p> <p>3/06/11 Son of Marissa Stavropoulos and Juan Rios</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS</u></b></p> <p>3/19/11 Son of Nathan and Kim Herbst<br/> <i>Sponsor: Gregory Zurek</i></p> <p>4/03/11 Chrismation of Suzanna (Jill) Karlos<br/> <i>Sponsor: Georgia Sparagis</i></p> <p>4/09/11 Son of Ted Diamantopoulos &amp; Patty Gountanis<br/> <i>Sponsors: John &amp; Christina Sarantopoulos</i></p> <p>4/09/11 Daughter of Scott &amp; Jennifer Welle<br/> <i>Sponsors: Drew &amp; Alexis Fasseas</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MEMORIALS</u></b></p> <p>02/01/11 Angeline Bratsakis (40 days), beloved wife of Andrew Bratsakis</p> <p>02/12/11 Louis (Elias) Sigalos, beloved husband of Marina Sigalos &amp; beloved father of Diana (Frank) Belmonte</p> <p>3/06/11 Sophia DeMet (40 days), beloved wife of Nicholas DeMet and beloved mother of Steve (Maria) Demet.</p> <p>3/06/11 Vasiliki Malioufas (1 yr), beloved mother of Olga (George) Metropoulos</p> <p>3/20/11 Elias (Louis) Sigalos (40 days), beloved husband of Marina Sigalos &amp; beloved father of Diana (Frank) Belmonte</p> <p>4/03/11 Phyllis (Filitsa) Chilis (1 yr.), beloved wife of Tom Chilis &amp; beloved sister of Fr. Jim (Pres.) Gordon</p> <p>4/03/11 James Foutris (20 yrs), beloved husband of Tina Foutris &amp; beloved father of Cynthia (Harry) Bekiaris</p> <p>4/10/11 Veronica (Veroniki) Lamperis (1 yr.), beloved mother of Diane (Terrence) Voelker<br/> <i>May their memory be eternal.</i></p> |

## SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

Our 2010-2011 Sunday Church School year is quickly approaching it's end. On Sunday, May 22nd, we will be having our Teacher and Student Recognition Awards immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please try to attend Church that day so we can properly thank our Teachers who are so committed to teaching our children every Sunday, our High School students who participate by being Teachers' Aides and of course the parents who bring their children to Sunday Church School every week. We appreciate your support throughout the school year and hope that you have a safe and fun summer with your families.



- Mia Connolly, Sunday Church School Director

## Ascension Greek School - Ελληνικό Σχολείο Ανάληψης

Our Greek School offers the following programs:

(1) **Tuesday evening classes (4:45 - 6:45 pm) for children ages 4 to 15.**

Our students are placed in language acquisition levels according to their language proficiency and age, in order to learn more effectively. Our focus is on conversation. Our teaching staff is highly educated and enthusiastic. In a warm and friendly environment our students learn the Greek language and traditions.

(2) **Thursday Greek for Adults / Adolescents classes (7:00-9:00 pm)**

This is a program for those who want to learn or improve their Greek. The focus is on conversational Modern Greek and involves the students in conversation in a variety of social situations in a friendly atmosphere. (Levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)

For more information about our programs you can call the Church Secretary, Kay James, or you can contact our Greek School Director, Maria Theodoropulu, at: [maria-theod@hotmail.com](mailto:maria-theod@hotmail.com)

## PARISH NEWS

- **Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen to everyone!** We all enjoyed the solemn Lenten Services of Pre-Sanctified Liturgies and Salutations to our Theotokos, followed by the triumphant entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem. In spirit, we all followed Our Lord through Holy Week from the Nymphios Service, to the nailing on the Cross, the burial on Holy Friday and glorious Resurrection on Saturday night. ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!
- Two days after Easter, **Fr. Jim** had surgery on his ankle. He is better, but recuperating at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.
- As always, our sincere thanks to **Fr. Treantafeles**, for his assistance during Holy Week, Anastasi and for filling in for Fr. Jim on Sundays. We thank you, again, Fr. "T" and wish you and Presbytera Rose, Χριστός Ανέστη.
- **Many, many thanks** to all of you who donated the flowers that decorated the Icon of the Theotokos for the five Salutations to the Theotokos, all the flowers that were used for the Kouvouklion/Epitaphio, Anastasi and all the donations that went towards the chocolate bunnies (that were distributed to the children on Agape Service), the tsourekia, loukaniko, cheese and olives, fruit etc. Let us not forget the ladies who provided the red eggs that were used at the Anastasi celebration. Also thanks to Elaine Metropoulos who donated the "tule" and red ribbons in memory of her mother, our dear Kay Pappas of blessed memory. May God bless all of you for your generosity!
- **Many thanks to our Choir members** who stepped up and volunteered to be a part of the Services from Palm Sunday until the Resurrection. As always, they sang all the beautiful hymns, beautifully from their hearts. We thank you all for your dedication to our Ascension!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to those from our youth groups who participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival this year. Andrew Tapas & Elaina Tsarwhas - Junior Level Iconography, Ted Tapas - Junior Level Speech and Frank Theodore - Senior Level Iconography. Elaina, Ted and Frank represented our Parish on April 29th at the Metropolis level Festival at St. Nectarios. May God Bless you all for your amazing talents! We thank Miss Maria Vlahos, our Parish Chairperson, for her dedication to working with our talented youth.
- **Our sincere sympathies** to the families of: Christopher (Anna) Goldenstein on the death of his father John Goldenstein; Chrys Kaulentis and family on the death of her brother Dean (Konstantinos) Kaulentis; Tyrone (Evelyn) Adams on the death of his sister Aikaterine; Tasia Alexakos on the death of her sister-in-law Aphrodite Yiannakopoulos and to Diane (Steve) Harty on the death of her uncle Andreas Manokas. *May their memory be eternal.*



We were blessed with a visit by His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos on Holy Friday afternoon for the Apokathelosis Service. He is being assisted by Dean Kartsimas, who is from our Church and is the Registrar for the Metropolis.

Also shown, pictures of the preparations done on Holy Friday and of the Acolytes, along with Fr. Jim and Fr. Treantafeles, after the Resurrection Service and Paschal Liturgy.

# Youth News.. Information for ALL our youth and educational ministries.

**MEETING OF THE GENERATIONS II** - We continue this wonderful event for a second year. Our Senior Synaxis members will join our Joy/Jr. Goya on Monday, May 9th for dinner and an evening of fun and activities. Regular Joy/Jr. Goya time of 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Don't miss out and plan on attending this fun and memorable event!



**MINI-GOLF** - Our Youth Groups will be going mini-golfing on Monday, May 16th. Joy/Jr. Goya meets at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and mini-golf (until 7:30 p.m.) and Goya meets from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We will be mini-golfing at River's Edge Adventure Golf in Highland Park (on Route 41/Skokie Valley Highway just south of Half Day Road, by the Target). More details to be handed out during Youth Group meetings.



**8TH GRADE STEP UP AND SENIOR RECOGNITION** - On Monday, May 23rd our GOYA will meet at the Cubby Bear North at 7:00 p.m. as we welcome the 8th Graders into GOYA. 8th Graders can come to Joy/Jr. Goya first then head over at 7:00 p.m. (rides can be provided) for the Step-Up or they can meet everyone directly there at 7:00 p.m. Invitations and RSVP information will be mailed out to all 8th Graders.

**LAST CALL FOR OCMC COIN BOXES** - About 40 Coin Boxes have been returned and we still have another 60 that need to be returned. Help us accomplish our goal of having all 100+ Coin Boxes returned. You may give them to your teacher, your youth workers or drop them off in the "BIG COIN BOX" in the Fellowship Hall. If all 500+ parishes in America each collect about 100 boxes, that is 50,000 coin boxes!!! Think of all the work OCMC could do spreading the Gospel of Christ and helping support those mission priests throughout the world. Your help is needed!



**JUNIOR OLYMPICS** - Registration forms are due by Sunday, May 8th! If you have not yet registered, please do so ASAP. Forms are available at Church. Practices have begun and take place at Daniel Wright School on Tuesdays and Thursday (May 10th, 12th, 17th and 19th) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will also be practices at Half Day School on Tuesday, May 24th and Thursday, May 26th. For more details and location of school, please call the Church Office. *Girls basketball players are still needed for the Majors team (age 10-13) and high schoolers for the Softball Team.*



## GRADUATES SUNDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011

Please Call the Church Office to submit the names of your Ascension graduate - from 8th Grade, High School, Undergraduate College and Graduate College.

All graduates will be honored on this Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

We congratulate our graduates in advance and wish them success in their future endeavors!

## PHILOPTOCHOS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

A Night of Bowling, Food and Fun

Friday, May 13, 2011

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Arlington Lanes

3435 N. Kennicott

Arlington Heights, IL

Adults \$25.00 / Children 12 and under \$20.00 / Dinner only - \$15.00

Prices include – 3 Games of Bowling & Shoe Rental

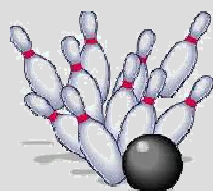
Homemade Pizza, Soft Drinks and Desserts

Minimum of 4 players or a max of 6 per lane

Basket Venture

Reservation forms available in Fellowship Hall.

Please speak with Angela Fourlas or Diane Maroudas if you have any questions.





# GREEK SCHOOL PAGE

## Σελίδα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου



From  
Καθαρά Δευτέρα  
(Clean Monday)  
to Pascha.



You are invited to an evening full of Greek flavor!

The students of Ascension Greek School have prepared their End of the School Year Program about *Greece and its Sea*. It will be full of songs, poems & pictures of the beautiful Mother Country!

May 24th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.  
Here at the Church.

It will be a pleasure to see you there!

*The Ascension Greek School Principal and Staff*



(Top left): The Greek School Children get a taste of traditional Lenten food for Clean Monday and also a lesson in making taramosalata.

(Top right and middle): The March 25th program included songs, poems and Greek dancing.

(Bottom): Students cracking their red Pascha eggs.

See p. 2 for more information about Greek School.

## 2011 STEWARDS OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

*We thank you for your commitment of time, talents and treasures.*

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| Miss Kimberly Adams           | Ms Monica Escatel                  | Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas L. Korompilas | Mr. & Mrs. George Poulos             |
| Mr. Michael Adams             | Mr. & Mrs. John Esser              | Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios N. Kosmas     | Mr. & Mrs. Steven Poulos             |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone Adams       | Mr. & Mrs. James Facklis           | Mr. & Mrs. John Kostopoulos       | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Prousis           |
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| Mrs. Vivian Batsakis          | Captain Joanne Gordon              | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lobosco          | Mrs. Marina Sigalos                  |
| Ms Elaine Beck                | Mr. & Mrs. Scott Gordon            | Mr. Alex Magdalinos               | Ms Elaine Simos                      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Gene Beiriger      | Dr. & Dr. Thomas Gough             | Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mantas           | Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Simos           |
| Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bekiaris     | Mrs. Patty Gountanis               | Mr. & Mrs. Harilaos Mantzoros     | Mr. & Mrs. William Smirles           |
| Mr. & Mrs. Dino Beris         | Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Grant            | Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Marino        | Ms Patty Soteris                     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Berns         | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gremley          | Mr. & Mrs. George Maris           | Ms. Carol Stamas                     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Black     | Mrs. Mary Irene Greub              | Mr. & Mrs. Peter G. Maris         | Mrs. Elaine Stevens                  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Bolos  | Mr. & Mrs. Eric Halloran           | Mr. & Mrs. James Maroudas         | Mr. & Mrs. Nick Stevens              |
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| Mr. Constantine Christ        | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kaitson         | Mr. & Mrs. George Mussie          | Mr. & Mrs. George Tsonis             |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Michael Connolly   | Mr. & Mrs. John Karagiannis        | Ms Kate Papas-Attia               | Mr. & Mrs. Peter Venetos             |
| Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cotsiomitis  | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Karis            | Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Papastefan      | Ms Tina Venetos                      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mark Curran        | Mr. & Mrs. George Kartsimas        | Mr. & Mrs. Nick Papastratakos     | Mrs. Helen Verges                    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cyrus        | Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas C. Kartsunes   | Dr. & Mrs. Pat Pappas             | Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vincic             |
| Mrs. Virginia Deliyannis      | Ms Chrys Kaulentis                 | Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Parashos       | Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Voelker          |
| Mr. Jonathan Demas            | Mr. Samuel Kavathas                | Mr. Michael Pavliatos             | Mr. & Mrs. Sava Vojcanin             |
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| Mr. & Mrs. Steven DeMet       | Mr. & Mrs. Spiro Kircos            | Mr. & Mrs. Dean Petros            | Mr. & Mrs. Isidoros Xilas            |
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(CURRENT AS OF APRIL 30, 2011)

### Apolytikion Hymn

*O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.*

## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD FEASTDAY

+ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011 +  
Hierarchical Great Vespers - 7:00 p.m.

+ THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011 +  
Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

*Please join us in worship as we celebrate our Parish Feastday on this holy day.*

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that they needed to learn a lesson in humility and spoke to them directly when He said: *"You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be a slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many!"* (Mark 10:42-45)

Christ told His Disciples and is also telling us, that if we love "true glory", we must become slaves and servants to our neighbors and must practice the highest virtue of love with great humility. And how does one understand the word "slave"? It is like the love of a mother, which, it is said, makes her a "slave to her child" – in other words: it is "Holy Slavery"!

One's commitment and servitude to Christ is indeed a "Holy Slavery". Serving the Lord and His people with humility and love – not expecting a "pat on the back", or a kind word, or even so much as a "thank you", is the manner in which Christ tried to express the sense of "unselfish servitude" to His Disciples. Out of a sense of clear understanding, and so that the Disciples could learn to do what Christ Himself did, Jesus wanted them to practice and exemplify this sense of "unselfish servitude" after He was no longer with them. Christ, through this timeless Scriptural message, is telling also us the very same thing today. God, through His Son Jesus Christ, revealed to mankind the desire He had for His Creation to return to the pure ideal and intent of His Creation – for God said, through Christ: *"Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many!"*

Those who work and labor and serve their fellow man and use their many talents with impartiality and self-denial are true disciples of Christ. Those who respond to "the calling to serve" mankind have found and walk upon the road of true glory! There are probably no more honorable professions than those who received the "calling" to serve people. Whether it be the farmer who

dedicates his life to the production of food for the world to consume, to the medical physicians, the doctors and nurses dedicating their lives to the sick and suffering, to many a clergyman, who remains a "faithful slave", a "faithful servant" to the people whose souls are entrusted to him. All those who serve mankind are doing exactly what the Lord instructed His Disciples to do! This is what is known by God as "Holy Slavery"!

I am sure that within the recordings of early U.S. history, during the times of slavery, we would find some true examples of "Holy Slavery" that we could share with the world. I am sure that there are recorded examples of people who willingly served those who took good care of them; and by being loved, and reciprocated that love by loving in return! It comes to mind that if all of God's people, those in the East and the West would put a sense of "service" as the purpose of their lives, how very different things would be in the world! Unfortunately, humanity is far from that ideal! It seems that most everyone increasingly seeks to achieve getting the best jobs, the best positions, just like James and John attempted to do with Christ, not to serve mankind. It is indeed unfortunate, that some people do not want to hear the words of Christ, and choose to be self-serving, rather than serve.

Having now completed our journey through Great Lent, it is time for us to come to serve the Lord – and serve Him with selfless dedication, through the knowledge we have received of our understanding of one's "Holy Slavery". The ideal of "unselfish servitude" that Christ showed His Disciples is the very sense of servitude that will fix our troubled world, and that in time could indeed change the world. But it must start somewhere and must start now. So I implore you to serve the Lord with zeal, with love and unselfishly - show the world, or at least our corner of it, how serving others is the true "Will of God". Rejoice at the opportunity God has given each of us to serve Him and others; and rejoice that God has implanted us with the Wisdom and the talents to do so!



## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD MINI CAMP

JUNE 13TH TO JUNE 16TH

TODDLERS (AGE 3+) TO 5TH GRADE

LOOK FOR FORTHCOMING  
REGISTRATION FORM!

| WORSHIP SERVICES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | PARISH INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p align="center"> <b>Sunday Orthros: 8:15 a.m.</b><br/> <b>Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m.</b><br/> <b>Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.</b> </p>                                                                                                 | <p align="center"> <b>Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church</b><br/>           1207 Riverwoods Road<br/>           Lincolnshire, IL 60069<br/>           Phone: (847) 482-1200 Fax: (847) 482-9566<br/>           Website: www.ascensiongoc.com<br/> <b>Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter</b><br/>           Church Office Hours:<br/>           Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.         </p> |
| <p align="center"><b>+ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD FEAST DAY +</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p align="center"><b>DATES TO REMEMBER...</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p align="center"> <b>Wednesday, June 1st</b><br/>           Hierarchical Great Vespers<br/>           7:00 p.m.         </p>                                                                                                                     | <p align="center"> <b>Friday, May 13th</b><br/>           Philoptochos Family Fun Night         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p align="center"> <b>Thursday, June 2nd</b><br/>           Orthros - 8:00 a.m.<br/>           Divine Liturgy - 9:00 a.m.         </p>                                                                                                            | <p align="center"> <b>Friday, May 27th - Sunday, May 29th</b><br/>           Junior Olympics         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p align="center"><b>+ PSYCHOSAVATTON - Saturday of the Souls +</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                           | <p align="center"> <b>Thursday, June 2</b><br/>           Ascension of Our Lord Feast Day         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p align="center"> <b>Saturday, June 11th</b><br/>           Orthros - 8:00 a.m.<br/>           Divine Liturgy - 9:00 a.m.         </p>                                                                                                           | <p align="center"> <b>Sunday, June 5th</b><br/>           Graduates Sunday         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p align="center">           Please see upcoming June Calendar<br/>           for other Church Services.         </p>                                                                                                                             | <p align="center"> <b>Sunday, June 12th</b><br/>           Pentecost         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p align="center"><b>ANALYSIS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p align="center"> <b>Monday, June 13th - Thursday June 14th</b><br/>           Ascension of Our Lord Mini-Camp         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p align="center"> <i>Deadline for July/August Newsletter: June 20th</i><br/> <i>Please submit all information to Alex in the Church Office</i><br/> <i>or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:alekom@sbcglobal.net">alekom@sbcglobal.net</a>.</i> </p> | <p align="center"> <b>Sunday, June 19th - Saturday, June 25th</b><br/>           Fanari Camp         </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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