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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

November 23 - 30, 2014

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 - 9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Senior Synaxis

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24

NO JOY/Jr. GOYA or GOYA Meetings
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers @ St. Katherine's Chapel (Assumption, Chicago)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25 ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
NO GREEK SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26

NO HOPE MEETING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Andrew's Church, Chicago

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Artoclasia for Andrea Desimiotis
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Mary Kakavas

Prosphora Bakers: Mary Kakavas FOS Ministry Greeters: Tom & Mary Gough
Hymns of Small Entrance: Grave Tone (pg 46); Hymn of the Church (page 47)
Today's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22 Reader: Nick Papastratakos
Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

+ **WE ARE GLAD** you came to our Church. We hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the Liturgy and visit with Fr. Sotiri and with members of the Parish Council. They will answer questions and provide you with information regarding the programs and life at the Ascension of Our Lord.

CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES

- + **PROSPHORA BAKERS NEEDED** - If you are interested in baking the Eucharistic Bread, please call the Church office. If you have never baked Prosphora before, a team of our expert bakers will teach you.
- + **SAVE THE DATE** - The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is proud to announce a benefit concert featuring Greece's biggest selling entertainer, George Dalaras. Proceeds will benefit the St. Iakovos Camp & Retreat Center. The concert will be on Sunday, November 30th @ Chicago's Harris Theater in Millennium Park. For more information e-mail dalaraschicago@gmail.com or call our Metropolis 312/337-4130.
- + **PAN ORTHODOX DIVINE LITURGY** will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the Holy Protection Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Des Plaines.
- + **COFFEE HOST** still needed for Sunday, December 14th. Please call the Church Office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- + **OUR CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS TREE** this year will be decorated by brightly colored hats and gloves. Our Sunday School children have been asked to bring these items to decorate our Christmas tree. These items will be donated to children in need. Thank you for your support.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

- + **FOOTBALL MANIA** - Congratulations to our 3 winners in Week 3 - Sendhil Kuttuva won \$25.00; Lisa Karkazis won \$25.00 and Marcia Moore who also won \$25.00. Thank you for your support!

GOYA NEWS

- + **GOYANS** will be available to give everyone the taffy apples that were pre-ordered. Please see them to pick up your order. If you forgot to place your order, maybe we can accommodate you. Ask the Goyans.
- + **PLEASE JOIN US** on Saturday, December 6, 2014, for our 6th Annual Gingerbread Decorating Event. Join us for Divine Liturgy in the morning as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, then stay for some house decorating & fellowship with your family/friends. There will be 3 sessions: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. If you cannot stay, you may also take your houses TO GO. Make sure you reserve your house(s) TODAY! Gingerbread Orders will be taken until November 30th. Please contact Maria Vlahos @ smileygrk@gmail.com or call 224/688-0214 if you have any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

- + **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Angeline, Augustinos, Georgia, John, Penelope Athanasia, Sophia, Vasilios, Marego, George, Jac and Nicholas.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - "The Art of Thanksgiving is THANKSLIVING. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy, "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly; It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good; It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by going things for others; It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement; It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy; It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful; It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others; It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body; It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress; It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest; It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs and voice to your thankful spirit; It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving."