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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**October 12 - 19, 2014**

**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.

**GOYA NEWS**

+ **SAVE THE DATE** - Gingerbread Decorating event will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (after the Divine Liturgy). More information will follow.

**CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES**

+ **HOPE GROUP** - H.O.P.E. (Holy Orthodox Primary Education) expands on Ascension's formerly known as *Toddlers and Parents* program by extending an invitation to parents and their children **40 days to 4 years old** to join together weekly and explore the Orthodox Faith. We will be gathering **at 10:00 a.m.** every Wednesday. For more information, visit our website at: <http://ascensiongoc.com/parish-ministries/hope.html>.

+ **PLEASE JOIN US** for Paraklesis to the Theotokos Service every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. which will be followed by LOGOS. This fall we are reflecting on the Beatitudes.

+ **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - No one has signed to host a coffee hour for the following Sundays: 12/21 and 12/28. If you have not hosted a Sunday Coffee Fellowship before, please sign up today. You may do so either within your family or with another family, if you so desire. We further request you **keep things simple** by serving cookies and finger type items.

+ **OCTOBER IS "NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**. You are invited to join with other concerned Orthodox Christians to work together to keep our children healthy and drug free. For information please call (708) 298-9770, e: [occhycicero@healthyyouth.com](mailto:occhycicero@healthyyouth.com), or at [www.healthyyouth.com](http://www.healthyyouth.com).

+ **THE HOLY RESURRECTION SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL** will have its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be His Grace Bishop Anthony of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo. To register on line, visit [Chicagosynergy.org/symposium](http://Chicagosynergy.org/symposium). For further information call: (630) 230-0079 or (847) 647-8880.

**METROPOLIS NEWS**

+ **SAINT IAKOVOS FEAST DAY DINNER** honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will take place on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cotillion Banquets, 360 S. Creekside Drive in Palatine. Reception will be at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner following at 7:00 p.m. In order to make your reservations at the Ascension table(s), please call Kay at the Church office. Tickets are \$100.00 per person.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

+ **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Angeline, Athanasios, Augoustinos, Georgia, John, Emmanuel, Sophia and Vasilios.

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** - "He who seeks the forgiveness of his sins loves humility. But he who judges another strengthens his own evil deeds against himself."

*St. Mark The Ascetic*

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 12**

**7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Fellowship hosted by SCS Pre-K and Kindergarten Grades

**MONDAY**

**OCTOBER 13**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - COLUMBUS DAY**

NO JOY/Jr. GOYA or GOYA MEETINGS

**TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 14**

4:45 p.m. Greek School  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**OCTOBER 15**

10:00 a.m. HOPE kto meet @ Didier Farms  
6:30 p.m. Paraklesis & LOGOS

**THURSDAY**

**OCTOBER 16**

8:00 a.m. Senior Synaxis to Hindu Temple, Bartlett, IL  
6:15 p.m. Greek School - Beginners/Advanced Beginners  
7:45 p.m. Greek School - Intermediate/Advanced

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 18**

**LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 19**

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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 Eva Nikellys

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**Prospora Bakers:** Sophia Metropulos      **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Jeff Carlson  
**Hymns of Small Entrance:** Tone 1 (page 44); Hymn of the Church (page 47)  
**Today's Epistle Reading:** Titus 3:8-15      1 **Reader:** David Rutkowski  
**Today's Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:5-15