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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**September 28 - October 5, 2014**

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 28**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Memorial Service for the soul of the servant of God Pat (Paraskevi) Vabakos (40 days)  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Vabakos Family  
Wedding of Anastasia Domas & Matthew Smith

**MONDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 29**

5:45 p.m. JOY/Jr. GOYA  
7:30 p.m. GOYA

**TUESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 30**

4:45 p.m. Greek School

**WEDNESDAY**

**OCTOBER 1**

10:00 a.m. HOPE  
6:30 p.m. Paraklesis & LOGOS

**THURSDAY**

**OCTOBER 2**

6:15 p.m. Greek School - Beginners/Advanced Beginners  
7:45 p.m. Greek School - Intermediate/Advanced  
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos POP @ Pickwick Theater

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 4**

5:00 p.m. Vespers

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 5**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Fellowship - We still need a host  
5:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner for Rev. Fr. Jim & Presbyteria Nasia Gordon @ Meridian Banquet Hall

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**Prospora Bakers:** Tasia Alexakos      **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Julie & Lee Ioannidis  
**Hymns of Small Entrance:** Grave Tone (page 46); Hymn of the Church (page 47)  
**Today's Epistle Reading:** II Corinthians 6:1-10      **Reader:** Paul Lillios  
**Today's Gospel Reading:** Luke 5:1-11  
**Vigil Lights Offered by:**

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+ **TODAY WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE AT OUR CHURCH HIS GRACE BISHOP DEMETRIOS** of Mokissos to officiate the Divine Liturgy. Welcome, Your Grace and we ask for your prayers.

+ **OUR PRAYERS TODAY** are for the soul of the Servant of God Patricia (Paraskevi) Vabakos (40 days), beloved wife of Paul and beloved mother of Tom and Paul (Tami) Vabakos and Christine (Barrett) Maki. May her memory be eternal.

**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.

**GREEK SCHOOL NEWS**

+ **GREEK SCHOOL CLASSES** - Those of you who have not registered your children yet, may still do so any day of the week by calling the Church Office and speaking with Kay @ (847) 482-1200, Monday through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Remember - classes are still open for Adults/Adolescents Greek School for Beginners/Advanced Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

+ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** sign-up is still going on. Please register your children on line.

**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. Our first gathering will be on **October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** and every Wednesday thereafter. For more information, visit our website at:

<http://ascensiongoc.com/parish-ministries/hope.html>.

+ **LOGOS** will be meeting every Wednesday starting October 1st. It will be preceded by a Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos at 6:30 p.m.

+ **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - No one has signed to host a coffee hour for most of the Sundays until the end of the year. The dates available are as follows: 10/5; 11/30; 12/14; 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

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

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** - "We must, as the Apostle says: '*In everything give thanks*' [I Thessalonians 5:18], for His goodness. We must never be troubled, or narrow-minded, about anything that happens to us, but we must accept everything that happens with humility and hope in God --- believing, as I have said, that everything that God does for us, He does because of His goodness and because He loves us. For this reason, all is done well; and it is never possible for things to be better than the way God arranges them in His mercy."