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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

August 17 - 24, 2014

SUNDAY

AUGUST 17

10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service for the servant of God Nick Davis (40 days)
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Philoptochos in honor of Fr. Jim & Presbytera Nasia Gordon

THURSDAY

AUGUST 21

3:00 p.m. Senior Synaxis Annual Picnic @ Church
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

FRIDAY

AUGUST 22

16th Annual GOLF OUTING @ Highland Park Country Club - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Shot-Gun Start
6:00 p.m. Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Dinner

SUNDAY

AUGUST 24

11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service for the soul of the servant of God Andrew Bratsakis (6 months)
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Chatzidakis and Betsios Families

Prospora Bakers: Elaine Stevens **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Kathie & David Rutkowski
Hymns of Small Entrance: First Tone (pg, 44); Hymn of our Church (pg. 47)
Today's Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 4:9-16 **Reader:** David Rutkowski
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23
Vigil Lights Offered by: Harold and Georgia Anagnos in memory of their beloved parents Vasilios (21 yrs) and Violetta (39 yrs) Anagnos. May their memory be eternal.

+ **OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING** are for the soul of the Servant of God Nick Davis (40 days), first cousin of Nick (Arianna) Stevens and Elaine Stevens. May his memory be eternal.

WE WISH FATHER JIM WELL ON HIS CONTINUING REHABILITATION PROCESS

+ **THIS IS FATHER JIM'S OFFICIAL LAST SUNDAY AS PASTOR OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.** We wish him all of God's blessings and pray his rehabilitation goes well and that, in time, he will be healthy enough to return to his active priesthood and once again serve the Holy Archdiocese and Church in some capacity. Both Father Jim and Presbytera Nasia will be returning to the Ascension from time to time to join us in Worship. We wish them both God's strength and eternal love.

WE WELCOME A NEW CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

+ **THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FATHER SOTIRIOS MALAMIS AS OUR NEW PROISTAMENOS** is indeed a blessing from the Lord. Father Sotiri was assigned by His Eminence Metropolitan IAKOVOS, with the assistance of His Grace Bishop DEMETRIOS, to serve the Spiritual needs of our Parish following Father Jim's departure. Please afford Father Sotiri the time and the courtesy to learn your names and faces, get settled into a routine and allow him to develop his ministry to the Faithful of the Ascension of Our Lord. Father Sotiri will begin officially on September 1st.

KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY - GOLF OUTING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd

+ **ONLY 5 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE EVENT.** It's not too late to register! Just call and register your 4-some or just yourself and we will take care of the rest! If you don't play golf, please join us for the evening's "Fish Fry" dinner. This year's outing is again being hosted by the *Koinonia Men's Ministry*. Contact: Tom Papastefan @ (312) 497-1570 or by e-mail tpapastefan@futures-int.com or call the Church Office 847/482-1200.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

+ **HELLENIC LINK-MIDWEST** is offering scholarships to college level and university level students. If anyone is interested in applying, please look at the board in the Fellowship Hall or call Kay James at the Church office during the week for an application.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

+ **REMEMBER** - Thursday, September 18th is the official date for the Kick-Off meeting held at Church. Everyone is invited to attend!
+ **THE METROPOLIS LUNCHEON** will take place at Rosewood Banquets on Saturday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m. Tickets at \$50.00 each. For reservations call Vicki Douvlis @ (847) 951-3089 by September 10th.
+ **POP: POWER OF PINK** present My Big, Fat, Greek Movie Premiere! Be one of the first to see "Christmas with the Karountzoses" on Thursday, October 2nd at the Pickwick Theater in Des Plaines. Tickets to this exclusive event to benefit breast cancer on sale now - \$35.00 per person. If interested please contact Vicki Douvlis (847)951-3089.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

+ **REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR** - Registration forms for both our Tuesday Greek School program and our Thursday Adult/Adolescent Program are available in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions - call Kay James at the Church Office.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

+ **OUR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHERS THIS YEAR** for 5th and 6th Grades specifically. If you are interested in teaching this year, please contact Mia Connolly @ miaps@aol.com. Your commitment of Time and Talents in this ministry would be a blessing for our program.

CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES

+ **IF YOU HAVE RESERVED A DATE FOR A SACRAMENT (BAPTISM OR WEDDING)** please call the Church Office and make sure that Kay James has the information needed to fill out the proper paper work and certificates PRIOR to the Sacrament.
+ **WEEKLY "SANCTUARY VIGIL LIGHT" DONATIONS** may be offered for the health of individuals, family members or in memory of departed loved ones. A **\$75.00 donation for each week's vigil lights** is requested. Names will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. Call Kay to reserve your week.
+ **IF YOU HAVE NOT HOSTED A SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.** You may host a Coffee Fellowship 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. Most Sundays throughout the summer are still open.
+ **WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE** to take their weekly Sunday Bulletins home with them, instead of leaving them in the pews. This way you may refer to what is going on at Church during the week and be informed!
+ **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, September 7th - Godparents Sunday & Family Picnic** (after Church Services) - more details forthcoming.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

+ **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Georgia, Angeline, Paraskevi and Augoustinos.