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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

March 2 - 9, 2014

SUNDAY

MARCH 2

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Cheese Fare & Missions Sunday)**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:10 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service for the servant of God Nicholas Kartsunes (40 days)  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Elaine Stevens & Nick/Penny Gatsis  
Forgiveness Vespers (This Vespers marks the beginning of Great Lent)

5:00 p.m.

MONDAY

MARCH 3

**Kathara Theftera (Clean Monday)**

5:45 p.m. JOY / Jr. GOYA /GOYA Lenten Supper  
6:30 p.m. Great Compline (All members of our Parish Family are encouraged to attend)

TUESDAY

MARCH 4

10:00 a.m. Toddlers & Parents  
4:45 p.m. Greek School

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5

5:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Hour  
6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts  
Lenten Supper /LOGOS Presentation - "Developing a Lenten Discipline"

THURSDAY

MARCH 6

7:00 p.m. Adult Greek School

FRIDAY

MARCH 7

6:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Heretismi - Salutations to the Virgin Mary

SATURDAY

MARCH 8

**3<sup>rd</sup> PSYCHOSAVATON - Saturday of the Souls**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy / Memorial Service

SUNDAY

MARCH 9

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:10 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Procession of Icons (SCS Children, Greek School Children, Youth Groups)  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by

6:30 p.m. **Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers - St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines, IL**

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Prospora Bakers: Presbytera Nasia Gordon FOS Ministry Greeters: Mary & John Kokinis  
Hymns of Small Entrance: Third Tone (p. 45); Hymn of our Church (p.47)  
Today's Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 Reader: Jeff Carlson  
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:14-21  
Vigil Lights Offered:

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+ MEMORIAL PRAYERS ARE OFFERED THIS MORNING for the servant of God Nicholas Kartsunes (40 days), beloved husband of Dorothy. May his memory be eternal!

IOCC BANQUET - THURSDAY, MARCH 20th

+ RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE IOCC BANQUET, on Thursday, March 20th at the Rosewood Banquets, at our Ascension table. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with Dinner being served at 7:00 pm. Please see Father Jim or notify Kay James at the Church Office to make your reservations today. Reservations per person are: \$125.00 - checks may be made out to the: Ascension of Our Lord, write IOCC in the Memo.

ASCENSION UPCOMING SERVICES AND LENTEN PREPARATION

+ MISSIONS SUNDAY - MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> - In conjunction with the Liturgical observance of "Cheese Fare/ Forgiveness Sunday" observed prior to the beginning of Great Lent, we also observe "Missions Sunday". Please bring your free-will offering for MISSIONS on this Sunday. Organizations are asked to participate with a free-will check. Make your checks payable to: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH - Please denote in the MEMO: *Missions Sunday Donation*.  
+ THE 3<sup>RD</sup> PSYCHOSAVATON (SATURDAY OF THE SOULS) will be celebrated on this upcoming Saturday, March 8th. Names of your deceased loved ones and koliva should be prepared, so through your presence at the Divine Liturgy, you may offer prayers for your departed loved ones' souls. Remember - Please do not fax, e-mail or call in names. Your names should be brought to Church personally and submitted to Father Jim.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ OUR SERVICE PARISH SERVICE PROJECT "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" generated a donation of \$2,530.00, as we prepared 15,553 meals, packed in 72 boxes, which feed 43 children for an entire year. Thank you everyone for your gifts of Time, Talents and Treasures!  
+ HELP JULIANA GET HER AUTISM SERVICE DOG - Join The Stevens Family for an afternoon of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Dover Straits Restaurant in Mundelein from 3 -6 pm. 4 Paws for Ability is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of children with disabilities by training and placing quality, task-trained service dogs to fit each child's specific needs. Donations will go towards the training and expense of getting an Autism Service Dog for Juliana. For more information visit [www.4pawsforability.org](http://www.4pawsforability.org)  
+ MANY THANKS from the Family of James Clavey for your prayers and in support of the recent fund-raiser. The event was a tremendous success. God bless all of you!

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE TODAY - Our 2014 Stewardship Cards are available at Church. We currently have 178 Stewards Pledged for 2014, of which \$216,490.00 is Pledged for this year. If you want to be "REGISTERED" as a current contributing Steward of the Ascension of Our Lord, we request that ALL Ascension Stewards offer their 2014 Stewardship Pledge of Time, Talents and Treasures, in support of our Parish Ministries today!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

+ OUR NEXT PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent. Please make plans to attend this brief but important meeting.  
+ WE THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED LAST WEEK'S APOKREATIKO GLENDI through their donations and participation at the event. It was a tremendous success! Our Philoptochos especially wishes to thank the *Concorde Banquets* for the tremendous Prime Rib Buffet dinner and excellent service. God bless you all and "Kali Tessarakostil!"

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

+ ORATORICAL FESTIVAL NEWS - "The average lead pencil can draw a line 35 miles long or write roughly 50,000 English words." Wow! So to test this real fact, participate in our local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival. Grades 4-12 can participate in Iconography, Poetry, Speech or Oratory. For more information, please see our Parish Representatives - Mrs. Irene Curran (for Poetry, Speech or Oratory) or Mrs. Diane Maroudas (for Iconography) during our Coffee Fellowship. Our *Parish Oratorical Festival* will be held on *Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>* following the Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts, during our Lenten Supper.

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO NEWS AND EVENTS

+ FANARI CAMP - Fanari Camp will be held at Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin (for the last time) on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Applications will be available soon. Visit [fanaricamp.wordpress.com](http://fanaricamp.wordpress.com) for updates.  
+ INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR IONIAN VILLAGE IS NOW AVAILABLE. Please see Jason for information regarding Young Adult excursion or high school camping opportunities this summer in Greece,

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

+ PRAYER REQUESTS - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Georgia, Andrew, Nina, Anastasios, Angeline, Mary and Yuri.