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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

May 25 - June 1, 2014

SUNDAY MAY 25 - SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Fellowship - No host available

1:00 p.m. Jr. Olympics - Swimming @ Stagg High School

MONDAY MAY 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO JOY/ Jr. GOYA or GOYA MEETINGS

TUESDAY MAY 27

10:30 a.m. Senior Synaxis take down flowers from Kouvouklion 5:00 p.m. End of Greek School Year - Program and Graduation

WEDNESDAY MAY 28 - EVE OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers of the Ascension of Our Lord

THURSDAY MAY 29 - FEASTDAY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Fellowship hosted by our Senior Synaxis

12:00 Noon CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY JUNE 1 - FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECOUMENICAL COUNCIL

FATHER'S DAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service for the soul of the servant of God Harry (Haralambos) Orfanos (1 year)

Coffee Fellowship - No host available

12:00 Noon Baptism of the Daughter of Antonio & Eleni Anteliz Sponsors: Harry & Christine Perakis

Prosphora Bakers: Pres. Nasia Gordon & Maita Houpis FOS Ministry Greeters: Michael & Ellen Kaitson

Hymns of Small Entrance: Plagal First; Hymn of our Church (p.47)

Today's Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 4:6-15 Reader: Elaine Simos

Today's Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38

Viail Lights Offered:

+ THE RESURRECTION HYMN +

Christ is Risen from the dead, By death trampling down upon death, And to those in the tombs He has Granted life.

Chri-stos A-nes-ti ek ne-kron, Tha-na-to tha-na-ton pa-ti-sas

Kai tis en tis mni-ma-si Zo-in ha-ri-sa-me-nos. + IT WAS GOOD TO SEE FR. JIM last Sunday in Church. He is continuing therapy at home and hopes to be with us soon.

+ OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES to George (Helen) Mouzakiotis on the death of his beloved sister Bea (Olympia) McCarthy who fell asleep in the Lord on April 29th. May her memory be eternal.

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ WE SEEK YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE ASAP - Our 2014 Stewardship Cards are available in the Narthex. We currently have 223 Stewards Pledged for 2014, of which \$255,180.00 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!

ASCENSION NEWS

- + JUNE 8 GRADUATES SUNDAY is fast approaching. Please call the Church Office (847) 482-1200 and give the names of those graduating from Junior High/Middle School, High School, College and Post Graduates so they can be acknowledged on June 8th. PLEASE do not wait until the last minute! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- + IS IT YOUR TURN? We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. We all enjoy it however we need people to help.
- + OUR FEASTDAY We hope many of you can join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of our beloved Ascension. We will celebrate Great Vespers at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28th and the Divine Liturgy on Thursday, May 29th with Orthros beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m. We are in need of donations to cover the cost of the flowers for the two Ascension Icons. The big Icon is \$180.00 and the small one \$130.00. We also need donations for the Artoclasia for both the Vespers and our Feast day (\$85.00 for each day).

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

+ GREEK SCHOOL YEAR-END PROGRAM will take place on Tuesday, May 27th at 5:00 p.m. There will be a short program as well as a Graduation acknowledgement. Please come to honor our children!

KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY

- + **THE KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY** Dinner will take place at Lovell's of Lake Forest on Thursday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. Call Conrad Theodore to reserve your place. Telephone: (847) 687-8650 or e-mail him @ cliphodore@aol.com.
- + SAVE THE DATE The Koinonia Men's Ministry will be hosting the annual Ascension Golf Outing on Friday, August 22nd at the Highland Park Country Club. Details will follow soon.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

+ **FANARI CAMP** - If anyone is interested in registering for Fanari Camp which will take place on Sunday, June 15th through Saturday, June 21st, please get in touch with Carol Stamas @ (847) 681-0418.

METROPOLIS NEWS

+ THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE - Thursday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul Church in the Fellowship hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

- + **PRAYER REQUESTS** Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Lisa, Georgia, Anastasios, Angeline, Mary, Konstantinos, Evangelia, Augoustinos, Eleni, Rose, Paraskevi, James and Carol.
- "When you do not have much time for prayer, be satisfied with the time that you do have; and God will accept your good desire. Remember that the feeling of the Publican in prayer is pleasing to God, and beware of evaluating your prayer: that is the work of God, not us"

St. Macarius of Optina