

**Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church**

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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**November 9 - 16, 2014**

**SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 9 - ST. NEKTARIOS THE WONDERWORKER**

**7<sup>TH</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 Vasiliki Mitrakou (3 years)
- Coffee Fellowship hosted by SCS - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 12:30 p.m. Baptism of the Son of Evan & Anne Marie Adams Sponsors: Scott & Maria Gordon
- 2:00 p.m. Baptism of the Son of Eli & Alexandra McLean Sponsor: Spiros Theodoropoulos

**MONDAY**

**NOVEMBER 10**

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

**TUESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Clergy Synodesmos Meeting @ St. Iakovos Retreat Center
- 4:45 p.m. Greek School
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**NOVEMBER 12**

- 10:00 a.m. HOPE meet @ Church

**THURSDAY**

**NOVEMBER 13**

- 6:15 p.m. Greek School - Beginners/Advanced Beginners
- 7:45 p.m. Greek School - Intermediate/Advanced

**SATURDAY**

**NOVEMBER 15 - START OF CHRISTMAS FAST**

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

**SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 16 - MATTHEW THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

- 8:15 a.m. Orthros
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Fellowship hosted by Presvytera Stefanie Malamis
- GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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- Prospora Bakers: Presbytera Nasia Gordon **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Julia Economy
- Hymns of Small Entrance: Plagal First (page 45); Hymn of the Church (page 47)
- Today's Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18 **Reader:** Tom Poulakidas
- Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56

**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.

**CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES**

- + **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND** that next Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have our General Assembly following the Divine Liturgy. It is important that all of us take part in the meeting.
- + **SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>. PICK UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME** is a program for people with special needs and their families. It will take place at St. Spyridon Church in Palos Heights from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone is welcomed to attend the Divine Liturgy. To register contact Presvytera Toni Mihalopoulos at [toni.poteris@gmail.com](mailto:toni.poteris@gmail.com) or call Chris Avramopoulos @ 312/337-4130.
- + **PROSPHORA BAKERS NEEDED** - If you are interested in baking the Eucharistic Bread, please call the Church office. If you have never baked Prospora before, a team of our expert bakers will teach you.
- + **SAVE THE DATE** - The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is proud to announce a benefit concert featuring Greece's biggest selling entertainer, George Dalaras, with proceeds benefiting the St. Iakovos Camp & Retreat Center. The concert will be on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ Chicago's Harris Theater in Millennium Park. For more information e-mail [dalaraschicago@gmail.com](mailto:dalaraschicago@gmail.com) or call the Metropolis 312/337-4130.
- + **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - No one has signed to host a coffee hour for the following Sundays: 12/21 and 12/28. Please sign up today. We request you *keep things simple* by serving cookies and finger type items.

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

- + **PAJAMA PARTY!** Philoptochos Meeting on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> will take place at Marcia Moore's home between the hours of 7:00-9:00 p.m. Wear pajamas and share a new set of women's or children's pj's for the Lake County Haven. RSVP to Vicki Douvliis @ 847/951-3089.
- + **FOOTBALL MANIA** - Winner Updates - Week 1 and 2. Congratulations to Peter Douvliis who won \$50.00; Patricia Filley \$25.00; Mitch Katten \$25.00 and Philoptochos who won \$25.00. Thank you and congratulations to all!

**GOYA NEWS**

- + **PLEASE JOIN US** on Saturday, December 6, 2014, for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread Decorating Event. Join us for Divine Liturgy in the morning as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, then stay for some house decorating & fellowship with your family/friends. There will be 3 sessions: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. If you cannot stay, you may also take your houses TO GO. Make sure you reserve your house(s) TODAY! Gingerbread Orders will be taken until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Maria Vlahos @ [smileygrk@gmail.com](mailto:smileygrk@gmail.com) or call 224/688-0214 if you have any questions. This is a GOYA sponsored event.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

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

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** - "In joy, let our hearts praise the latest shining star of the Orthodox, the newly elected rampart of the Church. For, glorified by the work of the Spirit, he abundantly pours forth the grace of healing to those who cry out, 'Hail, Father Nektarios.'"

**Kontakion of St. Nektarios**