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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

September 7 - 14, 2014

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Godparents' Sunday
Family Picnic on the Church grounds following the Divine Liturgy

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

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

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 9

4:45 p.m. Greek School Orientation and Open House
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Holy Cross Church, Justice, IL

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. 1st Day of Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prospora Bakers: Litsa Stamatis & Maita Houpis **FOS Ministry Greeters:** John & Mary Kokinis

Hymns of Small Entrance: Fourth Tone (pg, 44); Hymn of our Church (pg. 47)

Today's Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18 **Reader:** Elaine Simos

Today's Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

Vigil Lights Offered by:

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

+ **WE WELCOME FATHER SOTIRI MALAMIS AS OUR NEW PROISTAMENOS.** Today he is celebrating his first Liturgy at our beloved Ascension. We welcome Fr. Sotiri, Presbyteria Stefanie and their children Maria and Nicholas. We pray the Almighty God will bless them and our entire parish. AXIOS!

CHURCH NEWS

+ **OUR CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC** is today, immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Please stay and enjoy good food and fellowship. There will be special activities for the children.

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.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

+ **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR** for both our Tuesday Greek School program and our Thursday Adult/Adolescent Program are available in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please call Kay James at the Church Office - (847) 482-1200, Monday through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

PHILOTOCHOS NEWS

+ **PHILOTOCHOS KICK-OFF GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Thursday, September 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Church. Please join us for fellowship, food, fun and door prizes. RSVP to Vicki Douvli via e-mail ascensionphilo@gmail.com or by phone (847) 951-3089.

+ **THE METROPOLIS PHILOTOCHOS LUNCHEON** will take place at Rosewood Banquets on Saturday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. For reservations call Vicki Douvli @ (847) 951-3089 by September 10th.

+ **POP: POWER OF PINK** presents "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 Park Ridge. Tickets to this exclusive event to benefit breast cancer are on sale now - \$35.00 per person. If interested, please contact Vicki Douvli (847) 951-3089.

CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES

+ **A SPECIAL APPRECIATION DINNER** to honor Fr. Jim and Presbyteria Nasia Gordon will be held on Sunday, October 5th at the Meridian Banquet and Conference Center in Rolling Meadows. Invitations have already been mailed.

+ **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.

+ **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: 9/21; 9/28; 10/5; 10/12; 10/19; 11/9; 11/16; 11/23; 11/30; 12/07; 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.

+ **NEXT SUNDAY**, we are celebrating the Elevation of the Holy Cross. if you have any vasiliko (Basil) please bring it to Church by Friday, September 12th. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

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