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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

January 11 - 18, 2015

SUNDAY **JANUARY 11 - SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School Starts
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by cutting of the Vasilopita
Memorial Service for: Eugenia (Evgenia) Doxas (40 days) and
Memorial Service for: Stamatis D. Kiriakos (40 years)
40-day Blessing for Maria Metropulos Milnes and her son

MONDAY **JANUARY 12**
5:45 p.m. JOY/Jr. GOYA
7:30 p.m. GOYA

TUESDAY **JANUARY 13**
4:45 p.m. Greek School
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

THURSDAY **JANUARY 15**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Greek American Nursing Home
6:15 p.m. Beginning Greek School
7:45 p.m. Intermediate/Advanced Greek School

FRIDAY **JANUARY 16**
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Metropolis House

SATURDAY **JANUARY 17 - ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT**
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Athanasios, Aurora

SUNDAY **JANUARY 18 - 12TH SUNDAY OF LUKE (TEN LEPERS)**
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship
Philoptochos General Meeting

Prospora Bakers: Patricia Filley, Helen Pissios **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Jeffrey Carlson
Hymns of Small Entrance: Plagal Second (pg 45); Hymn of the Church (page 47)
Today's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13 **Reader:** David Rutkowski
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-19

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 NEWS, REMINDERS AND UPDATES

- + **OUR PRAYERS TODAY ARE FOR THE SOULS OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD:** Eugenia (Evgenia) Doxas, beloved mother of Mary (Rick) Weber and George (Maggie) Doxas; Stamatis D. Kiriakos, beloved father of Tom (Pamela) Kiriakos. May their memory be eternal.
- + **OUR SYMPATHIES** - go to Della (James) Facklis on the death of her beloved sister Joann Siavelis who fell asleep in the Lord. Funeral was held at Saints Peter and Paul. May her memory be eternal.
- + **EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS** - According to the Greek Orthodox tradition, the month of January is the time for home blessings. If you wish your home to be blessed, please call the Church Office by January 14.
- + **2015 PARISH DIRECTORY - HURRY, DEADLINE SOON!** We are publishing a new parish directory in early 2015. We hope all 2015 stewards will participate. For more information please visit our website at ascensiongoc.com. All forms and information can be found there. The deadline for submission is January 31st.
- + **2015 STEWARDSHIP CARDS** have been mailed to everyone's home and are also available in the Narthex by the Pangari. If you have not filled yours in yet for your stewardship, we urge you to take one. Any questions, please call Kay James at the office.
- + **2015 MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** - The annual Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Family Synaxis Men's Retreat will be held February 6-7 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. For more information visit www.gocfamilysynaxis.org/mens-retreat

YOUTH NEWS

- + **SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST** is the date when our Youth will hold their annual Brunch. Details will be forthcoming soon.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

- + **REMINDER** - The Philoptochos General Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 18th immediately following the Divine Liturgy.
- + **FOOTBALL MANIA WINNER UPDATES** - Week 10 Congratulations! Philoptochos won 25.00, Stephanie Kopplin won 25.00 and Emma Rutkowski won the grand prize of 200.00. A special thanks to everyone for supporting our Football Mania fund-raiser. We had another successful season raising a total of \$2,770, which enables us to continue our Philanthropic efforts!
- + **SAVE THE DATE** - Our **Apokreatiko Glendi** will take place on **Sunday, February 8th** at the Concorde Banquet Hall in Kildeer. There will be dinner, dancing, games and fun for all.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

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

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - "*Wash yourselves and be clean, says the Prophet Isaiah, and put away your evil-doing from before the Lord's eyes. All you who are thirsty go now to the living water. For Christ will sprinkle those who believing run to Him with water that renews; and He baptizes them with the Spirit unto undecaying life.*"