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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

April 13 – 20, 2014

SUNDAY **APRIL 13**
PALM SUNDAY
 8:15 a.m. Orthros
 No SCS Classes
 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy / Procession and Blessing of the Palms
 Philoptochos Bake Sale and JOY/Jr. GOYA Plant Sale pick-up – Following Services
 7:00 p.m. Service of the NYMPHIOS – Service of the Bridegroom
MONDAY **APRIL 14 – HOLY MONDAY**
 7:00 p.m. Service of the NYMPHIOS – Service of the Bridegroom
TUESDAY **APRIL 15 – HOLY TUESDAY**
 7:00 p.m. Service of the NYMPHIOS – Service of the Bridegroom- (Hymn of Kassiani)
WEDNESDAY **APRIL 16 – HOLY WEDNESDAY**
 3:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Unction
 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Matins – Anointing of the Faithful with Holy Unction following Services
THURSDAY **APRIL 17 – HOLY THURSDAY**
 7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
 7:00 p.m. The Reading of the 12 Gospels and Procession of the Crucified Christ
FRIDAY **APRIL 18 – HOLY FRIDAY**
 8:00 a.m. Royal Hours
 3:00 p.m. Apokathelosis Service
 7:00 p.m. Service of the Lamentations
SATURDAY **APRIL 19 – HOLY SATURDAY**
 8:00 a.m. Proti-Anastasi Divine Liturgy
 10:45 p.m. Resurrection Service and Paschal Divine Liturgy
 Paschal Fellowship – hosted by the Parish Council (following Services)
SUNDAY **APRIL 20 – PASCHA/EASTER SUNDAY**
 10:00 a.m. AGAPE Vespers
 (Distribution of Chocolate Bunnies for the children – following Services)

Prophora Bakers: Sophie Beris, Mary Kalavas & Litsa Stamatis **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Jerry Taranko

Hymns of Small Entrance: Hymn for Palm Sunday (p. 47); Hymn of our Church (p.47)

Today's Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 **Reader:** David Rutkowski

Today's Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Vigil Lights Offered: For the health of Tessieann (Anastasia) Skizas by her loving children, the Papastefan Family.
 The Vigil Lights and also offered for the health of the Apostolakis Family

+ WE WELCOME YOU TO THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD +

+ On behalf of Father Jim and the Parish Council we welcome you to Ascension of Our Lord Church. If you are visiting us for the first time, we pray you will consider making the *Ascension of Our Lord* your parish Church and home. Father Jim would like to meet you after services this morning, so please identify yourself to a Parish Council member or usher and one of them will introduce you to him. Have a blessed week and Kalo Pascha!

+ **WE WELCOME NICHOLAS KALINOSKY**, a graduate of Holy Cross, who will be with us this week as our Chanter.

+ **WE WISH FATHER JIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY** following Paschal Services this week, as he is due to go in for spinal surgery to repair some compressed discs in his neck on April 23rd. Please keep him in your prayers.

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE TODAY** – Our 2014 **Stewardship Cards** are available in the Narthex. We currently have 200 Stewards Pledged for 2014, of which \$237,180.00 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 today!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS LENTEN PROJECT** – "Fill the Bag" – We will be assembling bags for the North Chicago VA Hospital veterans and the Annunciation Feed the Hungry Program on Saturday, April 26th. We are asking for donations of men's crew socks (size 10-13), men's undershirts & boxer shorts (L-XL), toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant & boxes of band aids. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make checks to: **Ascension Philoptochos** and mark "**Lenten Project**" in the memo. All donations needed by Sunday, April 20th. We thank you for your kindness – Kathie Rutkowski, Amy Tsarwhas & Marcia Moore. You may contact Marcia with any questions at (847) 774-0232.

+ **THE EASTER BAKE SALE IS "TODAY"**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Pick-up preorders today and purchase your Easter goodies for your Paschal celebration. Decorative candles for Godchildren as well as Red Egg Dye are also being sold.

+ **"FEED THE HUNGRY" PROGRAM @ ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL** – Our Philoptochos will "Feed the Hungry" this Tuesday, April 29th at the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. We are planning to feed 160+ hungry men and women, most of whom are homeless. Please contact Andrea Rogers at (847) 682-4816 or Vicki Douvlis at (847) 951-3089 if you are interested in volunteering or donating. Our Philoptochos will also be distributing the contents of their "Fill the Bag" program to all of the men and women being fed that afternoon.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

+ **JOY/JR. GOYA EASTER PLANT SALE** – Pre-paid orders for your plants are ready for pick-up TODAY – Palm Sunday, following services. If money is due, please make checks out to: **ASCENSION YOUTH MINISTRY**. Thank you for your support!

+ **JR. OLYMPICS SIGN-UP CONTINUES** – All JOY/Jr. GOYA and GOYA students are eligible to participate. **Registration forms are due by APRIL 28th**. See Maria Vlahos for Registration Forms. All participants families must be Stewards of our Church and active in our Youth Ministry program, per the Metropolis Jr. Olympics guidelines. ++

FANARI CAMP – Our 2014 Fanari Camp program will be held at Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI from **Sunday, June 15th to Saturday, June 21st**. Applications for CAMPERS and COUNSELORS are available at the Parish Information Table. Visit fanaricamp.wordpress.com for updates.

+ **THE JOY/JR. GOYA AND GOYA VISITATION TO THE GREEK AMERICAN REHABILITATION CENTER** will be on Monday, April 28th. We will gather on the first floor at 5:30 p.m. and visit the residents on each floor singing "Christos Anesti" and distributing our beautiful Easter gift to all. Afterward, we will have a brief supper downstairs on the first floor. Many thanks to Maria Vlahos, Presbyteria Nasia, our Youth Workers and some helpful parents who assisted with this project.

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 and Carol.

CHURCH AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING CONCERNS

+ **FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE on Palm Sunday, Holy Friday & Holy Saturday evenings**, from Daniel Wright School which is just ¼ mile south of the Church. If our lot is full, please park in the Administration Lot (north lot) at Daniel Wright School and take advantage of the free shuttle bus service.

+ **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL** of our neighbors' property on Northhampton Lane located just across the street from our parking lot entrance and please **DO NOT PARK IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD**. Please do not use private driveways as your turn-round area. Stay off the lawns of private homes and their property and **DO NOT** block driveways with your car. We want and need to be good and respectful neighbors. Thank you.

+ **PARKING IN OUR FIRE LANE AND IN THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY IS ILLEGAL!** The entrance to the Church parking lot is designated as a NO PARKING ZONE. Emergency vehicles must be able to enter the Church without obstructions. Illegally parked cars will be ticketed. Double-parking in the parking lot is also prohibited. We further request that you **please not park on the grass of our Church property**.