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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

April 6 - 13, 2014

**SUNDAY**

**APRIL 6**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - St. Mary of Egypt**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:10 a.m. SCS Classes  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Fellowship - No host available at this time  
7:00 p.m. **Solemn Lenten Vespers Service** - attended by area clergy and chanters

**MONDAY**

**April 7**

12:00 Noon Deadline for Men's Ministry EASTER CARD entries  
5:45 p.m. JOY / Jr. GOYA Meetings and Confessions (Project for GARC)  
7:30 p.m. GOYA Meeting and Confessions

**TUESDAY**

**APRIL 8**

4:45 p.m. Greek School Classes  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 9**

5:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Hour  
6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts  
Lenten Supper hosted by the Senior Synaxis - Making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday

**THURSDAY**

**APRIL 10**

7:00 p.m. Adult Greek School  
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 12**

**SATURDAY OF LAZARUS**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Philoptochos Bake Sale and JOY/Jr. GOYA Plant Sale pick-up following Services

**SUNDAY**

**APRIL 13**

**PALM SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
No SCS Classes  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Philoptochos Bake Sale and JOY/Jr. GOYA Plant Sale pick-up following Services  
7:00 p.m. **Nymphios Service** - Service of the Bridegroom

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**Prospora Bakers:** Elaine Stevens & Helen Pissios      **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Olga Kalis  
**Hymns of Small Entrance:** Plagal 4th (p. 46); Hymn of our Church (p.47)  
**Today's Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-14      **Reader:** Tom Kiriakos  
**Today's Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:32-45  
**Vigil Lights Offered:**

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**KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY - ANNUAL EASTER GREETING CARD**

+ **THE KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY IS SPONSORING THE ANNUAL "EASTER GREETING CARD"** once again this year, similar to the one offered last Easter. Checks should be made out to: **KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY**, please denote: Easter Card in the Memo. **Deadline for printing is: Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD HOSTING "SOLEMN VESPER" THIS EVENING**

+ **WE ARE HOSTING THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO "SOLEMN VESPER" SERVICE** at 7:00 p.m. **this evening.** His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will be officiating, joined with the area clergy, and chanters. Please join us in prayer. Our Philoptochos Society will host a Lenten Reception following services.

**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 April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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** will take place on Saturday of Lazarus, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Pre-orders can be placed today and be picked up on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> following services. Decorative candles for Godchildren as well as Red Egg Dye will also be sold. Please call Elaine Stevens (847) 566-6520; Mary Gatsis (847) 821-2078 or Harriet Kyros (847)508-7179 with any questions.

**"CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS" TO ASSIST IN MAKING OF PALM CROSSES**

+ **PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP US MAKE THE PALM CROSSES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>,** following the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. The Ascension Senior Synaxis will be hosting the Lenten Supper following services and then we will be making Palm Crosses and cutting the bay leaves for Palm Sunday. Everyone from the parish is invited to join us for services, dinner and to assist us in this Lenten tradition.

**ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES**

+ **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE TODAY** - Our 2014 **Stewardship Cards** are available at Church. We currently have 195 Stewards pledged for the year 2014. The total amount pledged is \$230,930. 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!

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

+ **JOY/JR. GOYA EASTER PLANT SALE - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!** The plants will be ready for pick-up on Saturday of Lazarus and Palm Sunday, following services. Make checks out to: **ASCENSION YOUTH MINISTRY.**

+ **JR. OLYMPICS SIGN-UP CONTINUES** - All JOY/Jr. GOYA and GOYA students are eligible to participate. We are looking for "coaches" or "parents willing to oversee" events in the area of: Track & Field, Volleyball, and Basketball (Minor & Major). Please contact Father Jim if you can help us out with any of these team competitions.

+ **FANARI CAMP** - Our 2014 Fanari Camp program will be held at Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI from **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.** Applications for CAMPERS and COUNSELORS are available at the Parish Information Table. Visit [fanaricamp.wordpress.com](http://fanaricamp.wordpress.com) for updates.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

+ **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Lisa, Georgia, Anastasios, Angeline, Mary, Konstantinos, Evangelia, Rose and Carol.

**CHURCH AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING CONCERNS**

+ **FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE** on Palm Sunday morning, 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 do **not park on the grass of our Church property.**