

Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church
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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN
August 24 - 31, 2014

SUNDAY AUGUST 24
11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorial Service for the soul of the servant of God Andrew Bratsakis (6 months)
Coffee Fellowship - No host available

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27
7:00 p.m. SCS Teachers Meeting @ Church

SUNDAY AUGUST 31
12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorial Service for the soul of the Servant of God Despina Caparos (5 years).
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Tasia Alexakos and Family

Prospora Bakers: Sophia Beris **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Olga Kalis
Hymns of Small Entrance: Second Tone (pg, 44); Hymn of our Church (pg. 47)
Today's Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 9:2-12 **Reader:** Nick Papastratakos
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35
Vigil Lights Offered by: Maria and Dean Lampros for the health of Fr. Jim

+ **OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING** are for the soul of the Servant of God Andrew Bratsakis (6 months), beloved father of Marguerite Matthews. May his memory be eternal.

+ **WE WELCOME FR. SIMEON JOHNSON** who is celebrating the Divine Liturgy for us this morning. Thank you Fr. Simeon.

+ **OUR SYMPATHIES** to Paul and Tom Vabakos on the death of Patricia (Paraskevi) Vabakos, beloved wife and mother, who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, August 20th. The funeral will take place on Tuesday, August 26th at our Church at 10:00 a.m. May her memory be eternal.

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

+ **THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FATHER SOTIRIOS MALAMIS AS OUR NEW PROISTAMENOS** is indeed a blessing from the Lord. Father Sotiri will officially start on September 1st. The 1st Sunday he will officiate at the Divine Liturgy will be Sunday, September 7th. Please afford him the time and courtesy to learn your names and faces, get settled into a routine and allow him to develop his ministry to the Faithful of the Ascension of Our Lord.

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 CONTINUES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR** - Registration forms for both our Tuesday Greek School program and our Thursday Adult/Adolescent Program are available in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions - call Kay James at the Church Office.

PHILOTOCHOS NEWS

+ **PHILOTOCHOS KICK-OFF MEETING** 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 Douvliis via e-mail (ascensionphilo@gmail.com) or by phone (847) 951-3089.
+ **THE METROPOLIS LUNCHEON** will take place at Rosewood Banquets on Saturday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m. Tickets at \$50.00 each. For reservations call Vicki Douvliis @ (847) 951-3089 by September 10th.
+ **POP: POWER OF PINK** present 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 Des Plaines. Tickets to this exclusive event to benefit breast cancer on sale now - \$35.00 per person. If interested please contact Vicki Douvliis (847)951-3089.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

+ **OUR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHERS THIS YEAR** for 5th and 6th Grades specifically. If you are interested in teaching this year, please contact Mia Connolly @ miaps@aol.com. Your commitment of Time and Talents in this ministry would be a blessing for our program.

CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES

+ **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 the coffee hour from September 14th onward. 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.
+ **WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE** to take their weekly Sunday Bulletins home with them, instead of leaving them in the pews. This way you may refer to what is going on at Church during the week and thus be informed!
+ **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, September 7th - Godparents Sunday & Family Picnic** (after Church Services) - See enclosed flyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

+ **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Georgia, Angeline and Augustinos.

" *May the Lord protect and preserve you from visible and invisible enemies and may He strengthen, support, enlighten and guide you to do His Holy Will. Become light, life and salt to those in darkness and guide many to the way of light and truth.*"

Elder Philotheos Zervakos