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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**August 3 - 10, 2014**

**SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 3**

**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Parish Council

**MONDAY**

**AUGUST 4**

Paraklesis (Supplications to the Theotokos)

**TUESDAY**

**AUGUST 5**

**EVE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD @ the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Harvard, IL**

**WEDNESDAY**

**AUGUST 6**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

8:00 a.m. Orthros  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Blessing of the Grapes  
**Church Office Closed**

**FRIDAY**

**AUGUST 8**

Paraklesis - Supplication to the Theotokos - **Cancelled**

**SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 10**

**9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Parish Council

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**Prospora Bakers:** Patricia Filley **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Olga Kalis  
**Hymns of Small Entrance:** Grave Tone (pg, 46); Hymn of our Church (p.47)  
**Today's Epistle Reading:** I Corinthians 1:10-17 **Reader:** Jim Anast  
**Today's Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:14-22  
**Vigil Lights Offered by:** Olga & Valerie Kalis for the health of George Kalis, Jill Hall and the Jesse Family

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**KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY - GOLF OUTING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**

+ **THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ASCENSION GOLF OUTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup> at the Highland Park Country Club.** Please begin putting your foursomes together. Support this event and consider donating a sign or sign up for a corporate or family sponsorship (foursome and sign). If you don't play golf, please join us for the evening's "Fish Fry" dinner. This year's outing is again being hosted by the **Koinonia Men's Ministry**. Contact: Tom Papastefan @ (312) 497-1570 or by e-mail [tpapastefan@futures-int.com](mailto:tpapastefan@futures-int.com) or call the Church Office 847/482-1200.

+ **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Godparents Sunday & Family Picnic (after Church Services) - See Insert.**

**FATHER JIM'S DEPARTURE**

+ **THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FATHER JIM'S DEPARTURE FROM ACTIVE MINISTRY DUE TO A MEDICAL DISABILITY** may have come as a surprise to some, but perhaps not so much to those who have seen him struggle through services in Church these past few months. Amidst the day to day grind of his Pastoral Ministry and the services, etc., Father Jim has not had the proper time to heal and get healthy following his spinal neck surgery in late April. We pray for Father's total recovery and that he will be able to continue to serve the Church in some capacity in the future. Please keep him in your continued prayers.

+ **PLEASE NOTE** that starting tomorrow, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Kay James will be on vacation until August 8<sup>th</sup>. She will be back in the office on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. On Monday and Tuesday, the phone will be manned by volunteers. On Wednesday, the office will be closed after the Divine Liturgy of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. If Father Jim has to leave the office at any time, and there is no answer, please leave a message on the answering machine.

**PARAKLESIS SERVICES - UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE**

+ **PARAKLESIS SERVICES (SUPPLICATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY) will be offered on: Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Originally scheduled services for Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled. Please submit your names to be read for health, in person, to Father Jim before each service. It is important for you to be in attendance to pray along with others to the Mother of God for the health of your loved ones. Please join us as often as you can.

**ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES**

+ **FOR THOSE WHO "CHARGE" THEIR STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS ON A CREDIT CARD** - Have you thought of arranging for an **"automatic check payment plan"** from your checking account that would be sent regularly to the Ascension Church Office? This would help save the Church money, as we are paying fees related to using the credit card system with every charge that comes to the Church! If you would like to change the way you offer your stewardship gift to the Church, please contact Kay James at the Church Office - Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**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. We thank our students, parents and our very dedicated teachers for a great school year in 2013-2014. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

+ **OUR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHERS THIS YEAR** for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades specifically. If you are interested in teaching this year, please contact Mia Connolly at [miaps@aol.com](mailto: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 either Father Jim or Kay James has the information needed to fill out the proper 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.

+ **IF YOU HAVE NOT HOSTED A SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.** You may host a Coffee Fellowship 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. Most Sundays throughout the summer are still open.

+ **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 be informed!

**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, Tom, Paraskevi and John.