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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

April 19 - 27, 2014

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)

MONDAY **APRIL 21 - BRIGHT MONDAY**
Church Office Closed
No Youth Meetings
7:00 p.m. Special Parish Council Meeting

TUESDAY **APRIL 22 - BRIGHT TUESDAY**
4:00 p.m. Greek School
7:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY **APRIL 23 - BRIGHT WEDNESDAY - ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR**
Services at St. George Church, Chicago

THURSDAY **APRIL 24 - BRIGHT THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. Joint Philoptochos Meeting (For Power of Pink Event)
7:00 p.m. Adult Greek School

FRIDAY **APRIL 25 - BRIGHT FRIDAY**
THEOTOKOS OF THE LIFE-GIVING FONT
Services at the St. IAKOVOS Retreat Center, Brighton, WI

SATURDAY **APRIL 26 - BRIGHT SATURDAY**
9:00 a.m. St. John Chrysostom Oratorical & Arts Festival @ St. John the Baptist Church, Des Plaines
10:00 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting & "Fill the Bag" Event @ Ascension Church

SUNDAY **APRIL 27 - SUNDAY OF THOMAS**
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship - No host available as of this date

Prospora Bakers: Maita Houpis and Tasia Alexakos **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Kathleen & David Rutkowski
Hymns of Small Entrance: Hymn for Palm Sunday (p. 47); Hymn of our Church (p.47)
Today's Epistle Reading: Romans 6:3-11 **Reader:** Dean Tsarwhas
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-20
Vigil Lights Offered: For the health of Tessiann (Anastasia) Skizas by her loving children, the Papastefan Family.
The Vigil Lights and also offered in memory of John Palmer by his wife Elaine Palmer

+ THE RESURRECTION HYMN +

Christ is Risen from the dead,
By death trampling down upon death,
And to those in the tombs
He has Granted life.

Chri-stos A-nes-ti ek ne-kron,
Tha-na-to tha-na-ton pa-ti-sas
Kai tis en tis mni-ma-si
Zo-in ha-ri-sa-me-nos.

+ CHRISTOS ANESTI - ALITHOS ANESTI + + CHRIST IS RISEN - TRULY HE IS RISEN +

THE GOSPEL READERS FOR THE AGAPI VESEPER

Father Jim, *New Testament Greek*; George Houpis, *Modern Greek*; Jim Anast, *English*; Tom Chilis, *French*; Frank Theodore, *German*; Estella Ittounas, *Spanish*; Magdalene Kalb-Panos, *Serbian*; Nicholas Kalinosky, *Hebrew*.

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ **WE SEEK YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE ASAP** - 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!

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 Saturday, April 26th. We thank you for your kindness - Kathie Rutkowski, Amy Tsarwhas & Marcia Moore. You may contact Marcia with any questions at (847) 774-0232.

+ **"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

+ **THE ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** at St. John's Church on Saturday, April 26th, our own Goyan Elaina Tsarwhas will be representing our Parish in Iconography. We wish you God's blessings. We are very proud of you

+ **JR. OLYMPICS SIGN-UP CONTINUES** - All JOY/Jr. GOYA and GOYA Groups are eligible to participate. **Registration forms are due no later than APRIL 28th**. See Maria Vlahos for Registration Forms. All participating families must be Stewards of our Church and active in our Youth Ministry program, as per the 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. Afterwards, we will have a dinner 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** tonight 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**.

+ **WE WISH FATHER JIM A SPEEDY RECOVERY** following Paschal Services, 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.