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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

December 7 - 14, 2014

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.

**DECEMBER 7**

Orthros  
Sunday Church School  
Divine Liturgy  
Memorial Service for the soul of the servant of God Evangelina (Evangelia) Gianos (1 year)  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Chatzidakis and Betsios families  
Philoptochos St. Nicholas Party for the children.  
JOY/Jr. GOYA Poinsettias Sale

**MONDAY**

5:45 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 8**

JOY/Jr. GOYA  
GOYA - Shopping for Greek American Nursing Home

**TUESDAY**

4:45 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**DECEMBER 9 - CONCEPTION OF ST. ANNA**

Greek School  
Parish Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 10**

HOPE  
Paraklesis and LOGOS

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**DECEMBER 11**

Divine Liturgy at the Greek American Nursing Home  
Beginners Greek School  
Intermediate/Advanced Greek School  
Great Vespers @ St. Spyridon Church in Palos Heights

**FRIDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.

**DECEMBER 12 - ST. SPYRIDON**

Orthros  
Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY**

10:00-12:00  
5:00 p.m.

**DECEMBER 13**

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
Vespers

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
  
5:00 p.m.

**DECEMBER 14**

Orthros  
Sunday Church School  
Divine Liturgy followed by the **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
Coffee Fellowship - No host available as of this date  
Metropolis Open House

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Prospora Bakers: Elaine Metropoulos      FOS Ministry Greeters: Olga Kalis  
Hymns of Small Entrance: First Tone (pg 44); Hymn of the Church (page 47)  
Today's Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-19      Reader: Elaine Simos  
Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

+ **WE ARE GLAD** you came to our Church. We hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the Liturgy and visit with Fr. Sotiri and with members of the Parish Council. They will answer questions and provide you with information regarding the programs and life at the Ascension of Our Lord.

**CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES**

- + **2015 PARISH DIRECTORY** - We will be publishing a new parish directory in early 2015. We hope all 2015 stewards will participate. For more information please visit our website at [ascensiongoc.com](http://ascensiongoc.com). All forms and information can be found there. The deadline for submission is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- + **OUR SINCERE THANKS TO OUR PROSPHORA BAKERS** who have been amazing for so many years providing us with the Prospora that are such an intricate part of our Divine Liturgy every single Sunday. May God be with you and your families always! Please continue doing what you do best.
- + **METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO OPEN HOUSE** - It is a great opportunity for all of us here at Ascension to extend our Christmas wishes to His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and also His Grace Bishop Demetrios for a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
- + **2015 STEWARDSHIP CARDS** have been mailed to everyone's home and are also available in the Narthex by the Pangari. If you have not had one yet, or have not filled in one for your stewardship, we urge you to take one. Any questions, please call Kay James at the office.
- + **COFFEE HOST** is still needed for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Church Office.
- + **THE HELLENIC CHORAL SOCIETY**, under the direction of Georgia Mitchell will present "**The Spirit of Christmas**" at SS Peter & Paul Church in Glenview, on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- + **HOLY UNCTION** - In preparation for Christ's Birth, please join us for Sacrament of Holy Unction on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**YOUTH NEWS**

- + **THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE** - Please order your poinsettia Plants from our JOY/Jr. GOYANS **TODAY** so you can decorate your homes for Christmas. The poinsettias will be delivered next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

- + **FOOTBALL MANIA WINNERS** - Congratulations to David Rask who was a Week 6 Winner. He won \$25.00.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

- + **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Angeline, Augoustinos, Georgia, John, Penelope Athanasia, Sophia, Vasilios, Marego, George, Jac and Nicholas.

*SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - Like the emissaries of St. Vladimir, one who has entered an Orthodox Church "cannot forget that beauty." Beauty is in the vestments, the icons, the singing and in the eyes and hearts of the worshippers. May this beauty draw us closer in the living God and may we shine with this same beauty, becoming a light in a darkened world. "O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house."*

*Anonymous*