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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

July 13 - 20, 2014

SUNDAY

JULY 13

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Parish Council Members
3:00 p.m. Wedding - Loukas Rogaris/Trisevgeni Koumoutsakis
Sponsors: Nick & Roula (Demetra) Pipikios

SUNDAY

JULY 20

6th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorial Service for the souls of the servants of God: Eftihia (30 yrs.) and Konstantinos (6 yrs.) Metropulos.
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Metropulos' Family

Prospora Bakers: Elaine Metropoulos **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Julia Economy
Hymns of Small Entrance: 4th Tone (pg, 45); Hymn of our Church (p.47)
Today's Epistle Reading: Titus 3:8-15 **Reader:** Tom Kiriakos
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:14-19

+ **OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES** to Jamie (Sophia) Childs whose father Peter Childs recently fell asleep in the Lord. The funeral took place at SS Peter & Paul last Monday, June 30th. May his memory be eternal.

+ **OUR SYMPATHIES** also to Nick (Arianna) Stevens and Elaine Stevens whose first cousin, Nicholas Davis, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, July 6th. The funeral took place at Ascension on Wednesday, July 9th. May his memory be eternal.

KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY - GOLF OUTING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd

+ **THE 16TH ANNUAL ASCENSION GOLF OUTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd** at the **Highland Park County 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 or call the Church Office 847/482-1200.

+ **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, September 7th - Godparent's Sunday & Family Picnic** (after Church Services) - more details forthcoming.

SENIOR SYNAXIS

+ **OUR GROUP** will be going on a trip downtown to Chicago's Navy Pier on Thursday, July 24th to see Cirque Shanghai. The bus will leave from the church at 12:00 Noon sharp. We should return at 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. depending on traffic and will then go for dinner at PJ'. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please call Elaine Beck at (847) 367-5227.

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ **WE SEEK YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE ASAP** - Our 2014 Stewardship Cards are available in the Narthex. We currently have 232 Stewards Pledged for 2014. The amount pledged is \$265,226.95. 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!

+ **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! For more information, contact Kay James at the Church Office - Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ARCHDIOCESAN CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS

+ **FATHER JIM AND PRESBYTERA NASIA HAD AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE** at the Archdiocesan Clergy/Laity Congress held in Philadelphia. They thank the Parish for sending them to this Congress, giving them the opportunity to grow spiritually and educationally, as well as visiting with classmates and dear friends from across the country.

+ **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ASCENSION PHILOPTOCHOS** who received the *Archdiocesan First Place Award for the 2014 "Philoptochos Challenge"* with their presentation of "POP INTO PINK". This unique award is one of the highest honors a Philoptochos Society can receive from the Archdiocese. **Our Ascension Philoptochos** also was recognized with an award from the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos for their record increase in membership totals for 2013-2014. Our Ladies are "rockin' it!!

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

+ **REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR** - Registration forms for both our Tuesday Greek School program and our Thursday Adult/Adolescent Program have been mailed to your homes and are also 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.

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 and Paraskevi.