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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

July 20 - 27, 2014

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: Konstantinos (6 yrs) & Eftihia (30 yrs) Metropulos, and also Demetra (3 months) & Konstantinos (2 yrs) Karlos. May their memory be eternal.
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Metropulos Family

THURSDAY JULY 24
9:00 a.m. Senior Synaxis Trip to Navy Pier

SUNDAY JULY 27
7th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship -

Prospora Bakers: Sophia Metropulos **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Faye Kopplin
Hymns of Small Entrance: Plagal 1st Tone (pg, 45); Hymn of our Church (p.47)
Today's Epistle Reading: James 5:10-20 **Reader:** Dean Tsarwhas
Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8
Vigil Lights Offered: By Georgia (Harold) Anagnos in memory of their beloved parents Konstantinos and Demetra Karlos.

+ **OUR PRAYERS TODAY** are offered for the servants of God Konstantinos (6 years) and Eftihia (30 years) Metropulos, beloved parents of Arthur (Sophia) Metropulos. May their memory be eternal.

+ **OUR PRAYERS TODAY** are also offered for the servants of God Demetra (3 months) and Konstantinos (2 years) Karlos, beloved parents of Georgia (Harold) Anagnos. May their 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 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 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.

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 through 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.

SENIOR SYNAXIS

+ **THE GROUP IS GOING TO NAVY PIER.** On Thursday, July 24th our Senior Synaxis group will be going on a trip downtown to Chicago's Navy Pier for the day. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please call Elaine Beck at (847) 367-5227. Bus arrangements have been made - please gather at Church by 9:00 a.m. sharp!

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.

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.

+ **THE FRUITS OF PRAYER** - Prayer refreshes and enlivens the soul, as an outer air refreshes the body. When we pray we feel stronger and fresher; thus, we feel physically and spiritually stronger and fresher when we walk in the fresh air. - *The Spiritual Counsels of Father John of Kronstadt*