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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

June 29 - July 6, 2014

SUNDAY

JUNE 29

THE HOLY APOSTLES SS PETER & PAUL

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

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Memorial Service for the souls of the servants of God: Frances (Photini) Costas and Nancy (Nafsika) Costas.
Special Free-will Collections for PROJECT MEXICO

Coffee Fellowship hosted by Andrew Douvliis and Family

7:00 p.m.

Hierarchical Great Vespers @ Holy Apostles Church, Westchester

MONDAY

JUNE 30

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Orthros
Divine Liturgy @ Holy Apostles Church, Westchester

THURSDAY

JULY 3

12:00 Noon

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY

JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY

JULY 6

4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship - No host available as of this date
Clergy/Laity Congress in Philadelphia, PA

Prospora Bakers: Tasia Alexakos **FOS Ministry Greeters:** George Mussie

Hymns of Small Entrance: 2nd Tone (pg, 45); Hymn of our Church (p.47)

Today's Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9 **Reader:** Paul Lillios

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19

Vigil Lights Offered:

+ **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING** for the souls of the servants of God: Frances Costas (7 years) and Nancy Costas (1 year), beloved aunts of Mary (Nick) Marino. May their memory be eternal.

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ **WE SEEK YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE ASAP** - Our 2014 Stewardship Cards are available in the Narthex. We currently have 229 Stewards Pledged for 2014. The amount pledged is \$262,026.95. 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!

PROJECT MEXICO COLLECTION THIS MORNING

+ **A SPECIAL FREE-WILL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF "PROJECT MEXICO"** is requested this morning as you leave services. High School student, Andrew Douvliis and his family are hosting this morning's Coffee Hour as a "Thank You" for donations received this morning. Andrew and other area Greek Orthodox Christians will be going to St. innocent Orphanage and Project Mexico to construct a home for a family in need in the Tijuana, Mexico area. Project Mexico supports the young men who live in the Orphanage and also helps in the construction of homes for families in the area. Your donation will help in defraying their budgetary needs. If you desire, you can make your check out to the Ascension of Our Lord - denote: *Project Mexico* in the Memo. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY - GOLF OUTING, AUGUST 22ND

+ **THE 16TH ANNUAL ASCENSION GOLF OUTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND** at the Highland Park County Club. Please **SAVE THE DATE** and begin putting your foursomes together. Please 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 at Highland Park CC. 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.

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

"GRADUATES SUNDAY" GIFTS FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

+ **"COLLEGE GRADUATES" - YOUR GRADUATION GIFT AWAITS YOU AT CHURCH-** Please come by Church between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or on any Sunday to pick up your gift from the Parish.

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.

+ **NOTE - THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 4TH OF JULY** on Thursday, July 3rd at 12:00 Noon and on Friday, July 4th. If you need to conduct business during the first part of the week, please do so on June 30th through July 3rd. Thank you and God Bless America!

+ **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.