

Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

October 26 - November 2, 2014

FOS Ministry Greeters: George Mussie

Hymns of Small Entrance: Tone 2 (page 44); Hymn of the Church (page 47)

Today's Epistle Reading: II Timothy 2:1-10

Reader: Mark Rader

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

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

- + **PROSPHORA BAKERS NEEDED** - If you are interested in baking the Eucharistic Bread, please call the Church office. If you have never baked Prosphora before, a team of our expert bakers will teach you.
- + **HOPE GROUP** - H.O.P.E. is a program for parents and their children **40 days to 4 years old** to join together weekly and explore the Orthodox Faith. We will be gathering **at 10:00 a.m.** every Wednesday. For more information, visit our website at: <http://ascensiongoc.com/parish-ministries/hope.html>.
- + **PLEASE JOIN US** for Paraklesis to the Theotokos Service every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. which will be followed by LOGOS. This fall we are reflecting on the Beatitudes.
- + **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - No one has signed to host a coffee hour for the following Sundays: 12/21 and 12/28. Please sign today. You may do so either 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.

GOYA NEWS

+ **PLEASE JOIN US** on Saturday, December 6, 2014, for our 6th Annual Gingerbread Decorating Event. First join us for Divine Liturgy in the morning as we celebrate the Feastday of St. Nicholas, then stay for some house decorating and fellowship with your family and friends. There will be 3 sessions to choose from: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. If you cannot stay, you may also take your houses TO GO. Every year we sell quite a few houses to be taken home, so make sure you reserve your house(s) TODAY! Gingerbread Orders will be taken from November 2nd until the 30th. Please contact Maria Vlahos @ smileygrk@gmail.com or call (224) 688-0214 if you have any questions. This is a GOYA sponsored event.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

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

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "We cannot be saved by seeking just our own individual salvation; we need to look first to the good of others. In warfare, the soldier who takes flight to save his own skin brings disaster on himself as well as on the others, whereas the good soldier who takes up arms on behalf of his comrades saves his own life along with theirs. Our life is a warfare, the bitterest of battles. So in loyalty to our King, let us draw up the lines of battle ready for blood and slaughter, with our eyes on the salvation of all, encouraging the stalwarts and stirring up the laggards. Many of our brothers and sisters have fallen in this battle, wounded and covered with blood, with no one to care for them. There is no one to look after them, no layman, no priest, no comrade, no friend, no brothers, because we are all of us seeking our own individual salvation and thereby spoiling our chance of attaining it. True freedom and glory come from not being concerned with ourselves." - *St. John Chrysostom*

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26 - ST. DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH STREAMER

6TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

- 8:15 a.m. Orthros
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Kay James
- 12:00 Noon Philoptochos Membership Brunch @ Lovell's of Lake Forest

MONDAY

OCTOBER 27

- 5:45 p.m. JOY/Jr. GOYA
- 7:30 p.m. GOYA

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 28

HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

- 8:15 a.m. Orthros
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 4:45 p.m. Greek School

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 29

- 10:00 a.m. HOPE meet @ Church
- 6:30 p.m. Paraklesis & LOGOS

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 30

- 6:15 p.m. Greek School - Beginners/Advanced Beginners
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
- 7:45 p.m. Greek School - Intermediate/Advanced

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 1

SS COSMAS & DAMIANOS

- 8:15 a.m. Orthros
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2

5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

- 8:15 a.m. Orthros
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Artoclasia - Philoptochos
- 12:00 Noon Baptism of the Son of George & Jennifer Matos Sponsor: Colleen Matos
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Philoptochos
