

Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

October 5 - 12, 2014

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 5**
2ND 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 the Parish Council
5:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner for Rev. Fr. Jim & Presbyteria Nasia Gordon @ Meridian Banquet Hall

MONDAY **OCTOBER 6**
5:45 p.m. JOY/Jr. GOYA
7:30 p.m. GOYA

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 7**
4:45 p.m. Greek School

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 8**
10:00 a.m. HOPE
6:30 p.m. Paraklesis & LOGOS

THURSDAY **OCTOBER 9**
6:15 p.m. Greek School - Beginners/Advanced Beginners
7:45 p.m. Greek School - Intermediate/Advanced

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 11**
5:00 p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 12**
7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship hosted by SCS Pre-K and Kindergarten Grades

Prosphora Bakers: Mary Greub **FOS Ministry Greeters:** George Mussie
Hymns of Small Entrance: Grave Tone (page 46); Hymn of the Church (page 47)
Today's Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1 **Reader:** Tom Kiriakos
Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36

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.

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

+ **GREEK SCHOOL CLASSES** - Those of you who have not registered your children yet, may still do so any day of the week by calling the Church Office and speaking with Kay @ (847) 482-1200, Monday through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Remember - classes are still open for Adults/Adolescents Greek School for Beginners/Advanced Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced.

CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES

+ **HOPE GROUP** - H.O.P.E. (Holy Orthodox Primary Education) expands on Ascension's formerly known as *Toddlers and Parents* program by extending an invitation to 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>.

+ **LOGOS** will be meeting every Wednesday. It will be preceded by a Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos beginning at 6:30 p.m.

+ **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - No one has signed to host a coffee hour for many of the Sundays until the end of the year. The dates available are as follows: 11/30; 12/14; 12/21 and 12/28. If you have not hosted a Sunday Coffee Fellowship before, please sign up 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.

+ **OCTOBER IS "NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**. You are invited to join with other concerned Orthodox Christians to work together to keep our children healthy and drug free. For information please call (708) 298-9770, e: occhycicero@healthyyouth.com, or at www.healthyyouth.com.

+ **THE HOLY RESURRECTION SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL** will have its 20th Annual Symposium on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be His Grace Bishop Anthony of the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo. To register on line, visit Chicagosynergy.org/symposium. For further information call: (630) 230-0079 or (847) 647-8880.

METROPOLIS NEWS

+ **SAINT IAKOVOS FEAST DAY DINNER** honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will take place on Thursday, October 23rd at the Cotillion Banquets, 360 S. Creekside Drive in Palatine. Reception will be at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner following at 7:00 p.m. In order to make your reservations at the Ascension table(s), please call Kay at the Church office. Tickets are \$100.00 per person.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

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

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - "[For those who] can swim properly [in the sea], when a wave comes against them, they bow under it; and hide themselves beneath it, until it passes. Therefore, they continue swimming --- free from danger. If, however, they struggle against the wave, it pushes them and throws them a great distance. Once they start swimming again, another wave may come. If they oppose themselves to it, then it will again push them and throw them backwards a substantial amount. Thus, they become tired and they do not progress. If - as I said - they bend themselves down under the wave, and 'humble' themselves under it, then it passes them without harming them; and they can continue swimming as much as they desire. It is the same with the temptations: If a person endures temptations with patience and humility, it passes by him without danger; but if he remains afflicted, sorrowful and considering everything as a reason for it, he damns himself and loads the temptations on himself."