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**WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

September 21 - 28, 2014

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

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

**MONDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 22**

5:30 p.m. JOY/Jr. GOYA - Mini Golf (See Insert)  
6:45 p.m. GOYA - Mini Golf (See Insert)

**TUESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

4:45 p.m. Greek School

**THURSDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 25**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy @ Greek American Nursing Home - Fr. Sotiri will be officiating  
12:00 Noon Senior Synaxis - Light Lunch followed by a movie

**FRIDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 26**

**FALLING ASLEEP OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**

8:30 a.m. Orthros  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 27**

9:30 a.m. Religious Education Seminar @ Holy Apostles Church, Westchester  
10:00 a.m. Baptism of the Son of Robert Allen & Christina Aronis Sponsor: John Haritos  
5:00 p.m. Vespers

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**

8:15 a.m. Orthros  
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Memorial Service for the soul of the servant of God Pat (Paraskevi) Vabakos (40 days)  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Vabakos Family  
4:30 p.m. Wedding of Anastasia Domas & Matthew Smith

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**Prospora Bakers:** Presbytera Nasia Gordon **FOS Ministry Greeters:** Michael & Ellen Kaitson  
**Hymns of Small Entrance:** Festal Plagal Second; (page 45); Holy Cross, (page 48)  
**Today's Epistle Reading:** Galatians 2:16-20 **Reader:** Nick Gatsis  
**Today's Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:34-38; 9:1  
**Vigil Lights Offered by:**

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**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 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

+ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** sign-up is still going on. Please register your children on line.

**PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

+ **POP: POWER OF PINK** presents "My Big, Fat, Greek Movie Premiere"! Be one of the first to see "Christmas with the Karountzoses" on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge. Tickets to this exclusive event to benefit breast cancer are on sale now - \$35.00 per person. If interested, please contact Vicki Douvlis (847) 951-3089.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS** is inviting everyone to participate in our 2014 Football Mania Fundraiser which will start on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Join us for a fun football season - Tickets will be available after Church in the lobby - please stop by!

**CHURCH REMINDERS AND UPDATES**

+ **FATHER GORDON APPRECIATION DINNER** - Please turn in your reservations as soon as possible for this October 5<sup>th</sup> special event. The submission deadline is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Committee members will be in the Narthex today to take reservations and answer questions. The Dinner Committee is also seeking underwriters for the following: Cocktail Service - \$2,000.00; Wine Service - \$1,000.00 and three Dinner Sponsors at \$3,000.00 each. Please contact either Nick Marino 847/508-5800 or Alex Marx 847/602-4743.

+ **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. Our first gathering will be on **October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** and every Wednesday thereafter. For more information, visit our website at: <http://ascensiongoc.com/parish-ministries/hope.html>.

+ **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - No one has signed to host a coffee hour for most of the Sundays until the end of the year. The dates available are as follows: 10/5; 10/12; 10/19; 11/9; 11/23; 11/30; 12/07; 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.

+ **LOGOS** will be meeting every Wednesday starting October 1st. It will be preceded by a Paraklesis Service to the Theotokos at 6:30 p.m.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

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

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** - "The central paradox of Christian living is that in grasping for temporal things, we lose the eternal; but in sacrificing everything in this world, we gain eternal riches that are unimaginable"  
*(From the Orthodox Study Bible)*