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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

February 23 - March 2, 2014

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 23

JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (Meat Fare)

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:10 a.m. Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorial Service for the servant of God Spyros Theodoropoulos (15 years)
Coffee Fellowship Hosted by the 1st and 2nd Grades of SCS
4:30 p.m. *APOKREATIKO "GLENDI"* - Hosted by the Ascension Philoptochos @ Concorde Banquets, Kildeer

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 24

5:45 p.m. JOY / Jr. GOYA
7:30 p.m. GOYA - Whirly ball & Lazer Tag - Vernon Hills

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 25

4:45 p.m. Greek School

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 27

6:30 p.m. OCMC Dinner @ St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines
7:00 p.m. Adult Greek School

SATURDAY

MARCH 1

2nd PSYCHOSAVATON - Saturday of the Souls
8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy / Memorial Service
11:00 a.m. Baptism - Son of Kimberly & William Angelos Sponsor: Daphne Mazarakis

SUNDAY

MARCH 2

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Cheese Fare & Missions Sunday)

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:10 a.m. Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Memorial Service for the servant of God Nicholas Kartsunes (40 days)
Coffee Fellowship Hosted by Elaine Stevens & Nick/Penny Gatsis
5:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers (The Vespers mark the beginning of Great Lent)

Prospora Bakers: Litsa Stamatis & Mary Greub FOS Ministry Greeters: Dean and Amy Tsarwhas

Hymns of Small Entrance: Second Tone (p. 45); Hymn of our Church (p.47)

Today's Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 Reader: Nick Papastratakos

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

+ JOIN US TONIGHT - Our Apokreatiko Glendi will take place this evening, February 23rd at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. For more details please contact Faye Kopplin at 847/438-8491, Harriet Kyros at 847/508-7170 or Patricia Filley at 847/381-4108.

+ OUR NEXT PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, March 16th immediately following services on the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent. Please make plans to attend this brief but important meeting.

+ GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH PRAYER +

Forgiveness Vespers - Sunday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

KATHARA THEFTERA (Clean Monday) - Great Compline - March 3rd at 6:30 pm.

All members of our Parish Family are encouraged to begin Great Lent by attending these two services.

SPECIAL PARISH "DIAKONIA" (SERVICE) PROJECT

+ OUR SERVICE PARISH PROJECT "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" was a tremendous success with 100+ Parish Family members coming together in support of children around the world in need of food. Thanks for your support.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING are for the servant of God Spyros Theodoropoulos (15 yrs), beloved nephew of Peter & Veatreki Theodoropoulos. May his memory be eternal.

+ WE ARE STILL SEEKING DONATIONS for flowers that adorn the Icon of the Theotokos on the Salutations of the Theotokos. Fridays available are - March 7th and 21st. Please speak or call Kay James (847) 482-1200.

+ HELP JULIANA GET HER AUTISM SERVICE DOG - Join The Stevens Family for an afternoon of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on Sunday, March 2nd at Dover Straits Restaurant in Mundelein from 3 -6 pm. 4 Paws for Ability is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of children with disabilities by training and placing quality, task-trained service dogs to fit each child's specific needs. Donations will go towards the training and expense of getting an Autism Service Dog for Juliana. For more information visit www.4pawsforability.org

ASCENSION STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

+ PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2014 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE TODAY - Our new 2014 Stewardship Cards are available at Church. We request ALL Ascension Stewards to offer their new 2014 Stewardship Pledge in support of our Parish Ministries as soon as possible. Thank you.

ASCENSION UPCOMING SERVICES AND LENTEN PREPARATION

+ THE 2nd and 3rd PSYCHOSAVATA (SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS) will be celebrated on this upcoming Saturdays, March 1st & 8th. Names of your deceased loved ones and koliva should be prepared, so through your presence at the Divine Liturgy, you may offer prayers for your departed loved ones' souls. Remember - Please do not fax, e-mail or call in names. Your names should be brought to Church personally and submitted to Father Jim.

+ MISSIONS SUNDAY - MARCH 2nd - In conjunction with the Liturgical observance of "Cheese Fare/ Forgiveness Sunday" observed prior to the beginning of Great Lent, we also observe "Missions Sunday". Please bring your free-will offering for MISSIONS on this Sunday. Organizations are asked to participate with a free-will check. Make your checks payable to: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH- Please denote in the MEMO: Missions Sunday Donation.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYERS TO BE OFFERED

+ PRAYER REQUESTS - Please include in your personal prayers the servants of God: Georgia, Andrew, Nina, Anastasios, Angeline, Mary and Juri.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

+ ORATORICAL FESTIVAL NEWS - "The average lead pencil can draw a line 35 miles long or write roughly 50,000 English words." Wow! So to test this real fact, participate in our local St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival. Grades 4-12 can participate in Iconography, Poetry, Speech or Oratory. For more information, please see our Parish Representatives - Mrs. Irene Curran (for Poetry, Speech or Oratory) or Mrs. Diane Maroudas (for Iconography) during our Coffee Fellowship. Our Parish Oratorical Festival will be held on Wednesday, March 19th following the Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts, during our Lenten Supper.

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO NEWS AND EVENTS

+ OCMC MISSIONS DINNER - The annual Missions Dinner for the Orthodox Christian Missions Center will take place on Thursday, February 27th at St. John the Baptist Church in Des Plaines, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be The Rev. Fr. John Chakos. A donation of \$30.00 is requested. Reserve your place or make your donation by calling (773) 447-3335 or register on line at www.missionsteamchicago.org

+ FANARI CAMP - Fanari Camp will be held at Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin (for the last time) on Sunday, June 15th to Saturday, June 21st. Applications will be available soon. Visit fanaricamp.wordpress.com for updates.

+ INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR IONIAN VILLAGE IS NOW AVAILABLE. Please see Jason for information regarding Young Adult excursion or high school camping opportunities this summer in Greece,

IOCC BANQUET - THURSDAY, MARCH 20th

+ RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE IOCC BANQUET, on Thursday, March 20th at the Rosewood Banquets, at our Ascension table. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with Dinner being served at 7:00 pm. Please see Father Jim or notify Kay James at the Church Office to make your reservations today. Reservations per person are: \$125.00 - checks may be made out to the: Ascension of Our Lord, write IOCC in the Memo.