



MAY 2017 BULLETIN
St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
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Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 12:30 TO 4:30 P.M.
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Sunday, April 30th, Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

Acts 6: 1-7, Mary Holden
Prosfora: Carol Tsagarakis
Coffee Social - OPEN
Greek Fest Committee Meeting in sanctuary following Coffee Social

Sunday, May 7th, Sunday of the Paralytic

Acts 9: 32-42, Joshua Herr
John 5: 1-15
Prosfora: Argie Revezoulis
Memorial for Leon (23 yrs), and Elizabeth Marketos (13 yrs),
Barb Chambers' parents, and Nicoletta Marketos (13 yrs), Barb's Aunt and Nouna
Coffee Social: Barb Chambers

Sunday, May 14th, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Mother's Day

Acts 11: 19-30, Rob VandeVrede
John 4: 5-42
Prosfora: Faye Sippel
Coffee Social – OPEN

Sunday, May 21st, Sunday of the Blind Man

Acts 26: 1 and 12 -20, Kathleen Luck
John 9: 1-38
Prosfora: Maria Lee
Coffee Social - OPEN

*****OFFICIAL NOTICE - GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FOLLOW HOLY LITURGY*****

Wednesday, May 24th, Ascension Thursday Eve Holy Liturgy 6:00 p.m.

II Corinthians 4: 6-15
Matthew 11: 2-15
Prosfora: Maria Lee

Wednesday, May 24th, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28th, Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Acts 20: 16-18 and 28-36, Elene Rautmann

John 17: 1-13

Prosfora: Carol Tsagarakis

Coffee Social- OPEN

FATHER'S CORNER

- ❖ And speaking about the Coffee Social, no one has signed up for Sunday April 30 thru July, except for Sunday, May 7th when Barb Chambers has signed up. In August the only Sunday spoken for is Sunday, August 13th.
- ❖ And, by the way, the SIGN UP CLIP BOARDS for all occasions are located on the wall as you descend the stairs to go down into the Parish Hall for the coffee social, of which we will have none if someone does not sign up. ☺ Coffee after Church is good. ☺
- ❖ There are a couple of items on the May calendar that we all should take note of. First of all Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day, and all of our moms will be honored on their very special day. On Sunday, May 21st we will have our Spring General Assembly which will take place following the coffee social. The main items on the agenda will be a financial report given by the Parish Audit Committee, and a special report on the renovation of the Parish Hall and kitchen area. This will be a huge project and we all will want to hear how we will proceed. Please plan on being at this important General Assembly.
- ❖ At the last Parish Council Meeting our Parish Council appointed a Finance Committee made up of Dr. Gus Tiboris, Parish President Dr. John Revelis and Rob VandeVrede. This committee will meet on the Sunday prior to each monthly Parish Council meeting in order to prepare a complete financial report of each Parish Council meeting.
- ❖ Thanks to Robb Holden you can view video some of our Good Friday Services and our Resurrection Service this past Holy Week by simply going on the Church web site and clicking on GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 1 or GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 2 or RESURRECTION SERVICE 2017. Robb took some great video. View and enjoy.
- ❖ As we all are well aware, following Holy Week and Pascha, we here at St. Spyridon start thinking about Greek Fest. There will be a meeting of the Greek Fest Committee this Sunday, April 30th after Church. Greek Fest this year will be on the last weekend of June, Friday June 23 through Sunday June 25th. Linda Tiboris and I would like to remind everyone that has in their possession a car magnet promoting Greek Fest, that now would be a great time to put it on your car, so that Sheboygan people can start thinking about Greek Fest. If you do not have a car magnet and would like one, please give me a call at Church or at home and we will see that you receive one. This is great free P.R. for our big event in June. Thank you.
- ❖ And speaking about Greek Fest, as always, I am asking our ladies to come together to bake the wonderful pastries that we make available for sale at Greek Fest. This year the baking of the BAKLAVA, the biggie, will be on Tuesday, June 13th and Tuesday, June 20th here at Church. We would like everyone interested in helping with the baking to be at Church on those respective Tuesdays no later than 9:30 a.m. And, if

anyone would like to learn how to make and bake BAKLAVA, this would be a great opportunity as our master baking ladies will be there to teach while we all bake. Hope to see you there. It will be educational and it will be fun. Thank you.

CHRIST HAS RISEN, HAVE WE FORGIVEN?

This question was asked in the FAMILY CONNECTIONS section of the April Orthodox Observer. I am going to reprint the answer given in 5 parts, with the first part in this issue of our parish bulletin. Please read it, share it with your children and or grandchildren and if needs must, lets really forgive those who need our forgiveness.

“You are sitting in Church during the Resurrection service. It is virtually pitch dark: the most notable exception is a single flicker of light from the altar. The warm sound of hymns fills the air, and the anticipation is building. You have been waiting for this moment for almost seven weeks-maybe all year. Now the priest emerges from the sanctuary with the ANASTASIS Candle, chanting, ‘Come, receive the light’ and the once dark church rapidly becomes aglow as the faithful eagerly accept and pass on the light.

The darkness is no more. Tonight you are united as one family, one Body in Christ-many candles combining to reflect the one Light of the World. Soon the gospel reading will proclaim the Resurrection, and shortly after that, this magnificent hymn is heard: ‘it is the Day of Resurrection! Let us shine forth in splendor for the Festival, and embrace one another. Let us say, O brethren, even to those, who do not love us; let us forgive all things in the Resurrection, and thus let us exclaim: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling Death by death, and bestowing life to those in the tombs.’

“The Church tells us as we bask in the transformative reality of the Resurrection that ‘we are to forgive all things’. Likewise, on the eve of Great Lent, the Church presented us with the Sunday of Forgiveness as a final, enduring theme for our Lenten preparation. We see the need to forgive as a divine and perennial responsibility, whether in approaching, or, as now, having reached the festal period of Pascha. Forgiveness is an indispensable part of our Christian being. To celebrate Christ’s Resurrection-as God’s people-is to willingly accept the grace of forgiveness, both in granting it to others and actively seeking it for ourselves.”

“What is Forgiveness and why can it be so hard? The ability to forgive is the Christ-like trait of letting go of offenses. This is not to say that forgiveness is always an easy or automatic process. Even when we consciously decide to forgive someone, we may cling to negative emotions and remember the hurt, disappointment, or embarrassment we experienced. However, when we remember we are all sinners in need of God’s mercy, forgiveness comes more naturally to us. We must also be mindful, that only thru the grace of God that we are able to forgive anyone.”

This first installment of “CHRIST IS RISEN! HAVE WE FORGIVEN?” by George and Melissa Tsongranis was a bit long. The next 4 installments: Why is forgiveness important? What does it mean to forgive unconditionally? How many times? How to build up your forgiveness muscles and model them for your children? Will not be as long, however they teach a beautiful and vital lesson for all of us if the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is to have any meaning for us. I sincerely hope that you read each installment and that you make the lessons there in a vital part of your daily living.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALWAYS