

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode**

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Apolytikion of the Church in the First Mode**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou are the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

**Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.**

### **Apolytikion for Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius in the Fourth Mode**

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20**

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **The Reading is from Luke 8:26-39**

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it to he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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### **WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**Oct 25 – 31, 2015**

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***SPIRITUAL REFLECTION*** -*"Remember, never to fear the power of evil more than your trust in the power and love of God."*

—*Hermas, one of the Seventy*

## CHURCH NEWS

### Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church Oct 25-31, 2015

#### Sunday      October 25

8:15 a.m.      Orthros  
9:10 a.m.      Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m.      Divine Liturgy  
Memorials:    3 Year for Gabriel Maros  
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Sunday Church School grades 5-8

1 p.m.          Wedding of Michael Roop and Dimitra Liacopoulos. Sponsor: Dino Angelos  
7 p.m.          Great Vespers at St. Demetrios in Libertyville, Elmhurst and Chicago

#### Monday      October 26 – ST. DEMETRIOS

8:30 a.m.      Services at St. Demetrios, Libertyville  
5:45 p.m.      JOY/Jr. GOYA  
7:30 p.m.      GOYA

#### Tuesday    October 27

4:45 p.m.      Greek School  
6:30 p.m.      Dinner for His Eminence at Chateau Ritz, Niles

#### Wednesday    October 28 – HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

8:15 a.m.      Orthros  
9:15 a.m.      Divine Liturgy  
6:30 p.m.      Paraklesis & LOGOS

#### Thursday    October 29

No Greek School Classes

#### Saturday    October 31

7 p.m.          Great Vespers for Holy Anargyroi at St. Demetrios, Elmhurst

### 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 Divine 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.

+ **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Sam Marinakos from Demetri's Restaurant, for a wonderful Fellowship Luncheon last week. He and his staff served delicious meals for over 80 people who attended. It was a fun afternoon!

+ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** - There's still time for JOY, Jr. GOYANS and GOYANS (along with their families) to participate in a service project at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville on *Monday, November 9*, where we will hand pack meals that are specially formulated for malnourished children. JOY/Jr. GOYA will participate from 6:00 to 7:30 pm; GOYA from 8-9:30 p.m. If you are interested, please email Carol Stamas (cestamas@comcast.net) by *Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*.

+ **METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS NAMEDAY DINNER - The Annual Name Day Dinner** In honor of His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, hosted by the Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos will take place on *Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>* at the *Chateau Ritz in Niles, Illinois*. Proceeds raised will benefit the Clergy Syndesmos of the Metropolis of Chicago, as well as the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

+ **JOIN THE PHILOPTOCHOS** for a Feast Day Luncheon and Fall Fashion Preview, Ascension Style! *Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>* immediately following the Divine Liturgy at the *Royal Melbourne Country Club!* Reservations must be made in advance. Ladies and Gentlemen \$30/person; Misses and Masters \$20

+ **JOY/JR GOYA BOWLING** - *Monday, Nov 2* - don't miss it! Details at the next Youth Meetings.

+ **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 7-9PM** - *Fall Fellowship Cocktail Reception:* Ascension Stewards are invited to be guests at an Adult Cocktail Reception being held at *the Lake Forest Club in Lake Forest*. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us and take this opportunity to socialize with members of our Ascension Parish. Your RSVP is kindly requested by *November 6<sup>th</sup>*. Mia Connolly (Miaps@aol.com), Maria Lampros ([Mvl101@aol.com](mailto:Mvl101@aol.com)) Tina Ballis: 847.772.5600, or the Church office: 847.482.1200.

### HOLY COMMUNION ETIQUETTE

+ If you are either baptized and/or confirmed as an Orthodox Christian and have spiritually prepared to receive Holy Communion, please come up with reverence and humility, row by row, and depart as directed by the ushers. Please remain in your rows until an usher indicates your row should move forward. If you are standing in the back of the nave, please wait until an usher directs you.

+ In receiving Communion, you should place the cloth under your chin, recite your CHRISTIAN NAME, and wipe your mouth after receiving. If you are wearing lipstick please remove it prior to receiving Communion.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

+ **PRAYER REQUESTS** – *Please include in your personal prayers* the servants of God: Maita, Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Nicholas, Ethel, Kathy, Louise, Paraskevi, John, Panagiota, Anastasia, Stella, Athanasia, Mitchell, Joanne, Augustine, Panagiotis and Christina, Georgiane, Helen