

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

### Apolytikion for Martyr Callistratus and Companions 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.

### 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.**

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### The Reading is from Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

**Sep 27 - Oct 3, 2015**

**Prosphora Baker:**  
**FOS Ministry Greeter:**  
**Epistle Reader:**  
**Ushers:**

Litsa Stamatis, Mary Greub  
Mary and John Kokinis  
Bill Athenson  
**Bill Athenson**, Peter Venetos, Nick Marino, Alex Marx, Mike  
Sutherland, Doug Hugdahl

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** - *It is only necessary to seek one thing: to be with Jesus. The man who remains with Jesus is rich, even if he is poor with regard to material things. Whoever desires the earthly more than the heavenly loses both the earthly and the heavenly. But whoever seeks the heavenly is Lord of the whole world.*

*St. Ignatius Brianchaninov, Patericon*

**Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church  
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<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>September 27</u></b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros
9:10 a.m.	Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Memorial	One year for Athanasios Kyriakopoulos
	Coffee hour hosted by Kathleen Schreiber, Dee Christ and Mary Zoulas
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>September 28</u></b>
5:45 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA
7:30 p.m.	GOYA
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>September 29</u></b>
4:45 p.m.	Greek School
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>September 30</u></b>
10 a.m.	HOPE
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>October 1</u></b>
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/ Advanced Greek School
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>October 3</u></b>
4 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
5 p.m.	Vespers

**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.

**CHURCH NEWS**

+ **OUR YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS ARE UNDERWAY! REGISTER TODAY!** Information and registration for all of our youth ministries -- **HOPE, Faith/Joy, JOY/Jr. GOYA, GOYA, Acolytes, Sunday Church School and Greek School** -- can be found on our website, under the television screen in the fellowship hall; or, by calling the Church office at 847.482.1200.

+ **THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL:** *If you haven't registered your child(ren) yet, please do so today.* The SCS calendar is available on-line. Open house is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact SCS Director, Christine Perakis, at [cperakis@comcast.net](mailto:cperakis@comcast.net) or 847.220.1036.

+ **ADULT/ADOLESCENT GREEK LANGUAGE CLASS** enrollment ongoing. Registration forms are available on the Church's website ([www.ascensiongoc.com](http://www.ascensiongoc.com)) or at the Church Office. If you have any questions contact Greek School Director, Maria Theodoropulu at [mariatheod@hotmail.com](mailto:mariatheod@hotmail.com) or the Church Office at 847.482.1200.

+ **LIFE IN CHRIST:** Keynote Speaker: V. Rev. Abbot James (Corazza), abbot of the Old Cathedral of the Holy Virgin, "Joy of All Who Sorrow," where St. John Maximovitch served for the first two of his four years as Archbishop of San Francisco in the 1960's and where the mantiya is kept. Dates: 10/2 & 10/3 at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines. Please RSVP by 9/30 at 847.827.5510.

+ **GET INVOLVED** – Please consider Stewardship of your time and talent at one of our Weekly Services. Whether it is being a Greeter, Usher, Epistle Reader or Prospora Baker, Ascension is always grateful to have parishioners be an integral part of its liturgical life. For more information please contact the Church Office at 847.482.1200.

+ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> RETREAT** –"BEING ORTHODOX ON PURPOSE" St. Demetrios Church in Elmhurst is pleased to have speaker Fr. Barnabas. Fr. Barnabas is the host of Faith Encouraged LIVE on Ancient Faith Radio and the author of the devotional Faith Encouraged Daily. He is the Parish priest at SS. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA. Reservations are REQUIRED by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 per person. To register, please contact Eleni in the Church Office at [saintdemetriooffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriooffice@gmail.com) or 630.834.7010.

**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.