

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Martyr James the Persian in the First Mode

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

Memorial Hymn

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Apolytikion of the Church in the Fourth 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.

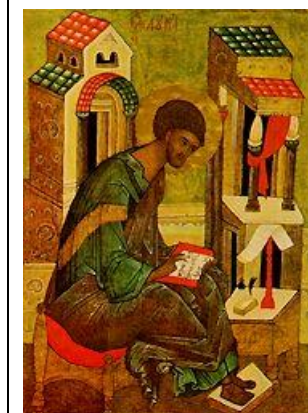
Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Mode

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10.

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

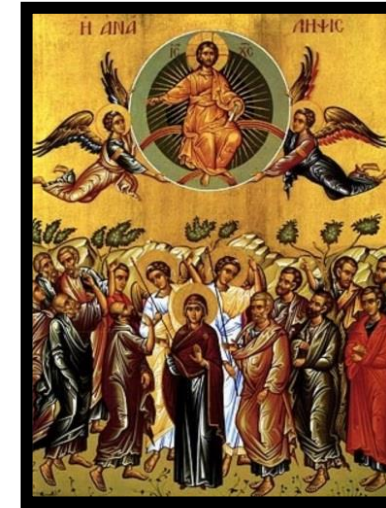


The Gospel of Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But He said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN November 27 – December 4, 2016

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.

Spiritual Reflection

"Poverty is the resignation of cares, life without anxiety, an unencumbered traveler, alienation from sorrow, fidelity to the commandments."

+ St. John Climacus

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 27 Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God, Chrysanthi Vouris (15 years) Coffee fellowship hosted by Despina Taranko, Gloria Theodosopoulos, Fran Clavey Baptism: Evyenia, daughter of George and Jennifer Vlahos Sponsors: Niko Safis and Jane Veracco	13th Sunday of Luke
Monday 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 28 JOY/Jr. GOYA GOYA	
Tuesday 9 a.m. 4:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	November 29 Divine Liturgy Greek School Great Vespers, St. Andrew Church, Chicago	
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 30 Orthros Divine Liturgy Paraklesis & LOGOS	St. Andrew the First Called
Thursday 9 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	December 1 Divine Liturgy Adult Beginner Greek School Philoptochos Christmas Party Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
Saturday 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	December 3 Divine Liturgy Gingerbread Decorating, session 1 Gingerbread Decorating, session 2 Great Vespers @ St. Demetrios, Elmhurst	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 4 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Philoptochos St. Nicholas party for the children	St. Barbara St. John of Damascus

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora: Elaine Stevens & Despina Taranko
Epistle Reader: Frank Kazas
Ministry Greeters: Jayne and Chris Chatzidakis
Ushers: Nick Marino, UIC, Alex Marx Bob Mantzoros. Steve Sintetas, Georgia Tapas, Chris Chatzidakis

Prayer Requests for Health

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS the servants of God: Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Nicholas, Christine, Christy, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Helen, James, Sophia, Connie, Janet

St. Nicholas Feastday Coffee Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, coffee fellowship will be hosted by those in our parish that wish to celebrate or honor a loved one who bears St. Nicholas' name. (Nicholas, Nicole, Nikki, Nick and Nicoletta...) Please bring your platter of fasting goodies, fruit or whatever you wish to share with the parish to the kitchen on Sunday morning. Thank you and Χρόνια Πολλά!

Announcements

- + **NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH** Please submit your 2017 pledge card in the next few weeks either by mail, or by dropping it off at the Church office. Our theme, which we will cultivate in the coming year, is: *As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* We ask for God's blessings as we prayerfully consider how we can serve as the *Voice of Christ in a Changing World* and offer our time, talents and treasures to sustain and enhance the spiritual and bountiful Parish life at Ascension in 2017. Stewardship cards are available in fellowship hall.
- + **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** As we focus on November as stewardship month, our Capital Campaign Committee testimonials will not resume again until December 4th and December 11th. As we look forward to those dates, and if you are interested in sharing with our Parish, your story as to your family's relationship with the Ascension, and what has led you to pledge to the Capital Campaign, please contact someone on the Committee, or Fr. Sotirios. If you have not yet submitted your Pledge card, please look into your hearts and support our fundraising effort. Our goal remains to achieve our financial target with 100% participation of our Parish. Thank you for your support, for a once in a lifetime sacred opportunity, to build a new House of Worship.
- + **THE NATIVITY FAST** takes place November 15—December 24. Fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17. During the Nativity Fast, Ascension has added additional Liturgies and the Sacrament of Holy Unction to help us spiritually prepare for our Lord's birth.
- + **DONATIONS FOR THE NATIVITY SEASON:** During the Nativity Fast, additional Ecclesiastical supplies will be purchased to use in worship and to adorn the Church. We humbly request any contributions to offset these costs. To make a donation, please contact Renee Maltezos in the Church office at 847.482.1200.
- + **JOIN THE MANY FAMILIES** of our Parish in expressing Christmas greetings to all members and friends of our Ascension Church. Return the insert by Wednesday, December 7th to take part in our 2016 Christmas greeting card.
- + **TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY** for taking reservations for the Gingerbread Decorating Event, which takes place next Saturday. If you have not reserved your time slot or your house(s) and you are still interested in joining us, please visit the GOYA table after the Divine Liturgy today, or contact Maria Vlahos at smileygrk@gmail.com.
- + **GALA GOYA VIDEO PROJECT** GOYANs will be filming at tomorrow's meeting. Please let Carol Stamas know by tomorrow morning if you'd like to record your video. (cestamas@comcast.net)
- + **ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION/RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SYMPOSIA:** Metropolitan Iakovos, and the Archons of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, invite the faithful to a Religious Freedom Symposium at St. Andrew in Chicago on November 30, 2016, entitled, "The Ecumenical Patriarchate: The assault over the last 60 years. Will the Church be extinguished in Constantinople?" The presentation will take place after Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Andrew the First-Called. For more information, visit our website.
- + **HOCKEY MANIA STARTS SOON!** Philoptochos is inviting everyone to participate in our 2016 2017 Hockey Mania Fund-raiser, which will start on 12/19 and run for 15 weeks. Tickets will be available after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. This will make a great stocking-stuffer! Please stop by and join us for a fun Hockey season.
- + **FAITH AND JOY** Please join us for our second annual Christmas Party/Mock Lock-In on Friday, December 9th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Ascension. Come in your pjs and bring a comfy blanket to sit on. We will have lots of snacks and watch a festive movie! Please RSVP to faithjoyascension@gmail.com.
- + **THE PAN ORTHODOX CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will take place on Saturday, December 10th at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines, at 6:30 p.m., preceded by Great Vespers at 5 p.m.
- + **SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR SYNAXIS MINI BAZAAR!** Senior Synaxis is holding a mini Christmas Bazaar on December 11th immediately following Divine Liturgy! Please plan to stop by to browse and purchase beautiful homemade Christmas gifts and delicious pastries for family and friends.
- + **SAVE THE DATE: ASCENSION LEGACY GALA:** The time is now to invite family, friends and koumbari to the Ascension Legacy Gala to be held February 4. Invitations will be mailed in coming weeks and tickets will also be available for online purchase beginning December 4. To receive an email reminder when tickets are available, go to www.ascension.com/gala and click on "Tickets".