

### 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.

### 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, 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.

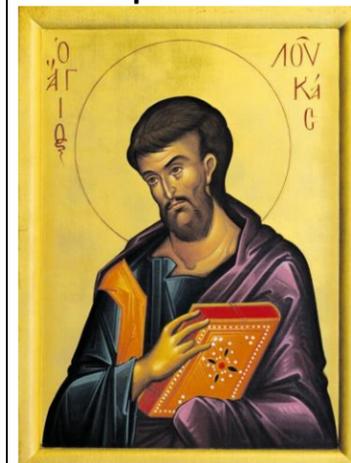
### Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

### The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15.

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

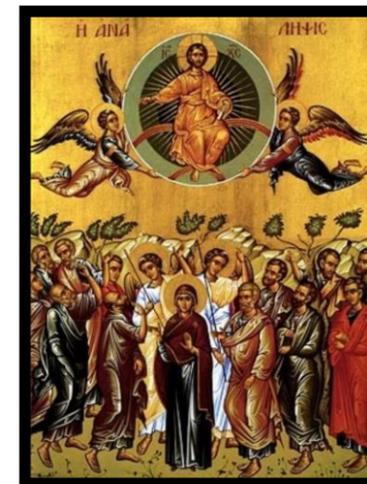
### The Gospel of Luke 19:1-10



At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN January 22 - 29, 2017

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

*"Each of us, my brethren, is a house in which sin dwells while Christ is afar off, and to which salvation comes as Christ draws near. Whether Christ is able or not to draw near to my house and yours depends on us."*

**Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.   6 p.m.	<b>January 22</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God Sophia Demet (6 yrs) Coffee Fellowship hosted by the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday Church School families Sanctity of Life Service, Sts. Peter and Paul OCA, Burr Ridge	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>
<b>Monday</b> 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>January 23</b> JOY/Jr. GOYA GOYA	
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	<b>January 24</b> Clergy Syndesmos @ Annunciation Cathedral Greek School	
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>January 25</b> HOPE Paraklesis and LOGOS	<b>St. Gregory the Theologian</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>January 26</b> Fr. Sotiri serving Liturgy at Greek American Rehab Center	
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m.:	<b>January 29</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Hellenic Letters Luncheon, Chateau Ritz, Niles Great Vespers for Three Hierarchs @ St. Haralambos, Niles	<b>Sunday of the Canaanite</b>

## 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.
- + Prior to receiving Holy Communion, we will recite together the *Prayers Before Receiving Holy Communion* on page 61 in the Divine Liturgy book found in the pew. Following Holy Communion, it is customary for the faithful to silently recite the *Prayers of Thanksgiving*, on page 73.
- + 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.
- + Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or not, please come forward at the dismissal to receive the blessed bread which is offered to everyone who worships with us. May the blessings of Christ be with you.

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Sophie Beris  
**Epistle Reader:** David Rutkowski  
**Ministry Greeters:** Maria and George Karalis  
**Ushers:** UIC Tom Kiriakos, Carol Stamas, Peter Venetos, Diane Sigalos, Tom Vabakos, Steve Demet, Mike Sutherland

## 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, Anthony

## Announcements

- + **STEWARDSHIP** The exercise of Stewardship for an Orthodox Christian is the process of placing all of Creation in its proper perspective. It is the process of establishing the correct set of priorities in a life that is Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, and moving toward the Kingdom of Heaven. We were blessed in 2016 with 309 stewards who pledged and paid \$331,000. To date, the total pledged for 2017 is \$206,300 by 135 families. If you have not yet submitted your 2017 pledge, please do so today!
- + **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** The Capital Campaign Committee is diligently working to achieve our fundraising goal, and, with the current level of pledges and the net cash on hand from our prior capital campaign and fundraisers, we are 69% of the way to our goal. We are excited about our Legacy Gala on February 4th and hope that our Parish family and friends will join us in a wonderful celebration and support our fundraising efforts. We have had a terrific response in the way of ticket reservations and Gala ad book purchases, but there is still time for you to get your reservations in for this milestone event or to purchase an ad in our commemorative ad book! Also, if you have not yet submitted your Capital Campaign Pledge cards, we ask that you please do so at your earliest convenience as our goal remains 100% Parish participation in our capital campaign! If you have any questions, please contact any of the Capital Campaign committee members, or the church office.
- + **THE ASCENSION GALA COMMITTEE REMINDS YOU** to submit your ads to be included in our commemorative ad book, which will feature families, friends and businesses that support our parish at this pivotal time in our history. **The final deadline to submit ads is tomorrow, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Please email Maria Lampros at [MVL101@aol.com](mailto:MVL101@aol.com). You may then follow up with your check and your ad form. Go to [www.ascensiongoc.com/gala](http://www.ascensiongoc.com/gala) to print ad forms, buy tickets or donate. Or visit the Gala table in the narthex following Divine Liturgy. The event will be held February 4 at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, hosted by HGTV's Alison Victoria, with entertainment provided by the Chris Sarlas Orchestra.
- + **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED** – Please consider hosting a coffee fellowship hour after Liturgy. It's simple to do! Information can be found on our website, or in a flyer under the television in fellowship hall. The sign-up list is posted near the coffee serving area. We are still in need of hosts throughout the winter months and thank those who signed up in the past 2 weeks.
- + **HOCKEY MANIA WINNER UPDATES:** Week 4 winners are Byron Garoufalos who won \$25.00; and, Doug Hugdahl who won \$50.00. Congratulations to both of our winners!
- + **ICONOGRAPHY SEMINAR:** A one day seminar on *Orthodox Iconography: Aids to our Salvation* will be held on Saturday, January 28th at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church (733 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago). The event will begin at 10 a.m. All are invited to attend. For more information contact the church office at 312-243-3738.
- + **THE HELLENIC LETTERS LUNCHEON** will take place next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz. Please contact Maria Theodoropulu ([maria-theod@hotmail.com](mailto:maria-theod@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in attending.
- + **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE METROPOLIS:** Metropolis of Chicago Trivia Nite (see below); the Family Synaxis Men's Retreat: February 10-11 (go to <http://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org/mens-retreat> for more info); Mission Team Chicago Benefit Dinner, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines. Details and updates will be posted on our website as they are released.
- + **METROPOLIS TRIVIA NITE:** The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, Department of Religious Education, is hosting "Trivia Nite" at Greek Islands, Lombard, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information on this fundraiser for the Religious Ed department, go to: <https://goo.gl/ZS3XKm>
- + **THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** is currently accepting applications from eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent to support the educational pursuits of exceptional young people. The application deadline is January 31, 2107. Visit [www.panhellenicscholarships.org](http://www.panhellenicscholarships.org) for application information.
- + **CROSSROAD 2016 FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS** is a summer institute hosted at Hellenic College in Boston that connects students with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Early registration deadline is February 1, 2017. Visit [www.CrossRoadInstitute.org](http://www.CrossRoadInstitute.org) for more information.