

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 Joannicius the Great in the Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Joannicius our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 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 Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10.

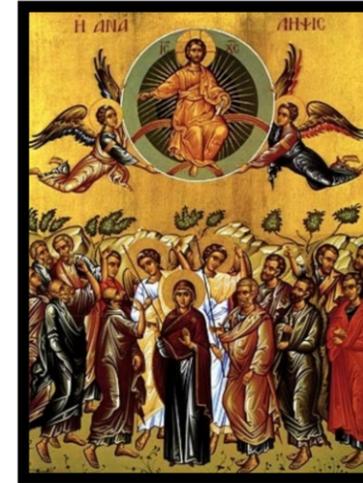
Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming 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 16:19-31



The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN November 4 - 11, 2018

Welcome To Our Visitors

WELCOME TO THE ASCENSION PARISH. Your presence has brought us much joy. We hope your visit is 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

"A modern monk heard it said, and taught his brothers, that money is like manure. Unless it is quickly spread around, it does no good, but scorches and defiles what it covers."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	November 4	5th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Hour hosted by the Kotarinos/Blasco Family 40-Day Blessing for the daughter of George & JoAnna Logothetis	
Monday	November 5	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	
Tuesday	November 6	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School, Daniel Wright Middle School	
7 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday	November 7	
6 a.m.	Encounter the Word Men's Bible Study	
10 a.m.	HOPE meets at St. Sava, Libertyville	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers @ St. Haralambos Church, Niles	
Thursday	November 8	Holy Archangels
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School: Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers @ St. Nektarios, Palatine	
Friday	November 9	St. Nektarios of Pentapolis
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
Saturday	November 10	St. Arsenios of Cappadocia
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
Sunday	November 11	8th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	Stewardship Sunday
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Parish General Assembly	

PARISH PERSPECTIVE

Why are you a Steward at Ascension?

David and Kathie Rutkowski

Luke 12:48 – "To whom much is Given, much is Required"

"Being Stewards of the Ascension of Our Lord shows our commitment to our Church and to our Church family. All of the ministries that Ascension has are wonderful, and we know our stewardship helps support them. Being members of these ministries brings us and our fellow church family members closer together in doing God's work."

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora: Elaine Metropoulos
Epistle Reader: Elaine Simos
Greeter: Julia Economy
Ushers: Nick Marino UIC, Peter Venetos, Frank Kazas, Mia Connolly, David Rutkowski, Steve Sintetas, Andrea Rodgers & Diane Sigalos

Prayer Requests for Health

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS the servants of God: Eleni, George, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Dee, Helen, Sophia, Connie, Janet, Anthony, Fred, Katerini, James, Theresa, Peter, Anna, Ignacio, Kiriaki

2019 STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF ALL HANDS ON DECK!

The first three Sundays of November will mark the beginning of our 2019 Stewardship campaign, with next Sunday, November 11th designated as "Stewardship Sunday." *The call to action is simple for all existing and new stewards of Ascension: Please complete the 2019 Stewardship Pledge Cards that were mailed out earlier this week and bring them with you to church on 11/11.* Ascension is hoping to ascend to new heights in stewardship participation this coming year, both fiscally and with active participation in our thriving ministries. By handing in your completed pledge card on Stewardship Sunday, you will help our parish build strong momentum going into what will be a historic 2019! When the scaffolding comes down at the church construction site, our work as stewards of everything God has bestowed on us continues in earnest. Intervene in 2019 – it's an exciting time to be involved in the heart of this parish; and, the opportunities to work for the glory of God are endless.

Announcements

+ **ATTENTION: NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 THE PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Stewards will receive additional details and an agenda for the General Assembly, which will take place immediately following Divine Liturgy, in the mail this week. Among other important updates, the agenda includes an update on construction progress and construction funding. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

+ **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** To date for 2018 Stewardship, 295 Ascension families have pledged \$354,409. If you have not yet fulfilled your annual pledged amount, please consider doing so now as we are approaching year-end.

+ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – REGISTER NOW** –Jr. GOYA, and GOYA, along with Philoptochos and our Men's Ministry will be participating in a service project at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville on Monday, November 12, where we will hand pack meals that are specially formulated for malnourished children. Please email Carol Stamas (cestamas@comcast.net) as soon as possible with the number of people from your family who will attend. Space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come-first served basis. Note: Jr. GOYA will participate from 6 to 7:30 pm; GOYA from 8-9:30 p.m.

+ **THIS WEDNESDAY: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: ENCOUNTER THE WORD:** Join us this Wednesday morning at the Church house from 6 – 7 a.m. at the Men's Bible Study Group. The topic this week, which will be led by Fr. Sotiri, is *Study the Sunday Gospels: Luke 10: 25-37, the Good Samaritan*. Future sessions this year include: December 5 and 19, both beginning at 6 a.m. Please RSVP to david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com. If you have an Orthodox Study Bible, (or are able to download the Orthodox Study Bible app), please bring it along.

+ **HANDMADE ORTHODOX ADVENT CALENDARS FOR SALE BY SCS:** Do you know which saint was given the name "God-Bearer" because he always had the name of Jesus in his heart and on his lips? How about where the shape of candy canes came from? Find the answers on your family's very own Orthodox Advent calendar. The Sunday Church School will be selling a limited quantity of advent calendars as a Capital Campaign fundraiser. Pick up an educational, interactive, and reusable calendar for \$15 during coffee hour on November 4th and November 11th. A sample will be available for previewing today.

+ **ASCENSION ORTHODOX CATECHISM CLASSES:** Fr. Sotiri is offering an Orthodox Catechism Class that began in early October for all who desire to learn about the faith or take a refresher "Orthodoxy 101" course. Approximately 10 sessions will be held throughout the coming year at the 1221 Riverwoods house. The third session will take place Nov. 17 @ 10:30 am and the last one scheduled in this calendar year will be on December 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Each class will last an hour and a half and builds on previous sessions so participants are encouraged to make a commitment to the entire program. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at 847.482.1200, or email suzannesaric@ascensiongoc.com

+ **THE CHICAGO FAMILY SYNAXIS PARENTING UNIVERSITY PROGRAM PRESENTS: FAITH & WORK** a presentation about how we as Orthodox Christians can live out our faith through our work, no matter our vocation. The program takes place on Friday, November 9th at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines beginning with Paraklesis at 6:15 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. presentation. For more information, visit gocfamilysynaxis.org.

+ **ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER FOR MARTHA AND MARY MATERNITY HOUSE** On Sunday, November 11th beginning at 6 pm at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines, a dinner will be held to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and ask for continued blessings on the Martha and Mary Maternity House, a program which offers emotional and spiritual support for expectant mothers who find themselves without a good safe home through pregnancy. Tickets are \$40. Call 317.709.0168 for more information and to RSVP.

+ **THE NOVEMBER SENIOR SYNAXIS GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Thursday, November 15th at 10:30 a.m. at LightSource Unlimited, 980 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Vernon Hills. Join us for a light lunch and movie. Please RSVP by November 9th to Elaine Beck at 847.367.5227.

+ **THE ST. DEMETRIOS LIBERTYVILLE FALL FOOD FEST** takes place Thursday, November 8 and Friday, November 9 at the church from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. featuring authentic Greek Cuisine and Homemade Greek Pastries! For more information, call the church at 224.513.5530.