

### **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 Anthony the Great in the Fourth Mode**

Emulating the ways of Elias the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, thou madest of the wilderness a city, and didst support the world by thy prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

### **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, 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 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 Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21.**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Gospel of Luke 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

## Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church



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### **WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**January 17 - 24, 2016**

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**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** – *“I saw the snares of the devil all over the world, and I said, How can one possibly avoid them?” And I heard a voice saying, “Humility!”*

**- St. Anthony the Great**

## Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church

Jan 17 - 24, 2016

### **Sunday**      **January 17**      **St. Anthony the Great**

8:15 a.m.      Orthros  
9:15 a.m.      Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m.      Divine Liturgy  
Memorials:      Memorial Service for the souls of the servants of God: Polixeni Papoulis (40 day) and Sophie Demet (5 yrs)

*Coffee Fellowship hosted by The Demet Family*

4:30-6:30 p.m.      Philoptochos "Heart Health Meeting" with Featured Speaker immediately following Liturgy  
"Dive for the Cross" event at the Highland Park Rec Center

### **Monday**      **January 18**      **St. Athanasios the Great**

8:15 a.m.      Orthros  
9:15 a.m.      Divine Liturgy

*Church Office Closed*

### **Tuesday**      **January 19**

4:45 p.m.      Greek School

### **Wednesday**      **January 20**      **St. Euthymios the Great**

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

### **Thursday**      **January 21**

10:30 a.m.      Senior Synaxis General Meeting & Vasilopita Cutting  
6:15 p.m.      Adult Beginner Greek School  
7:45 p.m.      Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School

### **Saturday**      **January 23**

10:30 a.m.      Baptism: Michael, son of Andreas and Georgia Sambanis Sponsors: Dino and Katie Kazas  
5 p.m.      Vespers

### **Sunday**      **January 24**      **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

8:15 a.m.      Orthros  
9:15 a.m.      Sunday Church School  
9:30 a.m.      Divine Liturgy

### **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.

### **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 proceed 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.

+      **OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING** are for the soul of the servant of God, Sophie Demet, beloved wife of Nicholas and beloved mother of Steven (Maria). May her memory be eternal.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

+      **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WERE VOTED IN AS OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017:** President - Thomas S. Kiriakos; Vice-President - Nick Marino; 2nd Vice President - Harold V. Anagnos; Treasurer - Doug Hugdahl; Asst. Treasurer - David Rutkowski; Asst. Treasurer, Capital Campaign - Tom Papastefan; Secretary - Diane Sigalos

+      **OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN "OUR FAITH...OUR CHURCH...OUR LEGACY" IS NOW UNDERWAY!** – Interested in learning more about our fundraising plans? Sign up for one of three informational meetings. The sign up table will be in the fellowship area following church services. You may also contact Fr. Sotiri at the Church office 847.482.1200; or Mia Connolly at 727.415.6277 / [Miaps@aol.com](mailto:Miaps@aol.com). Please note that space may be limited.

+      **PHILOPTOCHOS WOULD LIKE TO THANK** our parish for the thoughtful donations benefiting St. Basil Academy and IOCC's refugee relief efforts last week after the Vasilopita cutting. We will be sending checks totaling \$2,000 to these worthy organizations due to your generous contributions.

+      **WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR 2016 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD AND COMPLETE YOUR 2015 STEWARD OFFERING** either by mail, or by dropping it off at the Church office. Ascension's stewardship theme, which we will cultivate in the coming year, is: ***Open Your Heart: Giving time, talent, treasure for the Glory of God.*** We ask for God's blessings as we prayerfully consider the time, talents and treasures we can share to sustain and enhance the spiritual and bountiful Parish life at Ascension in 2016. Pledge cards are available at the Pangari.

+      **STEWARDS: PLEASE TAKE HOME YOUR 2016 CALENDARS AND SCRIPTURE CARDS** on your way out of Church today. They are located on a table near the entrance.

+      **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you know someone who is in a nursing home or is home-bound, and they would like Fr. Sotiri to visit them, please contact the church office.

+      **SAVE THE DATE! ASCENSION OF OUR LORD'S ANNUAL APOKREATIKO GLENDI** will be held on **Sunday March 6, 2016** at the *Concorde Banquets in Kildeer, IL*. There will be dinner, dancing, games and fun for all!

+      **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:** Annual March for Life Chicago: *January 17 @ 2 p.m.* at Federal Plaza (see website for more information); Senior Synaxis Meeting: *January 21*; Sanctity of Life Pan Orthodox Prayer Service: *January 24<sup>th</sup>*. Stay tuned for more information.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

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