

Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

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The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

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Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

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.

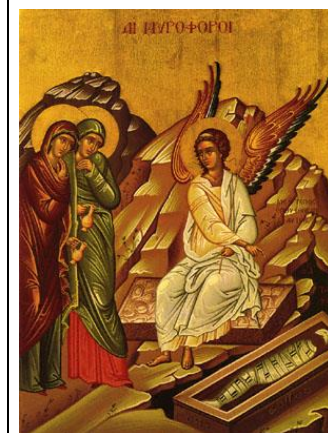
Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7.

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Gospel of Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8



At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Resurrection Hymn

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christos anesti eknekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

May 15 - 22

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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

"It's hard to pray at night, but try in the morning. If you can't manage to pray at home, then at least as you ride to your place of employment attempt, with a clear head, the 'Our Father' and let the words of this short prayer resound in your heart. And at night commend yourself with complete sincerity into the hands of the Heavenly Father. This indeed is very easy."

St. John Maximovich

Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. | May 15 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Memorial Services for George Mermeridis (40 days); Ted Zahareas (6 months) and Stella Zahareas (1 yr) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Senior Synaxis General Assembly | Sunday of The Myrrh Bearers |
| Monday 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | May 16 JOY/Jr. GOYA GOYA | |
| Tuesday 4:45 p.m. 7 p.m. | May 17 Greek School Parish Council Meeting | |
| Wednesday 7 p.m. | May 18 Stewardship Committee Meeting | |
| Thursday 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m. | May 19 Adult Beginner Greek School Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School | |
| Friday 7 p.m. | May 20 Great Vespers @ SS Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills | |
| Saturday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 2 p.m. 5 p.m. | May 21 Orthros Divine Liturgy Wedding: Emily Tyler and Chris Murphy Sponsors: George Aslanidis and Leonidas Aslanidis Vespers | SS Constantine & Helen |
| Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. | May 22 Orthros Sunday Church School (last class) Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Recognition Program Coffee Fellowship Baptism: Katerina, daughter of Gregory & Mary Lazariotis Sponsors: Angelo & Stacy Zografos | Sunday of The Paralytic |

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Despina Taranko & Mary Greub
FOS Ministry Greeters: Marcia and Eric Moore
Epistle Reader: David Rutkowski
Ushers: UIC Peter Venetos, Tom Kiriakos, Nick Marino, Alex Marx, Mia Connolly, David Rutkowski


Condolences

OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING are for the soul of the servant of God, George Mermeridis, beloved brother of Maria Zoulas and uncle of Iliana Anthimiades and Katherine Schreiber. We also extend our condolences to the family of Ted Zahareas and Stella Zahareas, beloved brother and sister of Mary Drinis. May their memory be eternal.

Prayer Requests for Health

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

Memorial Hymn

 Beginning this Sunday, this Memorial Hymn will be chanted before the Apolytikion of Our Church when we have a Memorial Service:

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

Announcements

- + **CHRISTOS ANESTI! MAY OUR RISEN LORD** continue to bless Ascension of Our Lord and each and every member of our Parish. We thank you most sincerely for all of your monetary donations as well as the contributions of time and creative talent you gave to our beloved Ascension throughout Great Lent and Holy Week.
- + **OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES TO** Tom Vabakos whose beloved father, Paul Vabakos, fell asleep in the Lord this past Thursday. His visitation will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at Ascension of Our Lord at 9:30 a.m. until the time of his funeral service at 10:30 a.m. May his memory be eternal.
- + **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY!** Please plan to attend this important meeting immediately following the Divine Liturgy.
- + **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN "Our Faith...Our Church...Our Legacy"** The committee will give a progress update at the General Assembly meeting today, immediately following Church services. Please remember, even if you have pledged in the prior 2007 campaign, we ask that you submit a new 2016 pledge card, confirming the 2007 information. We understand that this is a serious family commitment, but we ask that you look into your hearts and make a pledge to the best of your ability. With the support of our entire Parish community, we will be able to reach our goal. Please contact Fr. Sotiri at the Church office at 847.482.1200, or by email at frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com
- + **ASCENSION PARTICIPATES IN ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL:** On Saturday, May 7th, two of our Jr. GOYANS and two of our GOYANS represented our church at the 33rd annual Oratorical Festival, hosted this year by St. Nicholas in Oak Lawn. In all, Ascension entered two thought-provoking essays and two beautifully written icons. In addition, a member of our Parish Council served as a judge. Well done!
- + **REMINDER: NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL UNTIL THE FALL.** Our Sunday Church School year concludes next Sunday, May 22nd, with a presentation immediately following Liturgy. Please note that OCMC Coin boxes are due in the office this week.
- + **JR. OLYMPICS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!** Come support Team Ascension over Memorial Day weekend at SS Constantine and Helen (Palos Hills). T-shirts, the same neon yellow shirts will be worn this year. If you or your child need to order a new shirt, please email or speak to Esther Tegel, etegel2@gmail.com. Orders will be placed on the 16th of May. More information, including a schedule of events, is available on our website.
- + **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE ST. DEMETRIOS SPRING GREEK FEST** Enjoy traditional Greek cuisine and homemade Greek pastries today from noon – 8 in the St. Demetrios, Libertyville, Church Hall, 1400 N. O'Plaine Rd. For more information, call St. Demetrios at 224.513-5530.
- + **TRISAGION SERVICES ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH (MEMORIAL DAY)** – Please note that Fr. Sotiri will conduct a Trisagion Service again this year at two local cemeteries: Ridgewood cemetery (DesPlaines) at 9:00 a.m.; and, Memorial Park (Skokie) at 10:30 a.m. Please meet Father at the entrance gate of each cemetery.
- + **GRADUATE SUNDAY WILL BE JUNE 12th, SAVE THE DATE!** Is someone in your house reaching a graduation milestone this year? Ascension's annual graduate tribute will take place on Sunday, June 12^h, following the Divine Liturgy. Please call the church office no later than Wednesday, June 8th to submit the name(s) of your graduate(s) from Elementary School, High School, College, Graduate or Post-Graduate programs so they may be recognized on that day. Thank you.
- + **DON'T MISS THE 2016 ASCENSION GOLF OUTING:** The Koinonia Men's Ministry will be hosting the annual Ascension Golf Outing and Family Dinner on Friday, June 24th, at the Deerfield Golf Course. Please see the insert or go to the Men's Ministry webpage @ www.ascensiongoc.com to register.