

### 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 Sun. of the 7th Ecumenical Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, 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, 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 Titus 3:8-15.

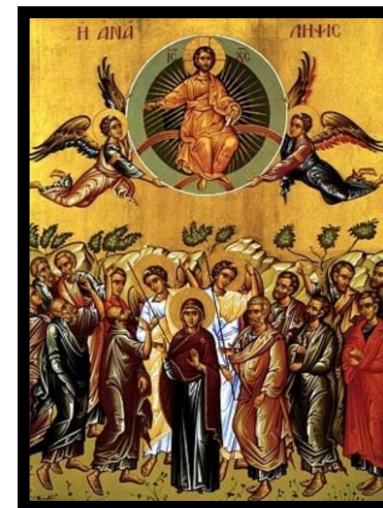
TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

### The Gospel of Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As He said these things, He cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 16 - 23

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

*"Temptations come so that hidden passions may be revealed and so that it will be possible to fight them, and so that the soul may be rid of them. They are also a sign of God's mercy. So give yourself with trust into God's hands and ask His help, so that He will strengthen you in your struggle. God knows how much each one can bear and allows temptations according to the measure of our strength. Remember that after temptation comes spiritual joy, and that the Lord protects them that endure temptations and suffering for the sake of His love."*

+ St. Nektarios of Aegina

## Weekly Calendar

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 16</b>  | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</b> |
| 8:15 a.m.        | Orthros  |  |
| 9:15 a.m.        | Sunday Church School   |  |
| 9:30 a.m.        | Divine Liturgy   |  |
|                  | Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God, Stavroula Gekas (40 days)   |  |
|                  | Coffee Fellowship hosted by the families of the 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Sunday Church School class |  |
| 3:30 p.m.        | Aimilianos, son of Fr. Sotiri & Presvytera Stefanie Malamis  |  |
|                  | Sponsor: Presvytera Katerina Kounavis  |  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>October 17</b>  |  |
| 5:45 p.m.        | JOY/Jr. GOYA   |  |
| 7:30 p.m.        | GOYA (Meet at Red Robin)   |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>October 18</b>  | <b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b>           |
| 8:15 a.m.        | Orthros  |  |
| 9:15 a.m.        | Divine Liturgy   |  |
| 4:45 p.m.        | Greek School   |  |
| 7 p.m.           | Parish Council Meeting   |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>October 19</b>  |  |
| 10 a.m.          | HOPE (Meet at Didier Farms)  |  |
| 6:30 p.m.        | Paraklesis & LOGOS   |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>October 20</b>  |  |
| 10 a.m.          | Father serving Liturgy @ Greek American Rehab Center   |  |
| 6:15 p.m.        | Adult Beginner Greek School  |  |
| 7 p.m.           | Stewardship Committee Meeting  |  |
| 7:45 p.m.        | Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School   |  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>October 21</b>  |  |
| 11 a.m.          | Senior Synaxis Event @ Chandlers Restaurant, Schaumburg  |  |
| 6:30 p.m.        | Faith/Joy  |  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>October 22</b>  |  |
| 10:30 a.m.       | Baptism: Dimitrios, son of Nathan and Evangelia.   |  |
|                  | Sponsor: Arhondo Nikolaou  |  |
| 7 p.m.           | Great Vespers, St. Iakovos Church, Valpariaso, IN  |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 23</b>  | <b>St. Iakovos</b>                       |
| 8:15 a.m.        | Orthros  | <b>National Leadership 100 Sunday</b>    |
| 9:15 a.m.        | Sunday Church School   |  |
| 9:30 a.m.        | Divine Liturgy   |  |
|                  | Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God, Lew Dumas (40 Days)   |  |
| 1 p.m.           | Baptism: Ioannis Sotirios, son of Stella and Sotirios Papadimitriou  |  |
|                  | Sponsors: Staci and George Costopoulos   |  |

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Despina Taranko & Tasia Alexakos

**Epistle Reader:** Jim Anast

**Ministry Greeters:** Despina and Gerry Taranko

**Ushers: UIC: Tom Kiriakos,** Peter Venetos, Bill Athenson, Carol Stamas, Mia Connolly, Bill Smirles, Steve Sintetas, Diane Sigalos

## 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

## Condolences

+ Our deepest sympathies to Robert (Violetta) Buhler, whose father Robert "Bob" Buhler fell asleep in the Lord on October 6<sup>th</sup>. His funeral service was held yesterday in Racine, WI. May his memory be eternal.

+ We also extend our sincere condolences to Karen (Michael) Dolin whose father, Dr. Emanuel Kostas, fell asleep in the Lord on October 6<sup>th</sup>. His funeral service was held yesterday in Charleston, West Virginia. May his memory be eternal.

## Announcements

+ **WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH** the V. Rev. Fr. Anastasios Tasopoulos, who is visiting with us from Athens, Greece. Fr. Anastasios is the Chancellor of the Metropolis of Kaisariani as well as the dean of the St. Nicholas Cathedral in Kaisariani.

+ **BOOKSTORE NEWS:** We've marked down some of our titles by 50%! Titles include *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home* and *The Encyclopedia of Major Saints and Fathers of the Orthodox Church*. Stop by the bookstore and check them out. Also, if you are interested in helping staff the bookstore after Liturgy on Sundays, please contact Caity Anast at [anast1028@gmail.com](mailto:anast1028@gmail.com).

+ **SENIOR SYNAXIS IS SELLING THEIR POPULAR COOKBOOK AGAIN!** Copies of "Taste & See" a collection of wonderful recipes by our very own Senior Synaxis members will be on sale at our bookstore for \$10 after Liturgy.

+ **WE NEED YOUR HELP** – Please consider hosting a coffee fellowship hour after Liturgy. It is simple to do! See the insert for more details. Thank you.

+ **INTERESTED IN PLAYING ON AN ASCENSION BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM?** The season begins at the end of October. Games will take place at varying Churches throughout the Chicago Metropolis. Please contact Fr. Sotiri by October 14th if you are interested, as we are currently exploring the feasibility of this idea.

+ **METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS FEAST DAY DINNER** - The Annual Feast Day Dinner to honor our Spiritual Father, His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, will take place on Thursday, October 27th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park, Illinois, and is hosted by The Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$100 and reservations may be made with Renee in the Church Office. If you unable to attend but would like to make a donation you may also do so through the church office. Proceeds raised will benefit the ministries of the Clergy Syndesmos, as well as the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

+ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: THE ASCENSION LEGACY GALA**, a groundbreaking celebration and momentous event in the life of our church, will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort. The exciting details will be revealed in coming weeks at [www.ascensiongoc.com/gala](http://www.ascensiongoc.com/gala). Want to get involved? Your help is appreciated. Contact co-chairs Marcia Moore ([Marcia.moore1780@gmail.com](mailto:Marcia.moore1780@gmail.com)) or Amy Tsarwhas ([tsarwhas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsarwhas@sbcglobal.net)).

+ **"UNCOMPROMISING FAITH IN COMPROMISING TIMES"** St. Demetrios Church in Elmhurst is pleased to host speaker Fr. Evan Armatas, who will present this relevant topic at a retreat this Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fr. Armatas is the host of *Orthodoxy Live* on Ancient Faith Radio and founder of the St. Nektarios Education Fund. Reservations are required by tomorrow, Monday, October 17th. Please contact Eleni in the Church Office at [saintdemetriosoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriosoffice@gmail.com) or 630.834.7010. The cost is \$15 per person.

+ **CELEBRATORY THANKSGIVING DINNER IN HONOR OF MARTHA AND MARY MATERNITY HOUSE** On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm at St. Demetrios in Elmhurst, 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.