

## Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted 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, 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 Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

### The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11.

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### The Reading is from Matthew 19:16-26



At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN August 27 – September 3, 2017

### 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

*"Don't forget: always light a candle in church 'for those who are sick and those who are travelling.'"*

**Abbess Garrilia**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>August 27</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by Tasia Alexakos and Family	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>St. Phanourios the Great</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 29</b> <i>Services @ St. John the Baptist (today a Strict Fast is observed)</i>	<b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>August 31</b> Greek School Teachers' Meeting @ home south of church that Ascension rented	
<b>Friday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy followed by Agiasmos	<b>Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>September 3</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship	<b>13<sup>h</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b>

+ **ANNOUNCING OUR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2017!** With great joy, we announce that on **Sunday, September 10, 2017**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, we will be "breaking ground" and performing the *Agiasmos* (Blessing of the Waters) where our new church will be built. Orthros will begin at 8:15 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. At the end of the service, we will process outside to the site where our new Parish home will be built and commence our groundbreaking ceremonies as a unified parish family. As we move to the start of our construction, we are informing you that **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, will be the last Divine Liturgy in our existing house of worship. Beginning on Sunday, September 17, 2017, our Divine Services, as well as Sunday Church School, will be held at Daniel Wright Junior High School** located at 1370 N. Riverwoods Road in Lincolnshire (just a few blocks south of our church). Please hold September 10<sup>th</sup> dear to your heart and make every effort to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, where the symbolic first step will be taken to break ground and begin cultivating our Parish's new foundation.

### + **WHERE WILL EVERYTHING TAKE PLACE WHILE OUR NEW CHURCH IS BEING BUILT?**

As stated above, effective 9/17, Sunday Orthros and Divine Liturgy Services, as well as Sunday Church School, will take place at Daniel Wright Middle School, 1370 Riverwoods Rd., Lincolnshire. Tuesday evening Greek School classes will also take place at Daniel Wright School, beginning September 11th. Ministry Meetings and Thursday evening Adult Greek School, effective the week of 9/11, will take place at the home that Ascension rented just south of the church: 1221 Riverwoods Rd., Lake Forest, unless otherwise noted. Mail should continue to be directed to our current address: 1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Updates will always be posted on our website, [www.ascensiongoc.com](http://www.ascensiongoc.com). Please check it often to stay informed.

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora Bakers:** Sophia Metropulos & Anastasia Anton  
**Epistle Reader:** David Rutkowski  
**Ministry Greeters:** Andrea & Doug Rogers  
**Ushers:** Nick Marino (UIC), Peter Venetos, Mia Connolly, Alex Marx, Mike Sutherland, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski

## Prayer Requests for Health

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS** the servants of God: Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Dee, Helen, Sophia, Connie, Janet, Anthony, Fred, James, Katerini

## Condolences

Today during Liturgy we will be offering prayers for the soul of the servant of God, Lucia Aurora Gurgui, mother of Oltea Gurgui, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. May her memory be eternal.

## Announcements

+ **THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE** has identified additional major donor naming opportunities and has re-worked others: the foyer (\$150,000), the gallery (\$150,000), and the Adult Baptismal Font (\$75,000). These, together with our remaining major donor naming opportunities, which include the Nave (\$500,000), the kitchen (\$250,000), landscaping (\$150,000), and a classroom (\$75,000), are now shown on an updated board located in the Narthex. Also, our other remaining donation opportunities are Pews (\$10,000), but there is only one Pew yet to be donated, and Personalized Brick Pavers (\$1,000). Please act fast as we are now approximately 80% of the way to our goal of remaining debt-free and building without any borrowing. If you would like to avail yourself of one of the remaining major donor naming opportunities or to donate towards any of these other remaining Donation Opportunities, please contact Fr. Sotirios in the church office at 847-482-1200 or email at [frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com](mailto:frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com)

+ **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ASCENSION'S SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS), GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM AND YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS:** Information and registration for all of our youth ministries (HOPE, Faith/Joy, JOY/Jr. GOYA, GOYA, Acolytes, Sunday Church School and Greek School) can be found on our website at [www.ascensiongoc.com](http://www.ascensiongoc.com), or call the office for more information and registration materials. **Please note that the first day of SCS is now Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, and most of our other ministries commence the week of September 11th. In an effort to "go green" and reduce costs, registration forms will not be mailed again this year. We encourage you to visit the website and register as soon as possible to secure enrollment so we can adequately prepare for classes prior to the first day. Also, tuition payments (if applicable) should be made on or before the first day of class (payment details are set forth in the registration material).

+ **INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ASCENSION'S GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM?** Attend the open house meetings that have been arranged to showcase this enriching, multi-faceted program! The Tuesday evening program for children ages 4-15 will hold its open house on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Daniel Wright Middle School; and the Thursday evening program for Adults/Adolescents will host its open house on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the house that Ascension rented just south of the church, 1221 Riverwoods Road. For more information, visit our website.

+ **OLIVE OIL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY** We at The Ascension have the opportunity to participate in a Metropolis initiated fundraising project to benefit our building fund, the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center and the Orthodox chapels on the island Strogili Megisti near the Turkish coast. We had a total of 504- ¾ liter very attractive bottles of cold pressed extra-virgin olive oil. It is pressed within 24 hours of harvesting at the Viannos Village in Crete. A bottle goes for a \$15.00 donation, 4 for \$50.00 and a case of 12 at \$150.00. The Ascension keeps \$6.00 a bottle; the importer donates \$1.00 a bottle to the Retreat Center; and, the producer undertakes the maintenance of the chapels on the island. The quantity is limited, as we have sold almost 400 bottles. Please contact the office or see Harold Anagnos or Diane Sigalos, who are managing this project for the community.

+ **LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT:** Join other Orthodox families at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Wisconsin, September 1-3, for a fun-filled time reconnecting with your family and reconnecting with God. Retreat leader Fr. Stephen Freeman, a priest, author, blogger and podcaster (learn more at [GloryToGodForAllThings.com](http://GloryToGodForAllThings.com)), will present workshops on the theme Living the Mystery. Children's workshops will also be provided, as will childcare for babies. Find more information and register online at [www.GOCFamilySynaxis.org](http://www.GOCFamilySynaxis.org) or email: [Chicago.Family.Synaxis@gmail.com](mailto:Chicago.Family.Synaxis@gmail.com)

+ **THE PARISH GOLF OUTING & DINNER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED** Ascension's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Golf Outing and Dinner has been rescheduled for *Friday, September 15 at Deerfield Golf Club*. Register now on the Koinonia Men's Ministry webpage on the Ascension website (hard copies of the registration form can also be downloaded from the webpage, printed and turned into the office). **Registration deadline is Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please see insert and visit our website for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

+ **UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS:** The final Greek festival of the summer takes place Sept. 8 – 10 at SS. Athanasios & John, Chicago