

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 for Afterfeast of the Dormition in the First Mode

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

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

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to 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 Gospel of 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

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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

“Rise from love of the world and love of pleasure. Put care aside, strip your mind, refuse your body. Prayer, after all, is a turning away from the world, visible and invisible. What have I in heaven? Nothing except simply to cling always to You in undistracted prayer. Wealth pleases some, glory others, possessions others, but what I want is to cling to God and to put the hopes of my dispassion in Him.”

St. John Climacus

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	August 19	12th Sunday of Matthew
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Maureen Patouhas, Dee Christ and Vaso Kontogiannis	
	Chanting practice following Liturgy	
2 p.m.	Baptism: Elias, son of Andrew & Christina McCloud	
	<i>Sponsor: Athanasia Valis</i>	
Monday	August 20	
6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting	
Tuesday	August 21	
7 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday	August 22	
6:30 p.m.	Sunday Church School Teachers' Meeting	
Saturday	August 25	
5 p.m.	Vespers @ 1221 House Chapel	
Sunday	August 26	13th Sunday of Matthew
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship	

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Elaine Stevens & Despina Taranko
Epistle Reader: Caity Anast
Greeters: Andrea & Doug Rogers
Ushers: Bill Athenson UIC, Tom Papastefan, Carol Stamas, Peter Venetos, David Rutkowski, Mike Sutherland, Frank Kazas.

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, Andrew

Announcements

+ **THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PHANOURIOS FALLS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27.** In honor of this popular Feast Day, Father will be blessing Phanouropita following Divine Liturgy next Sunday, August 26. If you or your families keep the tradition of baking a loaf of sweet bread in memory of St. Phanourios and his mother, please bring it to church next Sunday and hand it to an usher who will place it on the altar for blessing following services.

+ **ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ASCENSION'S SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS) AND GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAMS** Visit the ministry tab on our website at www.ascensiongoc.com, or call the office for more information and registration materials. **The first day of SCS is Sunday, September 9, 2018 and the Tuesday and Thursday Greek School programs begin the week of September 10th.** We encourage you to register as soon as possible to secure enrollment so we can adequately prepare for classes prior to the first day.

+ **WEEKLY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH UPDATES** In an ongoing effort to keep our parish community up to date on our construction project as well as communicate weekly parish news and events, Ascension frequently sends emails to all members who are subscribed on our electronic mailing list. If you aren't receiving updates most every Friday, visit Ascension's homepage at www.ascensiongoc.com and click on the "Join Our Email List" graphic to sign up to receive these important communication updates. Thank you!

+ **SAVE THE DATE: ASCENSION'S ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC** will take place on Sunday, September 9th, immediately following Liturgy! This picnic will again take place on the grounds of Banner Camp, just north of the Church. Don't miss this wonderful way to kick off the new Ecclesiastical Year with parish family & friends, while enjoying the delicious menu served by our hosts, the Koinonia Men's Ministry.

+ **MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT: RSVP BY 9/9** The first annual Men's Ministry Retreat, hosted by Koinonia Men's Ministry, will take place on Saturday, September 15th at 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI. The theme of the retreat, which is open to all men of Ascension, is *Becoming Better Husbands, Fathers, Brothers and Friends*, and our featured speakers will be Fr. Sotirios and Fr. Grenaias. Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$50. Please RSVP by September 9th. For more information, contact David Rutkowski at 847-650-0559.

+ **THE METROPOLIS GREAT VESPERS SERVICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT** will take place at SS Peter and Paul on August 31st at 7 p.m. Following Great Vespers and an evening prayer service for the protection of the environment, speakers Sr. Dawn Nothwehr and Jake Barnett will speak about the moral imperative necessary to mitigate climate change and environmental degradation. See insert for more information about this program, which is being offered in tandem with the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago.

+ **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND CHICAGO FAMILY SYNAXIS RETREAT:** This year's retreat leader, Dr. Philip Mamalakis, author of the book "Parenting Toward the Kingdom", a professor, family therapist and father of 7 will present workshops on the theme *The Vocation of Parenthood*. Sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago, the retreat takes place August 31 – September 2 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center and will offer "a great way to reconnect with your family and connect your family with God." Find more information and register online at: <https://sites.google.com/view/chicagofamilysynaxis/2018-labor-day-weekend-retreat>

+ **INTERESTED IN LEARNING BYZANTINE ECCLESIASTICAL MUSIC?** The Metropolis is offering a 12-session course for men, women, boys and girls beginning on September 22nd. Classes will meet on Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. at Holy Apostles Church. Cost for the fall semester is \$150. Our very own Fr. Sotiri has been instrumental in both creating and offering this program. See insert for more information.

+ **UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS: Support our local Metropolis Churches and celebrate summer Greek-style!**
 August 17 – 18: SS. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills
 August 24 – 26: Taste of Greektown, Halsted Street

YOUTH MINISTRY START-DATES

+ September 1st marks the beginning of a new Ecclesiastical year and the start of our 2018/19 vibrant ministry programs! Registration is currently open for all of our youth programs. For more information, please visit the Ministry tab on our website at www.ascensiongoc.com/parish-ministries. Registration information can also be found on each ministry's webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 847.482.1200.

Sunday Church School:	September 9
Greek School:	September 11: Youth Program September 13: Adults/Adolescents
GOYA:	September 10
Jr. GOYA:	September 17
FAITH/JOY	September 21
HOPE:	September 26
Acolytes:	Ongoing
Orthodox Campus Fellowship	Ongoing