

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Martyrs Adrian and Natalie in the Third Mode

Thou didst deem that Faith which hath salvation to be riches never lost or plundered. Thou forsookest thy fathers' impiety, and thou didst follow thy Master, becoming rich in His divine gifts, O glorious Adrian. With the godly-minded Natalie, who emboldened thee, entreat Christ God, O Martyr, that our souls be saved.

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 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 16:13-24.

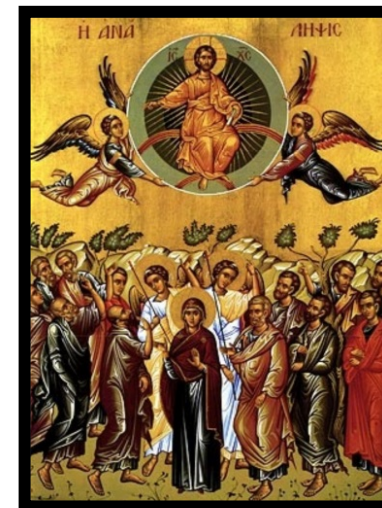
Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42



The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN August 26 - September 2, 2018

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 be too attached to earthly things. Look above, to Paradise and to Him Who's waiting for you. And you should know that we won't achieve anything by ourselves. The Grace of God will help us."

Elder Amvrosios Lazaris

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	August 26	<u>13th Sunday of Matthew</u>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Blessing of Phanouropitas Coffee Fellowship hosted by Tasia Alexakos & Family	
Monday	August 27	<u>ST. PHANOURIOS THE GREAT</u>
8 a.m.	Orthros @ 1221 House	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
Wednesday	August 29	<u>BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</u>
<i>Services held at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines</i>		
Thursday	August 30	<u>ST. ALEXANDER</u>
Saturday	September 1	<u>BEGINNING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR</u>
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy with Agiasmos	
5 p.m.	Vespers @ 1221 House Chapel	
Sunday	September 2	<u>14th Sunday of Matthew</u>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship	

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora: Tasia Alexakos & Anastasia Anton
Epistle Reader: James Facklis
Ushers: Carol Stamas (UIC), Demetri Katsulis, Doug Hugdahl, Nick Marino, Peter Venetos, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski, Chris Chatzidakis

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

Announcements

+ **OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** to the family of Mary Korompilas, loving wife of the late Nick Korompilas, and mother of Dr. Louis and Dr. Michael (Deborah) Korompilas, who fell asleep in the Lord this past Tuesday, August 21st. Her funeral was held on Thursday at Holy Apostles. We pray that God grant His servant Mary eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. May her memory be eternal.

+ **THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PHANOURIOS IS TOMORROW, MONDAY, AUGUST 27.** Orthros and Divine Liturgy will take place in the chapel at the church home. In honor of this popular Feast Day, Father will be blessing Phanouropita following Divine Liturgy today. May St. Phanourios continue to intercede for all of us, especially when we are searching for something.

+ **RECRUITING ALTAR BOYS:** All Orthodox young men and/or boys 10 years and older are invited to participate in the sacred privilege of serving in the altar. Altar boys must have a teachable spirit, demonstrate respect for liturgical tradition and commit to serving consistently. If your son is interested in participating in this formational year-round ministry, please contact Pete Metropoulos at metro821@yahoo.com. A workshop, followed by lunch at Red Robin generously donated by a parishioner, will take place for all altar boys on September 23rd.

+ **OUR SENIOR SYNAXIS MINISTRY INVITES MEMBERS AND FAMILIES TO THEIR NEXT MINISTRY GATHERING: FABULOUS FOX RIVER LUNCHEON,** which will take place on September 20, 2019, beginning at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$67 per person to cruise the Fox River and have lunch aboard a replica steamboat paddle wheeler. Please RSVP before September 5th to Elaine Beck, 847.367.5227.

+ **METROPOLIS STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE:** His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael has as one of his priorities to carry out a new and energetic Strategic Planning process that will ensure a fruitful future for the Metropolis of Chicago, its parishes and all its people. His Eminence asks that we please take the time to read the enclosed details of this plan and to give good thought to the action item (SWOT analysis). Responses can be either emailed or sent directly to the Metropolis (details in the insert). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

+ **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. Visit the "News" tab on our website for more information about this program, which is being offered in tandem with the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago.

+ **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. Visit the "News" tab on our website for more information.

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 ministries. 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
Koinonia Men's Ministry	September 9
Greek School:	September 11: Youth Program September 13: Adults/Adolescents
GOYA:	September 10
Jr. GOYA:	September 17
Philoptochos	September 20
Senior Synaxis	September 20
FAITH/JOY	September 21
HOPE:	September 26
Marriage Ministry	September 28
Acolytes:	Ongoing
Orthodox Campus Fellowship	Ongoing
Stewardship	Ongoing