

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Sun. of the Holy Fathers 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 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.

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 Matthew 5:14-19



The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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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

"The newspapers in heaven write about everything that happen here, both the good and the bad. The faithful should be simple in their actions, and pure in their thoughts and feelings. They should seek God with a pure heart, and meet Him in simplicity, because a pure heart passes easily through the gates of heaven."

Elder Amfilohios Makris

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	July 15	<u>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</u>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God: Christine Kircos (1 yr) and Louis Plevritis (5 yrs) Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Kircos/Saric Family and the Georgia Plevritis Family
Sunday	July 22	<u>8th Sunday of Matthew</u>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Coffee Fellowship

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 553, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine; and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm.

Source: *Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, www.goarch.org*

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Despina Taranko & Tasia Alexakos
Epistle Reader: Thomas Poulakidas
Greeters: Debbie and Demetri Katsulis
Ushers: Nick Marino (UIC), Doug Hugdahl, Tom Papastefan, Carol Stamas, Frank Kazas, Demetri Katsulis, Steve Demet, Mike Sutherland

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, Don, Nace

Announcements

+ **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to the family of Louise Athens, devoted mother of Jackie (Alex James) Athens and Paul (Kellee) Athens, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 30, 2018. Her funeral took place on Friday, July 6, 2018, at SS. Peter & Paul, Glenview. We pray that God grant His servant, Louise, eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven and comfort to her family. May her memory be eternal.

+ **THIS FRIDAY: MARRIAGE MINISTRY SUMMER GATHERING!** The Marriage Ministry will be holding its next social event at Pinstripes bowling alley, (1150 Willow Road, Northbrook) on Friday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for some bowling, food, and mid-summer fellowship! For more information, contact Loukas Jonson at loukasjonson@gmail.com.

+ **GOYA DOWNTOWN TRIP SAVE THE DATE!** GOYA will be spending the day downtown together on Tuesday, July 31st for fun and fellowship! Details and permissions slips will be available and emailed shortly. The day will begin mid morning and go through the early evening. This trip has been a tradition and we are so happy to be bringing it back! If you are in high school, please join us! For more information, contact Carol Stamas (cestamas@comcast.net).

+ **FAST OF THEOTOKOS** begins on August 1st and ends with the Feast of the Dormition on August 15th. Please see the insert for the service schedule. Services will be held at the house chapel located at 1221 N. Riverwoods Rd., just south of our church construction project. Please note: parking is available in the gravel lot area that is located between the house and the church and is surrounded by white fencing. For easy access, please park in the lot in lieu of the long driveway in front of the house.

+ **ANNOUNCING ASCENSION OF OUR LORD FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT!! Hosted by Koinonia Men's Ministry, this event is open to all men of Ascension.** The theme of the retreat is *Becoming Better Husbands, Fathers, Brothers and Friends*, and our featured speakers will be Fr. Sotirios and Fr. Grenaias. Please join us on Saturday, September 15th at 8 a.m. - 4 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI. Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$50. Please RSVP by September 9th, or, register by August 10th to receive the early bird rate of \$40. For more information, contact David Rutkowski at 847-650-0559; or, stop by the registration table after Church.

+ **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ASCENSION'S YOUTH AND ADULT GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAMS** Visit the Greek School webpage on our website for more information and to register for the 2018/19 Greek School program. Registration will take place online this year. Also new for this upcoming school year: a new series of books will be used with access to a digital platform for children to practice and learn at both school and home! Informational open houses will take place for both the Youth and Adult Greek School the first week of September, with classes beginning 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. Payment details are set forth in the registration material. For more information, visit the website or call the church office. Thank you!

+ **COMING UP IN 2 WEEKS: THE 3rd ANNUAL MID-SUMMER SOCIAL, July 29th!** Sponsored by Men's Koinonia, this gathering gives the families and youth in our Parish the opportunity to enjoy ice cream, hotdogs, fun and fellowship immediately following Liturgy. We hope to see you there!

+ **UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS: Support our local Metropolis Churches and celebrate summer Greek-style!**

July 13 – 15: St. Demetrios, Libertyville	July 20 – 22: Assumption, Homer Glen
July 13-15: St. Sophia, Elgin	July 21 – 22: SS. Peter & Paul, Glenview
July 13-15: St. Haralambos, Niles	July 27 – 29: St. Demetrios, Chicago