

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 All Saints in the Fourth Mode

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, though them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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 Plagal Fourth Mode

As the first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquillity, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2.

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The Gospel of Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."



Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church



1207 Riverwoods Road – Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

Fr. Sotirios P. Malamis, Proistamenos

TEL: (847) 482-1200 | FAX: (847) 482-9566 | www.ascensiongoc.com

Office e-mail: info@ascensiongoc.com

WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN June 3 - 10, 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

"Whoever desires the earthly more than the heavenly loses both the earthly and the heavenly. But whoever seeks the heavenly is lord of the whole world."

St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	June 3 Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God, Metropolitan IAKOVOS (1 yr), Georgia Katz (6 mo) Graduate Sunday Program Coffee Fellowship hosted by Parents of Graduates Baptism: Angelina Maria, daughter of Chris and Alina Diamond. <i>Sponsors: Dimitrios & Ellie Maria Veikos</i> Baptism: Samantha, daughter of William & Jennifer Sutkay. <i>Sponsor: Elizabeth Kotarinos</i> Baptism: Sarah Athanasia, daughter of Jeff & Maria Poteracki. <i>Sponsor: Mr. Nasi Sakkos</i> <i>Baptisms take place at St. Demetrios, Libertyville</i>	All Saints
1 p.m.		
2:30 p.m.		
4 p.m.		
Monday 6:30 p.m.	June 4 Stewardship Committee	Apostles Fast Begins
Saturday 5 p.m.	June 9 Vespers @ 1221 Riverwoods Chapel	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	June 10 Orthros Divine Liturgy	2nd Sunday of Matthew

+ **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to the family of Despina (Debbie) Vlahos, beloved wife of John Vlahos, and devoted mother of Steve (Jane), Eugenia (Karl) Veracco, Jim (Laura), Pauline (Daniel) Grant, and George (Jennifer), who fell asleep in the Lord on Holy Pentecost, May 27, 2018. The visitation was this past Wednesday and Fr. Sotiri conducted the funeral at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines on Thursday. We pray that God grant His servant, Despina, eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. May her memory be eternal

Holy Communion Etiquette

+ If you are either baptized and/or confirmed as an Orthodox Christian and have spiritually prepared to receive Holy Communion, please come up with reverence and humility, row by row, and depart as directed by the ushers..

+ Prior to receiving Holy Communion, we will recite together the *Prayers Before Receiving Holy Communion* on page 61 in the Divine Liturgy book found near the candle stand by the entrance of the school. Following Holy Communion, it is customary for the faithful to silently recite the *Prayers of Thanksgiving*, on page 73.

+ In receiving Communion, you should place the cloth under your chin, recite your CHRISTIAN NAME, and wipe your mouth after receiving. If you are wearing lipstick please remove it prior to receiving Communion.

+ Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or not, please come forward at the dismissal to receive the blessed bread which is offered to everyone who worships with us. May the blessings of Christ be with you.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Elaine Stevens & Despina Taranko
Epistle Reader: Nick Gatsis
Ushers: Carol Stamas (UIC), Alex Marx, Peter Venetos, Tom Papastefan, Frank Kazas, Tom Vabakos, 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

Announcements

+ **ONE YEAR MEMORIAL FOR METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS:** Today following Divine Liturgy, each of the parishes in the Metropolis will offer a memorial service which will grant our entire Metropolis family the opportunity to fervently pray for the repose of Metropolitan Iakovos. May his memory be eternal.

+ **ON THE OCCASION OF THE JUNE 11th FEASTDAY OF THE HOLY APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW, PATRON SAINT OF METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO,** The Holy Metropolis of Chicago invites the faithful to the following: Sunday, June 10: 5 p.m. Great Vespers | 6 – 9 p.m. Open House Reception @ St. Andrew Church, Chicago. On June 11th, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Annunciation Cathedral with Matins at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

+ **TODAY IS GRADUATES SUNDAY** – This morning Ascension will honor our 2018 Graduates with a gift on behalf of the entire Congregation. Please refer to the enclosed list in this Sunday's Bulletin. Jr. Olympics participants will also be recognized. We wish the graduates of the class of 2018 many blessings as they begin the next phase of their lives.

+ **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE JR. OLYMPICS** on Memorial Day weekend! In all, more than 50 athletes represented Ascension in more than 20 individual and team events and brought home 11 medals! We will be acknowledging the participants after the Divine Liturgy today. A special thank you to Dino Bolos who did an excellent job organizing this event for our Parish, and to all of the coaches/advisors who helped make this a wonderful weekend of fellowship. To our athletes, thank you for representing Ascension with integrity and character in each sporting event.

+ **WE NEED COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS IN JUNE AND THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER:** Please consider hosting coffee fellowship after Liturgy with your family, or together with another family, so that we may continue our fellowship throughout the summer. When we don't have a host, Parish Council members step up to make sure it's covered and we've had to rely on their generosity many times since we've been in our temporary place. Recommendations for simple offerings can be found on our website. You may sign up on the list on the coffee hour table; online via our website, or by calling the church office. Thank you in advance for offering your love and commitment to this important ministry.

+ **THE ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CELEBRATION OF GIVING DINNER TOOK PLACE THIS PAST THURSDAY** and this year we experienced the Holy Land trip by viewing a photo presentation narrated by Fr. Sotiri. We also reviewed our past year of philanthropy and philoxenia via our 3rd annual yearbook, and enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Dover Straits. Thank you all for another successful year!

+ **SAVE THE DATE for 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.

+ **ALTAR TABLE VOTIVE LIGHT DONATIONS** may now be offered for the health of individuals, family members or in memory of departed loved ones. A \$75.00 donation for each week's votive light is requested. The votive light burns perpetually at the altar in the chapel of the house Ascension is renting during construction of the new church. Names will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. Call the Church Office to reserve the votive and share commemorative names.

+ **REGISTER NOW for the Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival** which takes place over Columbus Day weekend this year, October 5th-7th, at the Marriott Oakbrook. This event is sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis and dedicated to promoting, preserving and perpetuating the traditional Greek dance, music and fellowship of our Hellenic Heritage. For more information, contact Tina Lambros Anagnos at 847.404.0747, or visit the "News" category of our website, where you will find a link to register.

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

June 1-3: St. George, Chicago	June 22-24: Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago
June 15-17: St. Demetrios, Elmhurst	June 22-24: Holy Cross Greek Fest, Justice
June 15-17: St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn	June 22-24: St. Nectarios, Palatine
June 16-17: Assumption Church, Chicago	