

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 Hilarion the Great in the Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Hilarion our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God 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 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 the Galatians 2:16-20.

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel of Luke 8:26-39



At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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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

"A lot of people take God's silence to mean that He doesn't exist or that He's dead. But if we thought about the position we put God in with our passions, we'd realize that He has no choice but to keep silent. We ask for His support in our misbehavior. He doesn't make us feel guilty in any obvious way. He allows us to continue in our wicked ways and to reap the fruit of our personal sins. But if we turn to Him in repentance He comes quickly, faster than we expected. Knowing our needs, He often gets there before us. As soon as we express our request in prayer, which are justified by the reality of our life on this earth, He's already fulfilled them. So God's silence is the most eloquent, the kindest answer to our misconduct."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	October 21	6th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Artoklasia (Blessing of the 5 loaves) for Harry Metropoulos for a happy and healthy 80 th birthday National Leadership 100 Sunday Coffee Fellowship hosted by the 4 th – 8 th grade SCS Families Girls' Chanting Practice
Monday	October 22	
7 p.m.:	Great Vespers @ St. Iakovos Church, Valparaiso, IN	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	
Tuesday	October 23	St. Iakovos
8 a.m.	Orthros (@ 1221 House Chapel)	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School, Daniel Wright Middle School	
6:30 p.m.	Koinonia Men's Ministry Meeting, Vernon Hills	
7:15 p.m.	Greek School Teachers' Meeting	
Wednesday	October 24	
6 a.m.	Men's Bible Study: Encounter the Word	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
Thursday	October 25	
2 p.m.	Senior Synaxis Lunch and Bingo, Vernon Hills	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School: Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers @ St. Demetrios Churches, Elmhurst, Libertyville, Chicago, Hammond	
Friday	October 26	St. Demetrios
8:30 a.m.	Orthros & Divine Liturgy @ St. Demetrios, Libertyville	
6:30 p.m.	Marriage Ministry Meeting, Arlington Heights	
Sunday	October 28	7th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	Holy Protection of The Theotokos
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

CONDOLENCES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to John Rodis, whose beloved wife Vivian, devoted mother of Lydia Conopeotis and loving grandmother of Via and Faith, fell asleep in the Lord on October 13th. The funeral took place on Thursday at St. Necatrios, Palatine. We pray that God grant His servant, Vivian, eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven and comfort to her family. May her memory be eternal.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora: Sophie Beris & Sofia Caronis

Epistle Reader: David Rutkowski

Ushers: Bill Athenson (UIC), Peter Venetos, Carol Stamas, Demetri Katsulis, Doug Hugdahl, David Rutkowski, Bill Smirles, 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, Ignacio, Kiriaki

DID YOU KNOW?

Today is *National Leadership 100 Sunday*. Over the past 35 years, Leadership 100 has disbursed more than \$51 million in grants to support the National Ministries and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as Metropolis Ministries; other programs and projects that advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism; and, humanitarian needs in the nation and around the world. The celebration is held on a Sunday close to the Feast of Saint Iakovos (October 23) in honor of the Founder of Leadership 100, Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory. Please see the insert for more information and keep the generous, loyal and faithful members of Leadership 100 in your prayers as they continue to advance our faith and minister to our Church.

Announcements

+ **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TO DIVINE LITURGY:** Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. It is a great blessing to hear the very first sentence of the service that draws us in to the Heavenly Banquet offered at every Liturgy: "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages." It is a distraction at times when we arrive late. Please make every effort to be on time. Thank you.

+ **TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR 2018 STEWARDSHIP!** If you haven't submitted your 2018 Stewardship pledge yet, there are only a couple of weeks left before we kick-off the 2019 Stewardship campaign. Please take the time to fill out your 2018 pledge cards to help support Ascension by volunteering your time, talents and treasures!

+ **SCS HELP WANTED:** We are seeking a steward to share his/her talents by teaching the 1st grade Sunday Church School class. The curriculum is in place and easy to follow. The children are a gift from God and it is a great blessing and privilege to enrich their faith. If you are interested, please contact SCS Director Katherine Schreiber katherineschreiber6@gmail.com as soon as possible.

+ **THIS WEDNESDAY: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: ENCOUNTER THE WORD:** Join us this Wednesday morning at the Church house from 6 – 7 a.m. at our first gathering of a new Men's Bible Study Group. The topic this week, which will be led by Fr. Sotiri, is *Study the Sunday Gospels: Luke 8: 41-56*. Future sessions this year include: November 7 @ 6 a.m., December 5 and 19, both beginning at 7 a.m. Please RSVP to david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com. If you have an Orthodox Study Bible, (or are able to download the Orthodox Study Bible app), please bring it along.

+ **KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY FIRST MEETING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR** will take place this Tuesday, October 23rd -- 6:30 Fellowship, 7 pm meeting -- at LightSource Unlimited, 980 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Vernon Hills. We will discuss our plans for the 2018/19 year, and enjoy some meaningful fellowship. ALL MEN, not just Koinonia members, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Any questions, please contact Demetri Katsulis, (847) 370-3719, or Doug Hugdahl, (847) 910-6090.

+ **SENIOR SYNAXIS OCTOBER OUTING: NOTE CHANGE OF PLANS** Our Senior Synaxis Ministry's next meeting will take place this Thursday, October 25th from 2 - 5 p.m. at Portillo's Restaurant, 221 E. Townline Rd., Vernon Hills. Seniors will gather for lunch, fellowship and bingo. Contact Elaine Beck with questions at 847.367.5227.

+ **CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES!** Please join us this Friday, October 26th for a Marriage Ministry Social Outing! We will be meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 at Thrown Elements Pottery Studio in Arlington Heights (260 N Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004). The cost is \$25 per couple, it's BYOB and also allows us a space for fellowship and discussion. Please reply with your confirmation if you will attend the social gathering. There is a minimum amount of people we must meet to hold the reservation. Couples of all stages are welcome! This is a great setting to bring in new couples and get to know each other (and take care of some early Christmas gifts!!) We hope to see you there!

+ **FINAL RESERVATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR THE ANNUAL ASCENSION PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON** that will take place on Sunday, October 28th immediately following Liturgy at the Royal Melbourne Country Club. This event has sold out every year so make your reservations today during coffee hour. \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. You can also buy your chocolate bar raffle for \$20. One lucky parishioner will win a prize basket that includes gold Liberty earrings, a sterling silver cross and Chicago Bulls tickets! Visit the Philoptochos table during coffee hour!

+ **ASCENSION'S NEW BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY:** Join us for this new enriching ministry. This year we are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Thank you to all who attended this past Thursday for our reflective discussion. Subsequent sessions will be held on Thursdays Nov. 1, 15, 29 and Dec. 13. No preparation for the class is required and everyone is welcome. The group discussions are led by Helen Theodoropoulos, PhD, MA (Doctor of Theology from University of Chicago and Masters from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology). She is an Adjunct Professor at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology. Please RSVP to marcia.moore1780@gmail.com who will then follow up with more information on location, etc.

+ **ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER FOR MARTHA AND MARY MATERNITY HOUSE** On Sunday, November 11th beginning at 6 pm at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines, a dinner will be held to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and ask for continued blessings on the Martha and Mary Maternity House, a program which offers emotional and spiritual support for expectant mothers who find themselves without a good safe home through pregnancy. Tickets are \$40. Call 317.709.0168 for more information and to RSVP.