

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

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.

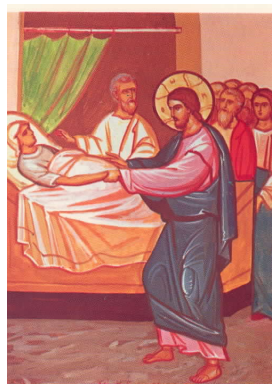
Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

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 6:11-18.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel of Luke 8:41-56



At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As He went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to

her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While He was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when He came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but He said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand He called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and He directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 28 – November 4, 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

"When we see the sinfulness of others, we should look into our own heart and ask ourselves: 'Am I without sin? Isn't there the same passion inside me as I see in my brother or sister?' If we follow the movements of our heart carefully, then we'll recognize our own sinfulness and unworthiness and we won't pay attention to what others are doing, nor will we condemn them for it."

Weekly Calendar

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 Artoklasia (Blessing of the 5 loaves) in honor of the feastday of SS. Cosmas and Damianos, patron Saints of Philoptochos Feast Day Luncheon at Royal Melbourne, Long Grove	
Monday	October 29	
6 p.m.	Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA @ Panera Bread, Bannockburn	
Tuesday	October 30	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School, Daniel Wright Middle School	
Wednesday	October 31	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers for SS. Kosmas & Damianos Chapel of the Holy Anargyroi at St. Demetrios, Elmhurst	
Thursday	November 1	SS. Cosmas & Damianos
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
10:30 a.m.	Bible Study @ 1221 Riverwoods Church House	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School: Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
Saturday	November 3	
11 a.m.	Baptism: Alexander Evangelos, son of Vasiliki and Angelo Georgacopoulos. Sponsors: Jim Alexakos & Alex Afshari	

NOTE: Daylight Savings Time: FALL BACK!

Sunday	November 4	5th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

+ **ELEVEN-ELEVEN: ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Save the date and plan to participate in a very important sequence of events that will take place on Sunday, November 11th. The day has been reserved as Stewardship Sunday and it kicks off Ascension's 2019 Stewardship Campaign. **The call to action is simple for all existing and new stewards of Ascension: Please complete the 2019 Stewardship Pledge Cards that will be in your mailbox later this week and bring them with you to church on 11/11.** Ascension is hoping to ascend to new heights in stewardship participation next year, both fiscally and with active participation in our thriving ministries. By bringing in your completed pledge card and turning it in on Stewardship Sunday, you can help our parish build strong momentum going into what will be a historic 2019! **Following Liturgy, the parish will hold its fall General Assembly meeting** during which current information will be shared about parish life and our church construction project. When the scaffolding comes down, our work as stewards of everything God has bestowed on us continues in earnest. Intervene in 2019 – it's an exciting time to be involved in the heart of this parish; and, the opportunities to work for the glory of God are endless.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Mary Kakavas & Maria Karalis
Epistle Reader: Tom Kiriakos
Greeters: Chris Chatzidakis
Ushers: Carol Stamas (UIC), Nick Marino, Alex Marx, Diane Sigalos, Doug Hugdahl, Demetri Katsulis, Bill Smirles, 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, Kiriaki

DID YOU KNOW?

The first sentence of the Divine Liturgy, stated on the next page, is a bold statement of faith. Everything we say after this is prayer we ask of God, but this opening statement is a proclamation of faith in God. We are stating to God that we believe in the beauty of Heaven, we believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we believe they are for eternity. We as a congregation are at the front door of Heaven, seeing entrance. God, hearing us, opens the door and the connection between Heaven and earth begins.

Source: *Guide to the Divine Liturgy* by Robert Krantz

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!** To date for 2018 Stewardship, 293 Ascension families have pledged \$354,409, of which \$298,201 has been received. If you have not yet fulfilled your annual pledged amount, please consider doing so now as we are approaching year-end.

+ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – REGISTER NOW** –Jr. GOYA, and GOYA, along with Philoptochos and our Men's Ministry will be participating in a service project at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville on Monday, November 12, where we will hand pack meals that are specially formulated for malnourished children. Please email Carol Stamas (cestamas@comcast.net) as soon as possible with the number of people from your family who will attend. Space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come-first served basis. Note: Jr. GOYA will participate from 6 to 7:30 pm; GOYA from 8-9:30 p.m.

+ **ASCENSION'S BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH HOUSE THIS THURSDAY:** Join us this Thursday, November 1st at 10:30 a.m. for this new enriching ministry. This year we are studying the Gospel of Matthew. 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. For questions and to RSVP, please contact marcia.moore1780@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for future sessions to be held on Thursdays Nov 15, 29 and Dec. 13.

+ **HANDMADE ORTHODOX ADVENT CALENDARS FOR SALE BY SCS:** Do you know which saint was given the name "God-Bearer" because he always had the name of Jesus in his heart and on his lips? How about where the shape of candy canes came from? Find the answers on your family's very own Orthodox Advent calendar. The Sunday Church School will be selling a limited quantity of advent calendars as a Capital Campaign fundraiser. Pick up an educational, interactive, and reusable calendar for \$15 during coffee hour on November 4th and November 11th. A sample will be available for previewing today.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS SNAPSHOT OF SUPPORT: In October, Philoptochos supported:**

+ The National Philoptochos Emergency Fund;
+ The American Cancer Society. The Ascension of Our Lord and SS. Peter and Paul's Philoptochos walked in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer event. Combined, the two parishes raised and donated \$5,046 to support those fighting this disease and in memory of those lost to it.

+ **THE CHICAGO FAMILY SYNAXIS PARENTING UNIVERSITY PROGRAM PRESENTS: FAITH & WORK** a presentation about how we as Orthodox Christians can live out our faith through our work, no matter our vocation. The program takes place on Friday, November 9th at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines beginning with Paraklesis at 6:15 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. presentation. For more information, visit gocfamilysynaxis.org.

+ **ST. BASIL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PRESENTS *Sickness, Aging, and Death: Views from Orthodoxy and Transhumanism.*** Saturday, 11/10, 10 am – noon, St. Basil Church, 733 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago. A discussion on the mystery of the human person formed in God's image, and contemporary challenges facing the Church. Speakers are Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis and Rev. Dr. Theodore Saclarides and cost is \$12, including lunch.

+ **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 mother. Tickets are \$40. Call 317.709.0168 for more information and to RSVP.