

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

### Apolytikion for Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

### 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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9.

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### The Gospel of Luke 7:11-16



At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 7 - 14, 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

*"What is it that I love when I love you? Not the beauty of a body or the comeliness of time. Nor the luster of the light pleasing to the eyes, nor the sweet melodies of all manner of songs, nor the fragrance of flowers, ointments and spices, nor manna and honey, nor limbs welcome to the embrace of the flesh - I do not love these when I love my God. And yet there is a kind of light, a kind of voice, a kind of fragrance, a kind of foods, a kind of embrace, when I love my God, who is the light, voice, fragrance, food, embrace of the inner man, where there shines into the soul that which no place can contain, and there sounds forth that which time cannot end, where there is fragrance which no breeze disperses, taste which eating does not make less, and a clinging together which fulfillment does not terminate. It is this that I love when I love my God."*

**St. Augustine**

## Weekly Calendar

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| <b>Sunday</b>        | <b>October 7</b>                             | <b><u>3rd Sunday of Luke</u></b>                |
| 8:15 a.m.            | Orthros                                      |   |
| 9:15 a.m.            | Sunday Church School                         |   |
| 9:30 a.m.            | Divine Liturgy                               |   |
|                      | Coffee Fellowship hosted by Parish Council   |   |
|                      | Girls' Chanting Practice                     |   |
| 2 p.m.               | Wedding: Jerry Komitas and Emily Nai         |   |
|                      | <i>Sponsors: Bryce and Joya Bardezbanian</i> |   |
| <b>Monday</b>        | <b>October 8</b>                             | <b><u>Columbus Day</u></b>                      |
| Church office closed |  |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>       | <b>October 9</b>                             |   |
| 4:45 p.m.            | Greek School, Daniel Wright Middle School    |   |
| 7 p.m.               | Parish Council                               |   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>     | <b>October 10</b>                            |   |
| 10 a.m.              | HOPE   |   |
| 6:30 p.m.            | Stewardship Committee Meeting                |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>      | <b>October 11</b>                            |   |
| 6:15 p.m.            | Greek School: Beginners/Advanced Beginners   |   |
| 7:45 p.m.            | Greek School Intermediate/Advanced           |   |
| <b>Sunday</b>        | <b>October 14</b>                            | <b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</u></b> |
| 8:15 a.m.            | Orthros                                      |   |
| 9:15 a.m.            | Sunday Church School                         |   |
| 9:30 a.m.            | Divine Liturgy                               |   |

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Elaine Metropoulos  
**Epistle Reader:** Katherine Schreiber  
**Ushers:** Nick Marino (UIC), Tom Kiriakos, Frank Kazas, Steve Sintetas, Carol Stamas, Alex Marx, Mia Connolly

## 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

## DID YOU KNOW?

**The Cross of Jesus is in reality a plus sign – the greatest plus sign this world has ever known. It is God's great plus sign for humanity. It means God offers me great pluses as I go through life:**

1. I need not be alone with my problems. I can have the great *plus* of God's presence, His guidance, direction and wisdom.
2. Sinful man *plus* God's mercy equals forgiveness.
3. Confused man *plus* Christ equals new purpose, new meaning, a totally new person.
4. Guilt-ridden man *plus* Christ equals "the peace of God that passes all understanding."
5. Weak man *plus* Christ equals strength. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (St. Paul).
6. Despairing man *plus* Christ equals hope. The Cross was not the end for Jesus; neither will it be the end for those who believe in Him. The risen Christ will have the last word. And the last word is: "In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world: (Jesus).

Adapted from *Sacred Symbols That Speak*, Vol. 1 by Anthony M. Coniaris

+ **WE NEED YOUR HELP! ACTIVATE YOUR STEWARDSHIP TALENTS:** In Christian stewardship, the offering of our time and talents is equally as important as supporting our parish financially. We are seeking parishioners to put their time and talents into action by participating in Sunday Liturgy. Our Parish is currently in need of volunteers to: 1) read the Epistle; 2) greet parishioners as they enter the church; and 3) bake the prosphora bread that is blessed and used for Holy Communion and Antidoron. This is a great opportunity to contribute your time and talent directly to the Divine Liturgy! If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office or email [suzannesaric@ascensiongoc.com](mailto:suzannesaric@ascensiongoc.com). Thank you!

+ **HOPE GROUP'S ANNUAL FALL OUTING!** Join us on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for the HOPE Ministry's annual fall outing at Didier Farm! All parents and grandparents along with their babies and toddlers from 40 days to 4 years old are welcomed and encouraged to join in on the fun! See more details in the flyer and contact Presvytera Stefanie at [presstefanie@yahoo.com](mailto:presstefanie@yahoo.com) with any questions.

+ **ANNOUNCING A NEW BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY:** Please join us for a new bible study group. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. This year we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. No preparation for the class is required and everyone is welcome. The group discussion will be 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. Subsequent sessions will be held on Thursdays Nov. 1, 15, 29 and Dec. 13. Please RSVP to [marcia.moore1780@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.moore1780@gmail.com) who will then follow up with more information on location, etc.

+ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: ENCOUNTER THE WORD:** Also beginning this fall, a Men's Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday mornings from 6 am -7 am at the Church House. The meetings, which will be led by Fr. Sotiri, will be held on October 24, November 7, December 5 and 19. Please RSVP to [david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com](mailto:david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com).

+ **JR. GOYA / GOYA BOWLING NIGHT:** Please join us on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for a night of bowling at Brunswick Zone Hawthorne in Vernon Hills. Jr. GOYANS will bowl at 5:45 p.m. | GOYANS at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 to bowl and rent shoes. It is important that you RSVP to [cestamas@comcast.net](mailto:cestamas@comcast.net) no later than Friday, 10/12, so we can give the bowling alley an accurate count. Hope to see you there!

+ **THE PICK UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME Ministry** Annual Day Camp fall session, "Putting On Christ", will take place at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center on Saturday, October 27th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This ministry is for the benefit of our young people with special needs and their families. For more information, email Presvytera Toni Mihalopoulos: [toni.poteris@gmail.com](mailto:toni.poteris@gmail.com)

+ **ASCENSION ORTHODOX CATECHISM CLASSES:** Fr. Sotiri will be offering an Orthodox Catechism Class beginning in early October for all who desire to learn about the faith or take a refresher "Orthodoxy 101" course. Approximately 10 sessions will be held throughout the coming year at the 1221 Riverwoods house with the first 4 meetings taking place: October 6 @ 10 am | Oct. 17 @ 6:30 pm | Nov. 17 @ 10:30 am | December 12 @ 6:30 p.m. Each class will last an hour and a half and will build on the one prior to it so participants are encouraged to make a commitment to the entire program. If you missed the first session yesterday but are still interested in attending, please contact the church office at 847.482.1200, or email [suzannesaric@ascensiongoc.com](mailto:suzannesaric@ascensiongoc.com)

+ **THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL AND ALL OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES** If you haven't registered your child(ren) yet, please do so as soon as possible on the website. A description of each ministry as well as a calendar of events and registration information is available at [www.ascensiongoc.com](http://www.ascensiongoc.com).

+ **DIVORCE REBUILDERS:** Sts. Peter and Paul's Divorce Rebuilders offers support, guidance and hope to those who are separated and divorced. Meetings will begin this Fall starting on Monday, October 8 through November 12, at 7-8:30 p.m. for six weeks in the church library. This group provides a place where you can learn, heal and rebuild from the hurt of divorce. In addition, our group participates in ongoing social activities. Leader: Maria Boyle, Counseling, Northwestern University. To enroll in this program, please email: [sspp.divorcerebuilders@gmail.com](mailto:sspp.divorcerebuilders@gmail.com) and please note in the subject heading: *Divorce Rebuilders*. There is no cost for this program. "No Christian should walk through the pain of divorce alone."

+ **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** through the *Hellenic Link-Midwest Board* (applications due October 15, 2018) and *The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation*, which just posted its 2018/19 application at <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply/> (due January 31, 2019). For more information on available scholarship programs, visit Ascension's website and click on the Orthodox Christian Fellowship link within the Ministry section.