

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 for Martyr Mammias in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his 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.

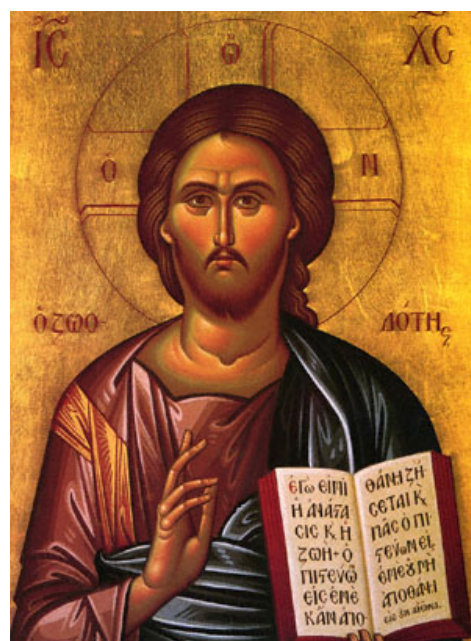
Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4.

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Gospel of Matthew 22:2-14



The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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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

"You gain everything through the prayer 'Lord Jesus Christ have mercy upon me.' People are cleansed, burnished and sanctified through this prayer. The prayer is the life-belt of the soul and the body. It is the basis of perfection. You'll become lighter and will fly because of the prayer. There's no other way of salvation, purification and sanctification from the prayer of the heart. It's filled Paradise with holy people."

St. Amphilochios Makris of Patmos

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	September 2 Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by Parish Council Girls' Chanting Practice	14th Sunday of Matthew
Monday	September 3 Church Office Closed	Labor Day
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	September 4 Greek School Open House (for Youth Program) @ Daniel Wright, 1370 Riverwoods Rd.	
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	September 5 Sunday Church School Teachers' Meeting	
Thursday 6:30 p.m.	September 6 Greek School Open House for the Adult/ Adolescent Program @ 1221 Church House	
Saturday 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5 p.m.	September 8 Orthros Divine Liturgy Baptism: Evangelos, son of Thomas and Nicole Malia. <i>Sponsor: Stacy Manolas</i> SS Peter & Paul, Glenview Vespers @ 1221 House Chapel	Nativity of the Theotokos
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.:	September 9 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Parish Family Picnic @ Banner	Sunday Before Holy Cross

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Sophie Beris and Sofie Caronis
Epistle Reader: Nick Papastratakos
Greeters: Andrea & Doug Rogers
Ushers: Peter Venetos, UIC, Tom Kiriakos, Ass't UIC, Nick Marino, Doug Hugdahl, Chris Chatzidakis, Alex Marx, Carol Stamas, Frank Kazas.

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

Announcements

+ **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to Elaine Beck whose sister, Jeanette Aiello, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 25th. Her funeral was held this past Wednesday at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church in Palatine. We pray that God grant His servant Jeanette eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. May her memory be eternal.

+ **INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ASCENSION'S GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM?** Attend the open house meetings that have been arranged to showcase this enriching, multi-faceted program! The Tuesday evening program for children ages 4-15 will hold it's open house this Tuesday, September 4th at 5:30 p.m. at Daniel Wright Middle School; and the Thursday evening program for Adults/Adolescents will host its open house on September 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the house that Ascension rented just south of the church, 1221 Riverwoods Road. For more information, visit our website.

+ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th** and many of our other ministries commence in the upcoming weeks. In an effort to "go green" and reduce costs, registration forms will not be mailed again this year. We encourage you to visit the website and register as soon as possible to secure enrollment so we can adequately prepare for classes prior to the first day. Thank you!

+ **JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY AFTER LITURGY AT ASCENSION'S ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC** which will again take place on the grounds of Banner Camp, just north of the Church. Don't miss this wonderful way to kick off the new Ecclesiastical Year with parish family & friends, while enjoying the delicious menu served by our hosts, the Koinonia Men's Ministry.

+ **MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT: RSVP BY NEXT SUNDAY 9/9** The first annual Men's Ministry Retreat, hosted by Koinonia Men's Ministry, will take place on Saturday, September 15th at 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center, Kansasville, WI. The theme of the retreat, which is open to all men of Ascension, is *Becoming Better Husbands, Fathers, Brothers and Friends*, and our featured speakers will be Fr. Sotirios and Fr. Grenaias. Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$50. If you plan on attending, please don't delay in contacting David Rutkowski at 847-650-0559. Thank you!

+ **OUR SENIOR SYNAXIS MINISTRY INVITES MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO THEIR NEXT MINISTRY GATHERING: FABULOUS FOX RIVER LUNCHEON**, which will take place on September 20, 2019, beginning at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$67 per person to cruise the Fox River and have lunch aboard a replica steamboat paddle wheeler. Please RSVP before September 5th to Elaine Beck, 847.367.5227.

+ **RECRUITING ALTAR BOYS:** All Orthodox young men and/or boys 10 years and older are invited to participate in the sacred privilege of serving in the altar. Altar boys must have a teachable spirit, demonstrate respect for liturgical tradition and commit to serving consistently. If your son is interested in participating in this formational year-round ministry, please contact Pete Metropoulos at metro821@yahoo.com. Please see insert for more information on the September 23rd altar boy workshop, followed by lunch at Red Robin generously donated by a parishioner.

+ **METROPOLIS STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE:** His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael has as one of his priorities to carry out a new and energetic Strategic Planning process that will ensure a fruitful future for the Metropolis of Chicago, its parishes and all its people. His Eminence asks that we please take the time to read the enclosed details of this plan and to give good thought to the action item (SWOT analysis). Responses can be either emailed or sent directly to the Metropolis (details in the insert). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES EVERYONE TO THIS YEAR'S KICKOFF MEETING ON** Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 pm at The Wild Buffalo Restaurant, 48 Raupp Blvd, Buffalo Grove. With the start of the new Ecclesiastical year upon us, we've chosen this year's theme to be "There's No Place Like Home" since we are excited about the prospect of returning to our church home! Please join this dynamic group of women! Membership forms are posted on the Ascension Philoptochos web page and will also be emailed. RSVP to Anna Duros at ascensionphilo@gmail.com or call at 847-370-2662.

+ **ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK: A NEW SAINT IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH!** This past Wednesday, August 29th, the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, under the leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, began the process for the glorification of Elder Amphilochios Makris of Patmos. Elder Amphilochios was born in 1889 on the island of Patmos and died in 1970. He is one of the most beloved elders of the 20th century. He founded the women's Monastery of the Annunciation, traveled as a preacher throughout the war years, and was responsible for creating orphanages. This new Saint of the Orthodox Church was a friend and spiritual child of St. Nektarios. He was noted for his many virtues, his love, humility and ecological service. May St. Amphilochios Makris of Patmos intercede for us!

MINISTRY START-DATES | YOUTH REGISTRATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 8

+ Yesterday, September 1st marked the beginning of a new Ecclesiastical year and the start of our 2018/19 vibrant ministry programs! The deadline to register for all youth programs is next Saturday, September 8th. For more information, please visit the Ministry tab on our website at www.ascensiongoc.com/parish-ministries. Registration information can also be found on each ministry's webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 847.482.1200.

Sunday Church School:	September 9
Koinonia Men's Ministry	September 9
Greek School:	September 11: Youth Program September 13: Adults/Adolescents
GOYA:	September 10
Jr. GOYA:	September 17
Philoptochos	September 20
Senior Synaxis	September 20
FAITH/JOY	September 21
HOPE:	September 26
Marriage Ministry	September 28
Acolytes:	Ongoing
Orthodox Campus Fellowship	Ongoing
Stewardship	Ongoing