

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 Relics of John Chrysostom in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe, and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility; but while instructing us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to save 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 First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2.

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

The Gospel of Luke 19:1-10



At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN January 27 – February 3, 2019

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

"Patience is a virtue so long as it exists as the fruit of hope in God. Sorrow leads to patience; patience to a tried and tested character; and a tried and tested character to hope. And, in the end, hope doesn't disappoint. Patience is the first of the virtues, since salvation is crowned with it."

Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	January 27	15th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God: Evangelos Simos (40 Days); Stefanos Sarris (5 yrs), Elias Sarris (10 yrs)	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Nick & Arianna Stevens	
	Girls' Chanting Practice	
2 p.m.	Hellenic Letters Luncheon, Chateau Ritz	
Monday	January 28	
6 p.m.	Jr. GOYA	
Tuesday	January 29	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
Wednesday	January 30	Three Hierarchs
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
Thursday	January 31	
2:30 p.m.	Religious Freedom & the Ecumenical Patriarchate Presentation, Champaign	
7 p.m.	Adult Greek School Open House	
Saturday	February 2	Presentation of Our Lord
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
5 p.m.	Vespers	
Sunday	February 3	16th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

+ **2019 STEWARDSHIP – All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ!** Stewardship has been defined as faith in action. It provides us an avenue to humbly thank God for all the gifts he has given us by sharing these gifts to do God's work. Offering our time, talent, and treasures to support His churches truly demonstrates our belief because we are actively supporting God's work in helping those in need and teaching His Word. As we move ever closer to opening the doors to our new church, we need everyone at Ascension to answer the call of stewardship in whatever capacity each of us can. We're thankful for the 162 families that have pledged their time, talent and treasures to Ascension this year, but we need everyone's help. If you haven't yet, please complete the 2019 Stewardship card and submit it as soon as possible. Put your faith in action and help support Ascension in reaching new heights in 2019!

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Iliana Radaios & Sophia Metropoulos
Epistle Reader: James Facklis
Greeters: Jeannie and John Thomas
Ushers: Tom Kiriakos (UIC), Frank Kazas, Peter Venetos, Carol Stamas, Diane Sigalos, Doug Hugdahl, Nick Marino, Andrea Rogers, 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, Alexander, Anthony

Condolences

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to David (Esther) Tegel, whose devoted father, Carl Tegel, treasured grandfather of Nick and Anastasia, fell asleep in the Lord on January 18th. The funeral took place in Solon, Ohio this past Friday. We pray God grant Carl's family comfort. May his memory be eternal.

Announcements

- + **THIS THURSDAY: ADULTS/ADOLESCENTS GREEK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR 2nd SEMESTER:** If you are interested in learning to speak Greek, or you wish to improve your Greek and have a good time, please join us this Thursday, January 31st at 7 pm at the Church House to find out more about what Ascension's Adults/Adolescents Greek School program has to offer.
- + **THIS THURSDAY: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE:** Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago and the Metropolis of Chicago Archons invite the faithful to a lecture and discussion entitled, "Existential Threats Confronting The Ecumenical Patriarchate: Why Americans Should Care." The presentation will take place this Thursday, January 31st at 2:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois I Hotel and Convention Center in Champaign, IL. For more information, please email adpdeli@yahoo.com
- + **PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE THURSDAY, JANUARY 31** The PanHellenic Scholarship program encourages all undergraduate students of Hellenic descent to apply. The application and further information is available at <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/>. All materials must be submitted electronically by January 31, 2019.
- + **CROSSROAD 2019 EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY** Crossroad is an engaging summer institute for Orthodox Christian high school juniors and seniors that connects students with Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. In addition to offering the program on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross, CrossRoad will again be offered in Chicago on the campus of North Park University, (July 23 – August 2nd). The early registration deadline for this program is February 1, 2019. Visit www.CrossRoadInstitute.org for more information, or Ascension's GOYA Ministry webpage.
- + **ATTENTION ALL MEN OF ASCENSION (not just Koinonia Members): YOU'RE INVITED TO KOINONIA KICKOFF 2019** Join the Men's Ministry on February 5th at 6:30 p.m. as it approaches the new year from a spiritual and physical health perspective! *Koinonia has invited one of its very own -- Dr. Demetrios Kyriacou -- to present "Cardiovascular Health Strategies – Keeping Your Numbers Low."* Dr. Kyriacou is Professor of Emergency Medicine and Preventive Medicine at the Northwestern. He will team up with Fr. Sotiri to present this important topic from the integrated perspective of physical and spiritual well-being. The meeting, which includes a heart-healthy dinner, takes place at LightSource Unlimited, Vernon Hills. *Please RSVP to Demetri Katsulis (847) 370-3719, dtk111@comcast.net*
- + **MEN'S KOINONIA COOKING EVENT** - Get your aprons ready! We're going to a Cooking Class at Tastebuds in Bannockburn. Saturday, 2/16, 4:30-6:30. \$65/person, in teams of 2. Spouses are welcome! Great fun and fellowship. Signup deadline is Wednesday 2/6. Class size is limited, so act fast! Contact Demetri Katsulis for more info dtk111@comcast.net, or (847) 370-3719.
- + **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FAMILY SYNAXIS MEN'S RETREAT** which takes place February 22-23, 2019, at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. This year's retreat leader will be the Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis and the theme of the retreat will be *Great Lent: From False Freedom to True Freedom*. More information and other details are posted at: <https://sites.google.com/view/chicagofamilysynaxis>
- + **MISSION TEAM CHICAGO BENEFIT DINNER:** Save the date for this year's benefit dinner which takes place on Thursday, February 28th @ 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines. The keynote speaker will be Jesse Brandow, Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Long-Term Missionary to Guatemala and Southern Mexico. All proceeds will go to support the work of OCMC in Guatemala, Southern Mexico and throughout the world. Suggested cost of admission is \$35 per person. **Ascension is hoping to fill a table for the event.** Contact the office at 847.482.1200 with your reservation.
- + **DIVORCE REBUILDERS : SPRING OFFERING:** Saints Peter and Paul's Divorce Rebuilders is offering its program this spring at **St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, Chicago**, starting on Monday, February 11th through March 16th from 7-8:30 p.m. Divorce Rebuilders offers support, guidance and hope to those who are separated and divorced. This group provides a place where one can learn, heal and rebuild from the hurt of divorce. Discussion, feedback and support are integral components of this program. In addition, the group participates in ongoing social activities. Leader: Maria Boyle, Counseling, Northwestern University. To enroll in this program, please email: 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."*
- + **PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU TO THIS YEAR'S APOKREATIKO GLENDI**, which takes place on Sunday, March 3, 2019, at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. In an effort to go green, Glendi invitation/reservation forms will be available to download and print on the Philoptochos page of Ascension's website. Reservations will also be taken after Liturgy on Sundays. Questions and reservations may be directed to Andrea Rogers at 847.682.4816, abrogers3@gmail.com. Philoptochos is also seeking donations for this year's Basket Venture. For more information, contact Faye Kopplin at 847.561.2324, koppfm@gmail.com. Please join us!
- + **PHILOPTOCHOS SNAPSHOT OF SUPPORT** Our Philoptochos Chapter's January contributions included donations toward: Cancer/Other Major Illness Fund; Social Services Fund; and, we collected \$1,500 from our generous parishioners for St. Basil's Academy. Thank you!
- + **GREAT ESCAPE WINTER CAMP 2019** Registration is now open for Fanari Winter Camp 2019, which will be held March 22-24th at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. The camp is open to 6th – 11th graders and is limited to 75 spaces on a first come first serve basis. To register, visit: <https://fanaricamp.wordpress.com/winter-camp-2019-registration>.