

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday 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.

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The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

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.

Ἀνελήφθῃς 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 Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7.

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Gospel of Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Resurrection Hymn

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christos anesti eknekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos

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Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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

"The second [Sunday after Pascha] is dedicated to the women who visited the tomb of Christ, hoping to anoint his body with myrrh, but they found an empty tomb instead. In many ways, this reflects the content of every Sunday and every Divine Liturgy: we come to church to celebrate the sacrifice of Christ, which takes place on the altar, a symbol of the tomb of Christ. Our testimony, every time, is that the tomb is empty, a reflection of the revelation to the Myrrh bearers."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 12 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by Koinonia Men's Ministry with assistance from GOYA in honor of Mother's Day.	Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women Mother's Day
Monday 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	May 13 Parish Council GOYA Coffee Talk, Panera Bread, Bannockburn	
Tuesday 8 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	May 14 Metropolis Clergy Retreat through Thursday Greek School	
Thursday 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	May 16 Ascending in Orthodoxy Bible Study, off-site IOCC Grand Banquet, Café Le Cave Adult Beginner Greek School Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
Saturday 11 a.m. 5 p.m.	May 18 Baptism, Evangelo Bakas, son of Bill and Maria Bakas <i>Sponsors: George & Jenna Korakakis</i> Vespers @ Church House	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 19 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Program & Oratorical Recognition	Sunday of the Paralytic

+ **CHRISTOS ANESTI! MAY OUR RISEN LORD** continue to bless and spiritually strengthen Ascension of Our Lord and each and every member of our Parish. We thank you most sincerely for all of your monetary donations as well as the contributions of time and creative talent you gave to our beloved Ascension throughout Great Lent and Holy Week.

+ **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FEASTDAY SERVICES:** Hierarchical Great Vespers will take place the evening of Wednesday, June 5th and Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will take place on Thursday morning, June 6th. Please reserve these dates in your calendar – more information to follow.

+ **PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 26th TO OUR HISTORIC DOME SWEET HOME DINNER DANCE CELEBRATION!** On the Sunday after our Feastday celebrations, you are invited to a monumental event in the history of our parish: a celebration marking the completion of our glorious new House of Worship. Appropriately called **DOME SWEET HOME**, this family dinner dance will take place on June 9, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling! If you did not receive an invitation, please call the church office; or, you may find details and download an RSVP card off of our website. The event will feature fun activities for the entire family and promises to be a spectacular event celebrating the fulfillment of a dream come true: Our Faith + Our Church + Our Legacy. RSVPs must be received in the church office no later than May 26th and reservations cannot be taken at the door. The time is drawing near for us to be home under our beautiful new dome!

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Elaine Metropoulos & Iliana Radaios
Epistle Reader: Frank Kazas
Greeters: Elaine Stevens
Ushers: Peter Venetos (UIC), Bill Athenson, Doug Hugdahl, Bill Smirles, Nick Marino, Mike Sutherland, Demetri Katsulis

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, Fred, Katerini, James, Theresa, Peter, Anna, Ignacio, Alexander, Anthony, Matina, Panagiotis, Evangelos, Paraschos, Stefanos

Announcements

+ **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO REPRESENT ASCENSION AT THE GREEK HERITAGE PARADE!** It was an inaugural event for our parish and we had a strong presence as we marched for the first time behind an Ascension banner last Sunday at the Chicago Greek Heritage parade. We look forward to doubling our numbers next year at this exciting and moving event!

+ **IMPORTANT PARKING ANNOUNCEMENT AT CHURCH HOUSE:** If you are visiting the church house, please park only on the driveway. We can no longer use the gravel lot located between the house and the church. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation!

+ **ASCENDING INTO ORTHODOXY BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY WILL MEET THIS THURSDAY, May 16th at 10 a.m.** Please note the change in start time. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Marcia Moore at marcia.moore1780@gmail.com.

+ **IS SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSE REACHING A GRADUATION MILESTONE THIS YEAR?** Ascension's annual graduate tribute will take place on Sunday, June 2nd, following the Divine Liturgy. Please call the church office no later than Tuesday, May 28th to submit the name(s) of your graduate(s) from Elementary School, High School, College, Graduate or Post-Graduate programs so they may be recognized on that day. Thank you.

+ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Sunday May 19, immediately following Divine Liturgy, our Sunday Church School 8th graders will be selling Lemonade to raise funds for the Metropolis Children's Medical Fund. Please stop by our table on your way out to support *Kids Helping Kids*, and take a delicious cup of lemonade to go! Also, our Sunday Church School year concludes next week with a presentation immediately following Liturgy. Finally, please bring your OCMC Coin Boxes to the church office, as we will be sending our donation to OCMC by the end of this week. We thank you in advance!

+ **YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES: THE GOYA SENIOR RECOGNITION AND FRESHMEN STEP-UP DINNER** will be held on May 20 at 7:30 pm at Jay Lovell's Restaurant, 766 Sheridan Road, Highwood. Stay tune for more details. We wish to thank our GOYANS who made beautiful gifts for the residents of the Greek American Nursing Center and our Jr. GOYANS and GOYANS who delivered the gifts and brought joyful Paschal greetings to the residents this past Monday!

+ **JR. OLYMPICS REGISTRATION FORMS NEEDED ASAP!** Jr. Olympics (for ages 7-18) takes place Memorial Day weekend and registration forms, signed by parents and participants, are required in order to meet the Metropolis deadline. You can download the forms off of our website. Return the forms ASAP to Dino Bolos via text picture or email (cell 708-203-6547; dinobolos@yahoo.com); or, stop by and see Dino after Liturgy today at the Jr. Olympics table to complete and/or turn them in. **All paperwork must be sent to the Metropolis today!** Also, blue Ascension shirts will be worn this year. If you or your child needs to order a shirt, please email or speak to Dino as soon as possible. For more information including scholarship opportunities, visit the youth pages of our website. Let's generate excitement for this wonderful event that consists of three days of sporting, social, and spiritual events for more than 2,000 Metropolis faithful each year!

+ **KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES:** Thursday, 9/19: Golf Outing at Chevy Chase, Wheeling. Saturday 10/19, 2nd Annual Men's Retreat at our new Church Home!

+ **THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO PHILOPTOCHOS** is honored to be hosting the biennial Children's Medical Fund Luncheon taking place on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. Please join us at this worthwhile event in support of children in need.

+ **STEWARDSHIP 2019: PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION** - Stewardship is our opportunity to give thanks to God for all He has provided us by sharing our time, talents, and treasures. What better way to demonstrate our thanks and faith in God than by offering a portion of what God has blessed us with to support His ministries and churches. We're thankful to the 270 families that have already pledged their time, talents, and treasures to Ascension for 2019! If you and your family have not yet made your pledge, please pick up a stewardship packet near the candle stand and prayerfully consider how you can support Christ's ministries at Ascension.