

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

### 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, τῆ ἐπαγγελία τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτῆς 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 11:19-30.

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### The Gospel of John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

May 26 – June 2, 2019

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.

### 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 εκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζῶήν χαρισάμενος.

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

### Spiritual Reflection

*"Life on earth is very short, unimaginably brief. But much has been given to us in this short period of time. It's been given to us so that we can turn to God in the most heartfelt way. He's the one Who can transfigure and resurrect our soul. We Christians are very fortunate that we have Our Most Holy Lady to pray for us at God's throne."*

*Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica*

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>May 26</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for Carmen [Kyriaki] Leiva, (6 months), Despina Vlahos (1 yr) <i>Jr. Olympics continues at Sts. Constantine &amp; Helen</i>	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>
<b>Monday</b>  10 a.m.	<b>May 27</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> Lincolnshire Memorial Day Celebration, Spring Lake Park (Fr. Sotiri to give Invocation and Benediction)	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	<b>May 28</b> OCCA Meeting, St. Haralambos, Niles Greek School End-of-Year Program	
<b>Thursday</b> 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	<b>May 30</b> Adult Beginner Greek School Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School Philo托chos Celebration of Giving Dinner, Dover Straits	
<b>Saturday</b> 3:30 p.m.	<b>June 1</b> Wedding: Demetrios Floudas & Nola Georgatos Sponsors: Peter and Nectaria Sikaras	
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>June 2</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Graduate Sunday	<b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>

+ **TODAY IS THE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR OUR *DOME SWEET HOME* DINNER DANCE CELEBRATION**, which will take place the Sunday after our Feastday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Chevy Chase Country Club. There will be a reservation table today in the coffee fellowship hall to accept final RSVPs. *Reservations cannot be taken at the door. DOME SWEET HOME* promises to be a spectacular event celebrating the fulfillment of a dream come true: Our Faith + Our Church + Our Legacy. We hope you can join us!

+ **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FEASTDAY SERVICES:** Hierarchical Great Vespers will take place the evening of Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will take place on Thursday morning, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please reserve these dates in your calendar – we will be reporting more information very soon and we thank you for your patience.

+ **ON THE OCCASION OF THE JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> FEASTDAY OF THE HOLY APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW, PATRON SAINT OF METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO**, The Holy Metropolis of Chicago invites the faithful to the following: Monday, June 10: Great Vespers 7 p.m. followed by an Open House Reception at St. Nectarios, Palatine. On Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Annunciation Cathedral with Orthros at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow.

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prosphora:** Elaine Stevens & Anastasia Anton  
**Epistle Reader:** Nick Papastratakos  
**Greeters:** Jerry & Despina Taranko  
**Ushers:** Nick Marino (UIC), Doug Hugdahl, Peter Venetos, Bill Athenson, Tom Papastefan, Chris Chatzidakis, Jeanne Thomas, Andrea Rogers

## 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

## Vigil Lights

Last week's Vigil Lights were offered by Dean Kurtis in honor of his parents, Peter & Katherine Kurtis.

## Announcements

+ **VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION** Fr. Sotiri has been asked by the Village of Lincolnshire to lead this year's Invocation and Benediction at Lincolnshire's annual Memorial Day Celebration, which honors our veterans and remembers those who died in the line of duty. The invocation will begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Spring Lake Park, 49 Oxford Dr, Lincolnshire. We are honored the village asked Fr. Sotiri and invite our faithful to join the community of Lincolnshire in paying tribute to our Veterans this Memorial Day.

+ **THIS TUESDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO CALL IN YOUR GRADUATES:** Please call the office by Tuesday if someone in your home is reaching a graduation milestone this year. We would like to acknowledge every graduate at our annual tribute, which will take place next Sunday, June 2nd, following the Divine Liturgy. Students from Elementary School, High School, College, Graduate or Post Graduate programs will be recognized. Please contact Suzanne Saric by email (suzannesaric@sbcglobal.net) or by calling the church office no later than this Tuesday, May 28th with the following information; name(s) of your graduate(s); parents' names; school graduating from; degree (if applicable) and full name and location of school they will be attending in the fall (if applicable). Thank you.

+ **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM THIS TUESDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** at the Daniel Wright Middle School Auditorium to celebrate the completion of another fruitful school year. Our theme will be "Summer in Greece", and our students will perform Greek poems, skits, songs and dances. We hope to see you there!

+ **PLEASE RSVP TODAY TO THE PHILOPTOCHOS ELECTION & CELEBRATION OF GIVING DINNER:** Philoptochos invites you to its annual Celebration of Giving Dinner this Thursday, May 30th at 7 p.m. at Dover Straits in Mundelein. Elections for next year's board will precede the dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, and includes our keepsake yearbook. All are encouraged to attend this double-header and celebrate our year of friendships, philanthropy and fun. See the insert for more information. For questions and to RSVP by May 26th, please contact Anna Duros at ascensionphilo@gmail.com.

+ **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. For more information, contact Carol Stamas at cestamas@comcast.net.

+ **KIDS HELPING KIDS:** The Sunday Church School Ministry would like to thank our parish families for supporting our lemonade fundraiser, which in just a quick 20 minutes, raised \$222 for the Children's Medical Fund last Sunday! A special thanks to our eighth graders and SCS staff who coordinated this philanthropic effort!

+ **ON BEHALF OF THE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF**, thank you to all of our students and families for a wonderful school year! We enjoyed your children and celebrated many wonderful achievements together. Our Parish also extends its gratitude to our teachers and assistants who devoted their time, talents and love to the children and our Ministry. We couldn't do it without you!! Please **SAVE THE DATE for the 4th ANNUAL MID-SUMMER SOCIAL**, July 28th! Sponsored by the Men's Koinonia, it's a fun, relaxing way for our Parish families and youth to be together and enjoy some hot dogs, ice cream and fellowship! Watch for registration information for the 2019-2020 school year during the later part of summer. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Katherine Schreiber at katherineschreiber6@gmail.com.

+ **WE NEED COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS IN JUNE AND THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER:** Please consider hosting coffee fellowship after Liturgy with your family, or together with another family, so that we may continue our fellowship throughout the summer. Recommendations for simple offerings can be found on our website. You may sign up on the list on the coffee hour table; online via our website, or by calling the church office. Thank you in advance for offering your love and commitment to this important ministry.

+ **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!

+ **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!