

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 of St. Arsenios of Cappadocia

Shining with light divine, O father Arsenios, you are the fragrant blossom of Cappadocia, and earnestly you pray to Christ for the entire Church. Lift your holy hands in prayer to the all-holy Spirit, and bring down His grace upon the souls of your children, who venerate your relics most divine. We seek your fatherly blessing when we kiss your holy relics and venerate piously.

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

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20.

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel of Luke 10:25-37



At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN November 10 - 17, 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

"Godly love cannot be perfect unless a man loves his neighbor also. Under which name must be included not only those who are connected with us by friendship or neighborhood, but absolutely all men, with whom we have a common nature, whether they be foes or allies, slaves or free."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m.	November 10 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by Senior Synaxis Baptism: James, son of Sarah and Trent Blasco <i>Sponsor: Elizabeth Kotarinos</i> Clara, daughter of Jennifer & William Sutkay <i>Sponsor: Sarah Blasco</i>	8th Sunday of Luke St. Arsenios of Cappadocia Stewardship Sunday
Monday 7:30 p.m.	November 11 GOYA	Veterans Day
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. 4:45 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	November 12 St. Anna's Orthodox Mothers' Ministry Greek School Great Vespers followed by Orthros @ St. John Chrysostomos Monastery, Kenosha Parish Council	
Wednesday	November 13	St. John Chrysostomos
Thursday 10:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	November 14 Ascending in Orthodoxy Women's Bible Study Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
Friday 9 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	November 15 Divine Liturgy Faith/Joy Marriage Ministry	Nativity Fast Begins
Saturday 8 a.m. 11 a.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m.	November 16 Divine Liturgy National Children's Medical Luncheon, Chicago Marriott Byzantine Music Class Vespers	St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist
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+ **TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!** The first three Sundays of November mark the beginning of our 2020 Stewardship campaign: A Time For Every Purpose Under Heaven (Ecclesiastes 3)." If you brought your stewardship pledge card with you, please place it in the basket located near the solea when you receive antidoron. New this year: you can also pledge online at www.ascensiongoc.com/aboutus/stewardship. With our beautiful new church and facilities, Ascension is hoping to ascend to new heights in stewardship participation in 2020, both fiscally and with active participation in our thriving ministries. By submitting your completed pledge card or pledging online, you can help our parish build strong momentum going into 2020!

+ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DEADLINE APPROACHING** Our Parish is accepting nominations of qualified candidates to serve on the Parish Council for 2020-2021. Nomination forms can be found on our website or by calling the church office and are due to the office no later than Monday, November 18, 2019. Elections will take place on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Epistle Reader: Jim Anast
Prospora Bakers: Sofie Caronis & Maria Karalis
Greeters: Steven & Faye Kopplin
Ushers: Nick Marino (UIC), Peter Venetos, Bill Athenson, Doug Hugdahl, Tom Kiriakos, Carol Stamas, Steve Sintetas, Chris Chatzidakis

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, Chris, Don, Hariklia

Announcements

+ **THE NATIVITY FAST and SARANTALITURGO BEGIN THIS FRIDAY, November 15th** During the November 15 – December 24 Nativity Fast, we will celebrate 40 Liturgies for the faithful—Sarantaliturgo – to pray for the well-being of our parish families, as well as for the souls of the deceased. Please see insert for the service schedule and for information on how to submit names for the health of loved ones and for those reposed in the Lord. During the fast, fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17. May God bless us all and grant us the ability to focus on Christ's birth through additional prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this blessed advent season.

+ **DONATIONS FOR THE NATIVITY SEASON:** During the upcoming Nativity Fast, additional Ecclesiastical supplies, as well as poinsettia plants, will be purchased to use in worship and to adorn the Church. We humbly request any contributions to offset these costs. To make a donation, please contact Renee Maltezos in the Church office (847.482.1200 or renee.maltezos@ascension.com).

+ **OUR PARISH SERVICE PROJECT AT FMSC** Last Monday, November 4th, approximately 45 members of our parish from Jr. GOYA, GOYA, Philoptochos, and Men's Ministry assembled 18,856 meals at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. The meals will be sent to developing nations to nourish those living with food insecurity. This is true Christian stewardship and philanthropy! Thank you for giving of your time and talents, especially in advance of the Nativity Season.

+ **ASCENDING IN ORTHODOXY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet again this Thursday, 11/14 at 10:30am until noon. This week we will discuss the Gospel of Matthew - Chapter 9, 10, 11. Please see the website for this year's schedule and contact Marcia Moore (marcia.moore1780@gmail.com) for more information. No preparation for the class is required and everyone is welcome!

+ **FAITH AND JOY MEETING AND FOOD DRIVE** Our next meeting will be held this Friday, November 15th from 6:30 - 8 p.m. We will begin with this year's ministry theme, Symbols of Faith, and children will participate in a lesson, craft and snack. We will also be conducting a food drive for those in need in Lake County. Any donations of canned or dry goods are welcome. Please RSVP to faithjoyascension@gmail.com if you are able to attend. See insert for more information.

+ **UPCOMING MARRIAGE MINISTRY MEETING** this Friday, November 15th at 7 pm. at church. The topic of the night will be Conflict Resolution. All couples are welcomed and encouraged to come to share healthy perspectives about how this topic relates to building strong relationships. We will also participate in a food drive with the Faith/Joy ministry (see above as well as flyer). Any donations of canned or dry goods are welcome. Let's show our support and bring some food for those in need this holiday season.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS:** We look forward to seeing you at the November 21st "Philoptchos General Meeting, "A Shower of Stars". The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall and begin at 6:30pm. Items purchased for our kitchen will be displayed at the meeting. If you haven't had a chance to choose a star and purchase an item for our kitchen, please visit the Philoptochos Giving tree in the Fellowship Hall. Also, don't miss the opportunity to purchase the Ascension commemorative ornament after Liturgy during November and December. And finally, bring your children, grandchildren, and godchildren to the Lenten "Breakfast with Santa and Gingerbread House Decorating" event on Saturday December 7 following the Diving Liturgy. It will be a fun-filled afternoon for all!

+ **THE NOVEMBER SENIOR SYNAXIS GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Thursday, November 21st at 11:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP by November 14th to Elaine Beck at 847.367.5227.

+ **SAVE THE DATE: METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE:** Sunday, December 15th from 3 – 7 p.m.: at the National Hellenic Museum, Chicago.

+ **SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE:** Does your company offer a matching gift program? Please consider designating Ascension of Our Lord as your charity of choice. Another simple way to support Ascension is when shopping on Amazon! AmazonSmile is the charitable division of Amazon.com. When you make a purchase on smile.amazon.com, 0.5% of the total purchase amount will be donated to Ascension of Our Lord. Just designate Ascension as your charity of choice before completing your purchase and AmazonSmile will make a contribution directly to our church! Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact the church office for assistance.