

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 Gregory the Wonderworker in the Plagal Fourth Mode

By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievements as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

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.

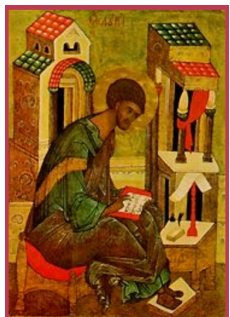
Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

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 6:11-18.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel of Luke 12:16-21



The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN November 17 - 24, 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

"The narrow path welcomes those who sorrow, who sigh, who bear nothing material with them except that which can be carried along this path: charity, philanthropy, kindness and understanding. If you bear these burdens, you'll easily enter the Kingdom of Heaven. So, since the future's unknown, store up in advance, in heaven, the contribution of your love through what you do for your neighbor, so that if ever you stray from what's right, you'll find much forgiveness from God, stored away in a treasury in heaven. Let's become disciplined and generous, so that we don't bring down upon ourselves the unbearable consignment to Hell."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	November 17	9th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	40-Day Blessing, Son of John and Peggy Bertso	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by 2 nd – 4 th Grade SCS	
	Girls' Chanting Practice	
11:15	Altar Boy Meeting	
Monday	November 18	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
6 p.m.	Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	
Tuesday	November 19	
5 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
Wednesday	November 20	
5 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
6 a.m.	Encounter the Word Men's Bible Study	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
Thursday	November 21	Entrance of the Theotokos
10 a.m.	Fr. Sotiri serves Liturgy at the Greek American Rehab Center (GARC) Wheeling	
10 a.m.	Ascending in Orthodoxy meets at GARC	
11:30 a.m.	Senior Synaxis Meeting	
6:30 p.m.	Philoptochos Church Kitchen Shower and General Meeting	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
Friday	November 22	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
Saturday	November 23	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
Sunday	November 24	13th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers at the St. Katherine Chapel of Assumption Church, Chicago	

Our Sunday Volunteers

Epistle Reader: Katherine Schreiber
Prospora Bakers: Sophie Beris & Mary Kakavas
Greeters: Elaine & Harry Metropoulos
Ushers: Bill Athenson (UIC), Doug Hugdahl, Peter Venetos, David Rutkowski, Tom Papastefan, Diane Sigalos, Mike Sutherland, Steve Sintetas

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** 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.

+ **OUR CHAPEL:** With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, and at the request of our generous donor, our chapel is going to be named after St. Katherine the Great Martyr. Please join for the 40 Day Liturgies held in the chapel and also especially for the Feast Day of St. Katherine, Monday, November 25th (Orthros 8 a.m. | Liturgy 9 a.m.)

+ **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).

+ **2019 PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD: JOIN THE MANY FAMILIES** of our Parish in expressing Christmas greetings to all members and friends of our Ascension Church. Return the insert by December 4th to take part in our 2019 Christmas greeting card. New this year, you may also submit your card online via a link on our homepage.

+ **THIS WEDNESDAY: ENCOUNTER THE WORD MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us again this Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. at church for the Men's Bible Study Group. Divine Liturgy will precede Bible Study at 5 a.m. This week we will study chapter four in the Book of Acts. Please RSVP to david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT "A SHOWER OF STARS"** this Thursday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Items generously purchased for our kitchen will be displayed at the meeting! 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!

+ **DO YOU CELEBRATE THE FEASTDAY OF ST. KATHERINE?** Next Sunday, November 24th is the day before the Feastday of St. Katherine the Great Martyr. Coffee fellowship will be hosted that day by those in our parish who wish to celebrate or honor a loved one who bears the Saint's name. If you would like to participate, please bring your platter of fasting goodies, fruit, or whatever you wish to share with the parish to the fellowship area on Sunday morning prior to Liturgy. Two Sundays after that – December 8th -- coffee fellowship will be hosted by those in our parish who celebrate or honor a loved one who bears the name of St. Nicholas (December 6 Feast Day). ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ to all!

+ **THE NOVEMBER SENIOR SYNAXIS GENERAL MEETING** will take place this Thursday, November 21st at 11:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. If you haven't done so already, please RSVP to Elaine Beck at 847.367.5227.

+ **ATTENTION MEN OF ASCENSION!** Our Koinonia Men's Ministry is looking for men interested in being on our leadership team to help drive all the ministry's important initiatives and events. If you are interested please contact Alex Marx, alxmr@sbglobal.net, or Tom Kiriakos, tskiriakos@icloud.com. Thank you!

+ **JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!** Preserve the memory of the opening of our new church with a beautiful, boxed commemorative ornament of Ascension. Philoptochos will be selling these ornaments for \$25 each Sunday after Liturgy while supplies last.

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

+ **JOIN THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENTUM!** The first three Sundays of November mark the beginning of our 2020 Stewardship campaign: "A Time For Every Purpose Under Heaven (Ecclesiastes 3)." Thank you to the 42 families who have recently turned in their pledge cards or pledged online since the beginning of our 2020 Stewardship campaign! Along with making a commitment of their time and talents to our ministries, they pledged more than \$127,000. Let's keep the momentum going! New this year: 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!