

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Martyrs Ascepsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19.

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The Gospel of Luke 16:19-31



The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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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

"Have faith that is as unshakeable as a rock, so that nothing frightens you...The person who has deep faith within himself, and fixes his attention on the good path, and seeks to improve the condition of his soul and to adapt his thought to the good is happy...The happiness of man consists in faith in God and in good acts which are done with love."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 3 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by The Stewardship Committee Parish General Assembly	5th Sunday of Luke
Monday 6 p.m. 8 p.m.	November 4 Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville (Jr. GOYA Shift) Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville (GOYA Shift)	
Tuesday 4:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 5 Greek School Koinonia Men's Ministry General Meeting	
Wednesday 6 a.m. 10 a.m. 7 p.m.	November 6 Encounter the Word Men's Bible Study HOPE Philo托chos Board Meeting	
Thursday 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	November 7 Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced Great Vespers @ St. Haralambos Church, Niles	
Friday 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 7 p.m.	November 8 Orthros Divine Liturgy Great Vespers @ St. Nektarios, Palatine	Holy Archangels
Saturday 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m.	November 9 Orthros Divine Liturgy Byzantine Music Class Vespers	St. Nektarios of Pentapolis
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m. 6 p.m.	November 10 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Baptism Martha & Mary Maternity House Benefit Dinner, St. Nicholas Oak Lawn	8th Sunday of Luke St. Arsenios of Cappadocia Stewardship Sunday

+ **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE PHILOPTOCHOS FEAST DAY** Luncheon and Fashion Show last Sunday! We had a sell-out crowd and appreciate everyone's support! A special thank you to our chairs, Lisa Karkazis and Vicky Douvlis for another outstanding job, and also to our star models who lit up the red carpet and made the afternoon so enjoyable.

+ **ELEVEN/TEN: ALL HANDS ON DECK!** The first three Sundays of November mark the beginning of our 2020 Stewardship campaign with next, Sunday, November 10th, designated as "Stewardship Sunday." The call to action is simple for all existing and new stewards of Ascension: Please complete the 2020 Stewardship Pledge Cards that will be in your mailbox early this week and bring them with you to church on 11/10. We will also have a new option to pledge online this year with details coming soon! With our beautiful new church and facilities, Ascension is hoping to ascend to new heights in stewardship participation next year, both fiscally and with active participation in our thriving ministries. By bringing in your completed pledge card and turning it in on Stewardship Sunday, you can help our parish build strong momentum going into 2020!

Our Sunday Volunteers

Epistle Reader: David Rutkowski
Prospora Bakers: Sofie Caronis & Despina Taranko
Greeters: Debbie & Demetri Katsulis
Ushers: Tom Kiriakos UIC, Peter Venetos, Demetri Katsulis, Carol Stamas, Doug Hugdahl, David Rutkowski & Jeannie Thomas

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

Did You Know?

The Synaxis of the Holy Archangels is celebrated on November 8th each year. You probably know that the icons of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel are always on the north and south doors of the altar, respectively (known as the "Deacons Doors"). They are placed there for a reason, as the altar is the specific place where heaven and earth meet. Just as Michael's sword guarded the entrance of the Garden of Eden (a type of heaven) when mankind exited, he is placed on the door where the deacon and altar boys *exit* the heavenly altar. Similarly, just as Gabriel opened the doors of heaven to mankind again through his Annunciation to the Theotokos, he is placed on the door where the deacon/altar boys *enter* the heavenly altar.

Announcements

+ **PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY!** Please attend this important meeting, which will begin immediately following Divine Liturgy. If you haven't signed in as a steward to participate, please do so at the table in the narthex. Should the table no longer be in place after Liturgy, please seek out Nick Marino or one of the other Parish Council members to be signed in.

+ **THERE'S STILL ROOM TO PARTICIPATE IN TOMORROW'S FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SERVICE PROJECT** Parish Members are invited to a service project at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville tomorrow, November 4th, where we will hand pack meals that are specially formulated for malnourished children. Please register asap on our homepage by clicking the FMSC icon on the right side of the page; or, email justinglav@ascensiongoc.com with the time slot and number of people from your family who will attend. Note: Jr. GOYA will participate from 6 to 7:30 pm; GOYA from 8-9:30 p.m.

+ **KOINONIA GENERAL MEETING THIS TUESDAY:** Koinonia Men's Ministry General Meeting this Tuesday 11/5, 7:30 at Church. ALL MEN are welcome to join us. Father Sotirios will lead us in a spiritual discussion. We will also review our recent results, and discuss our exciting calendar of events. Please contact Doug Hugdahl (dhugdahl@lightsourceunlimited.com) or Demetri Katsulis (dtk111@comcast.net) for more information.

+ **ENCOUNTER THE WORD MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TAKES PLACE THIS WEDNESDAY MORNING** at 6 a.m. at church. This week we will study chapter four in the Book of Acts. Please join us for this peaceful start to the day! RSVP to david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com.

+ **THE ST. DEMETRIOS LIBERTYVILLE INDOOR FALL FOOD FEST** takes place Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 at the church from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. featuring authentic Greek Cuisine and Homemade Greek Pastries! For more information, call the church at 224.513.5530.

+ **KOINONIA EVENT – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY –** Next Saturday, 11/9, 8 a.m. -4 p.m. Contact Demetri Katsulis, dtk111@comcast.net for details and to RSVP. No experience necessary, just the desire to help others.

+ **THE PHILOPTOCHOS GIVING TREE can be found** in the Fellowship Hall until our November 21 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Shower. **All members of the parish are encouraged to participate** by choosing a star (or item) from the *Giving Tree* and purchasing a gift for our new kitchen and fellowship hall. You can and either drop the item off at church or bring it to our November meeting. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted. For more details, see inserts. Thank you!

+ **FAITH AND JOY MEETING AND FOOD DRIVE** Our next meeting will be held 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.

+ **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 FOR A SPECIAL EVENT THIS DECEMBER:** Gingerbread House Decorating and Lenten Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Clause! Saturday, December 7th... Details coming SOON!

+ **JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!** At its luncheon last week, Philoptochos unveiled a special opportunity to preserve the memory of the opening of our new church with a beautiful, boxed commemorative ornament of Ascension. Ornaments cost \$25 each and will be on sale each Sunday after Liturgy while supplies last.

+ **THE NATIVITY FAST takes place November 15—December 24.** Fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17. During the Nativity Fast, we will celebrate 40 Liturgies for the faithful—Sarantaliturgio – 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. May God bless us all as we enter the Nativity Fast, and grant us the ability to focus on Christ's birth through additional prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this blessed advent season.

+ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** Our Parish is now 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.