

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

### Apolytikion for Apostle Thomas in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto

### 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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10.

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### The Gospel of Luke 7:11-16



At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 6 - 12, 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

*"When the soul knows the love of God by the Holy Spirit, then he clearly feels that the Lord is our own Father, the closest, dearest Father, the best. And there is no greater happiness than to love God with all the mind and heart, and our neighbor as ourself. And when this love is in the soul, then all things bring joy to the soul."*

St. Silouan the Athonite

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Luke</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship	
	Girls' Chanting Practice	
noon:	Baptism: Maria & Nicholas Arce, Children of Michael & Marisa Arce	
	<i>Sponsors: Bill Lambropoulos   Alex Lambropoulos</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 7</b>	
10 a.m.	HOPE at Didier Farm	
6 p.m.	Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 8</b>	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
7 p.m.	Greek School Teachers' Meeting	
7 p.m.	Parish Council	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 10</b>	
10:30 a.m.	Ascending in Orthodoxy Women's Bible Study	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 11</b>	
	Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival @ Hilston Rosement through Saturday	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 12</b>	
10 a.m.	"Pick Up Your Cross & Follow Me" Day Camp, St. Iakovos Retreat	
3:30 p.m.	Byzantine Music Class	
5 p.m.	Vespers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

### + ASCENSION TO HOST FIRST OF A TWO-PART "PARENTING UNIVERSITY" SERIES

On Friday, October 18th, Ascension will be hosting the first in a two-part series sponsored and offered by the Metropolis of Chicago Family Synaxis "Parenting University" program. The evening will begin with Paraklesis at 5:45 p.m. followed by an original documentary, entitled, "LIKE", which explores the impact of social media on our lives. A panel of specialists, discussion and fellowship will follow. *Parent University* is a program that offers Orthodox parents an opportunity to explore relevant and emerging topics impacting families today. Children ages 12 and up are welcome to attend these two upcoming sessions. For more information and to register, see the enclosed flyer and visit [www.gocfamilysynaxis.org](http://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org).

+ **SAVE THE DATE! ASCENSION FAMILY NIGHT:** Join us on Friday, November 1st from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and fun at our first-ever Ascension Family Night! Activities and spiritual enrichment for parents and children of all ages! Please RSVP to [ascensionfamilynight@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionfamilynight@gmail.com) by **October 25th** and go to [www.ascensiongoc.com/aboutus/ascension-family-nights](http://www.ascensiongoc.com/aboutus/ascension-family-nights) to sign up and contribute to fellowship that evening by bringing a fast-worthy snack. See the enclosed flyer. Hope to see you there!

+ **YOUR STEWARDSHIP SUPPORTS OUR IMPORTANT MINISTRY WORK** Stewardship at Ascension provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith. Now more than ever, we need the love, commitment, and devotion of every faithful steward of Ascension. As a reminder, Christian Stewardship is not only about monetary commitment, but also includes committing our Time and Talents to our church. God has given each of us special and unique gifts, and we must become good caretakers of all that God has given us. We are thankful for the 319 families that have pledged \$357,000 to Ascension so far this year. It's not too late to become a steward in 2019! Pick up a Stewardship pledge card from the table in the hallway between church and the fellowship hall and contribute your time, talents, and treasures to our beloved Ascension parish.

+ **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](http://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.

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Epistle Reader:** Jim Facklis  
**Prophora Bakers:** Tasia Alexakos & Sophie Beris  
**Greeters:** Chris & Jayne Chatzidakis  
**Ushers:** Carol Stamas (UIC), Demetri Katsulis, Tom Papastefan, Bill Athenson, Doug Hugdahl, 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

Please do not bring strollers into the church. You may leave them in the Narthex or the hall.

## Announcements

+ **WE CONGRATULATE FR. SOTIRI** for being nominated and elected by the Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos to serve as its representative on the Archdiocesan Council! Father was also elected by the Clergy Laity to serve on the Metropolis Council. We pray that our Lord continues to enlighten and inspire you as you fulfill these honorable and important roles. AXIOS!

+ **HOPE GROUP'S ANNUAL FALL OUTING RESCHEDULED TO TOMORROW**, Monday, October 7 at 10 a.m. All parents and grandparents along with their babies and toddlers from 40 days to 4 years old are welcomed and encouraged to join in on the fun! Please contact Presvytera Stefanie at [presstefanie@yahoo.com](mailto:presstefanie@yahoo.com) with any questions.

+ **ASCENDING IN ORTHODOXY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet again this Thursday, 10/10. This week we will discuss Matthew chapter 7 and 8. Please see the website for this year's schedule and contact Marcia Moore ([marcia.moore1780@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.moore1780@gmail.com)) for more information. No preparation for the class is required and everyone is welcome!

+ **ATTENTION FANARI CAMPERS:** The Fanari Reunion Dance takes place next Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Demetrios, Elmhurst. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with Paraklesis and costs \$15. To sign up, go to [fanari.com@gmail.com](mailto:fanari.com@gmail.com).

+ **ANNOUNCING ASCENSION'S NEWEST MINISTRY - ST. ANNA'S ORTHODOX MOTHERS' MINISTRY** - Our new ministry is dedicated to St. Anna and formed for Ascension moms to support one another in raising our children in our holy Orthodox faith. Meetings will include spiritual readings and discussion as well as special events to learn and carry on the Church's rich traditions. We will meet on designated Tuesdays and on occasion on a Saturday. Please note this is not a ministry where children will be present so that mothers can dedicate time for themselves to grow spiritually. Please see flyer for more information.

+ **CONSECRATION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S GUARDIAN ANGEL CHAPEL:** The Parish of St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines invites the faithful to its Consecration Procession and Service followed by Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8 a.m. The preceding evening, Saturday, 10/26, Hierarchical Great Vespers and Reception of the Holy Relics begins at 6 p.m.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS FEASTDAY LUNCHEON:** Reservations are being taken for the annual Ascension Philoptochos Luncheon that will take place on Sunday, October 27th immediately following Liturgy at the Royal Melbourne Country Club. This event has sold out every year so please make your reservations today during coffee hour: This year's Raffle Grand Prize is a weekend family get-away to Lake Geneva! The package includes: 2 nights Deluxe Accommodations for a Family of 4 at the Grand Geneva- skiing or water park tickets included. *Please note that you do not have to be at the event to win the raffle!* To enter the raffle, purchase your lucky *STAR CHOCOLATE* for \$20. We will be selling the stars every Sunday after Church. If you haven't joined Philoptochos yet, it's never too late to become a member. Please visit our website for more information and our exciting calendar of events!

+ **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 the November meeting. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted. For more details, see insert. Thank you!

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL POP EVENT RAISES NOTEWORTHY AMOUNT FOR BREAST CANCER!** With determination and tenacity, many of our Philoptochos members persevered through chilly, rainy weather last Sunday in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event to support those who continue the fight, and to remember loved ones lost. Philoptochos thanks all who walked and all who donated. Because of your generosity, Team POP raised over \$10,000 to donate to this very worthy cause!

+ **TWO SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT.** **Hellenic Link-Midwest** is awarding scholarships, \$2,000 or more, to university or college students of Greek descent that are residents of Midwestern States. Applications are due October 10, 2019. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, **The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation** released its 2019/20 scholarship application. The Foundation will accept applications from eligible Greek American college students through **January 31, 2020**. For more information on both of these programs as well as other scholarship opportunities, visit Ascension's website and click on the Orthodox Christian Fellowship link within the Ministry section.

+ **DIVORCE REBUILDERS:** Sts. Peter and Paul's Divorce Rebuilders offers support, guidance and hope to those who are separated and divorced. Meetings will be held in the library of Sts. Peter & Paul at 7 p.m. for six consecutive Mondays beginning on 10/14 - 11/18/19. This group provides a place where you can learn, heal and rebuild from the hurt of divorce. Leader: Maria Boyle, Counseling, Northwestern University. There is no cost for this program. To enroll, please email: [sspp.divorcerebuilders@gmail.com](mailto:sspp.divorcerebuilders@gmail.com) and please note in the subject heading: Divorce Rebuilders. *"No Christian should walk through the pain of divorce alone."*