

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

### Apolytikion for Macarius the Great of Egypt in the First Mode

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Macarius, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through 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, 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 First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

### The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11.

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

### The Gospel of Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

January 19 - 26, 2020

### 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

“Evil does not have a physical existence, and no one is evil by nature. Because God didn’t make anything that’s evil. When people desire evil, then the non-existent comes into existence, in the form given it by the person doing it. By paying regard to the remembrance of God, then, we should disregard the habit of wickedness. This is because good exists, whereas evil doesn’t, unless we do it.”

St. Diadochos of Photiki

## Weekly Calendar

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| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:15 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.               | <b>January 19</b><br>Orthros<br>Sunday Church School<br>Divine Liturgy<br>Artoclasia offered by Tom Syreggelas & Family<br>Memorial for the Soul of the Servants Antonia Papas (3 months); Stamatis D. Kiriakos (45 years) | <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>  | <b>January 20</b><br><b>St. Euthymios</b><br><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>   |                                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>4:45 p.m.                           | <b>January 21</b><br>St. Anna's Orthodox Mothers' Ministry<br>Greek School   |                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>6 a.m.<br>10 a.m.                              | <b>January 22</b><br>Encounter the Word Men's Bible Study<br>HOPE  |                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>10:30 a.m.<br>7 p.m.                            | <b>January 23</b><br>Ascending into Orthodoxy Women's Bible Study<br>Koinonia Meeting: 2020 Healthy & Spiritual Kickoff  |                                       |
| <b>Friday</b><br>6 p.m.  | <b>January 24</b><br>GOYA Lock-in through Saturday morning   |                                       |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5 p.m.  | <b>January 25</b><br>Vespers   | <b>St. Gregory the Theologian</b>     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:15 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m. | <b>January 26</b><br>Orthros<br>Sunday Church School<br>Divine Liturgy<br>Philoptochos General Meeting   | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> |

+ **ATTENTION PARISH COMMUNITY: THE CHURCH MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** is seeking parishioners who are certified plumbers or electricians to help our committee. If you can lend some expertise, please contact Dave Tegel at Dtegel@gmail.com. We would truly appreciate any help we can obtain from within our Parish.

+ **2020 STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship has been defined as faith in action. It provides us an avenue to humbly thank God for all the gifts he has given us by sharing these gifts to do God's work. Offering our time, talent, and treasures to support His churches truly demonstrates our belief because we are actively supporting God's work in helping those in need and teaching His Word. We're thankful for the ~150 families that have pledged their time, talent and treasures to Ascension for 2020, but we need everyone's help! If you haven't yet, please complete and submit the 2020 Stewardship card or complete your stewardship online. Put your faith in action and help support Ascension's continued momentum in 2020 and beyond!

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU TO THIS YEAR'S APOKREATIKO GLENDI**, which takes place on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. In an effort to go green, Glendi invitation/reservation forms will be available to download from the Philoptochos page of Ascension's website. Reservations will also be taken today after Liturgy. Questions about reservations may be directed to Mary Beth Theodore at mbtheodore@aol.com or 847-687-8649. Philoptochos is also seeking donations for this year's Basket Venture. For more information on donating a basket, contact Sandi Fotopoulos at smfoto13@gmail.com. Please join us for a fun family event!

+ **STEWARDS: PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2020 ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDARS & SCRIPTURE CARDS** on your way out of church.

+ **ATTENTION: LOST & FOUND** baskets are located on top of the coatrack in the hallway across from the restrooms. If you find something – or lose something – check that area out.

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prosporo Bakers:** Elaine Metropoulos & Sophia Metropoulos  
**Epistle Reader:** Bill Athenson  
**Greeters:** Mary & Gust Gatsis  
**Ushers:** Nick Marino (UIC), Peter Venetos, Doug Hugdahl, David Rutkowski, Diane Sigalos, Bill Athenson, Jeannie Thomas, Mike Sutherland

## 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, Alexander, Anthony, Matina, Panagiotis, Evangelos, Paraschos, Chris, Bill, Don, Hariklia

**PARKING IN OUR FIRE LANE AND IN THE CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY IS ILLEGAL & UNSAFE**  
 The entrance to the parking lot, as well as the circular driveway/drop-off area at the front of the main doors to church, is a NO PARKING ZONE as mandated by Police/Fire Department Ordinance. Emergency vehicles must be able to enter these areas quickly and without obstructions from parked vehicles. The Police Department has given us ample warning that they will begin to ticket cars illegally parked in the entrance area and circular fire lane. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety matter.

## Announcements

+ **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 2020 ALASKA MISSION TRIP:** In partnership with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, Ascension is planning a mission trip to Newhalen Alaska, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. It has been over two hundred years since the Orthodox Christian faith was proclaimed on the shores of Alaska. If this mission trip interests you, we will be holding an important information meeting after Liturgy today in the conference room. For more information, contact David Rutkowski @ David.rutkowski55@yahoo.com, Cell: (847)650-0559.

+ **RECRUITING MEN & WOMEN TO ASSIST WITH COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** We need a few more volunteers to help with this important ministry of the church. If you are interested in volunteering to help those who are hosting with set-up and clean -up before and after Liturgy on Sunday mornings, please join us today after Liturgy at a short meeting that Kathie Rutkowskil will be holding after during coffee fellowship. Thank you!

+ **ST. ANNA'S ORTHODOX MOTHERS' MINISTRY** - Our mothers' ministry will resume this Tuesday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Please visit our web page for a schedule of meeting dates. We have also included evening meetings. Our 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.

+ **ENCOUNTER THE WORD:** Join us this Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. as the Men's Bible Study Group continues to delve into the Book of Acts in the New Year. This week we will study chapter six: Deacons Ordained & Evangelism. For questions or to RSVP, please contact david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com.

+ **ASCENDING IN ORTHODOXY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet this Thursday, 1/23 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 13-14. If you can't attend but wish to call in, please contact Bess Bologeorges at bessbo@ameritech.net.

+ **ANNOUNCING TWO KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS!** Join us this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for our 2020 Healthy & Spiritual Kickoff meeting. See insert for more information. Also, Men's Koinonia is inviting all Ascension members for a Cooking Class at Tastebuds in Bannockburn, Saturday, 2/15, from 3:30-6 p.m. Class size is limited so act fast. See insert for more details.

+ **ATTENTION GOYANS:** You are invited to our very first Lock-In in our new church, which will take place Friday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. through Saturday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to justinglav@ascensiongoc.com by this Wednesday, 1/22<sup>nd</sup> and plan on bringing a pillow, sleeping bag, blankets, and air mattress. Get ready for a spiritually uplifting and fun time as we all learn more about our faith and how to find Christ in our daily lives.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS IS HOLIDNG ITS NEXT GENERAL MEETING** immediately after services next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Join us after Liturgy and coffee fellowship to learn "How You Can Help Save A Life". All interested parish members are welcome to attend this informative meeting.

+ **ADULTS/ADOLESCENTS GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM 2019-2020 OPEN HOUSE FOR 2nd SEMESTER:** If you are interested in learning to speak Greek, or you wish to improve your Greek and have a good time, please join us on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Ascension's Conference Room to find out more about what Ascension's Adults/Adolescents Greek School program has to offer.

+ **SAVE THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>** for Ascension's Youth Sunday! Fr. Kosmas Kallis, Director, Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries for the Metropolis of Chicago will be our guest speaker following Liturgy and we will also enjoy an extended celebratory coffee fellowship in honor of our youth!

+ **MISSION TEAM CHICAGO BENEFIT DINNER:** Save the date for this year's benefit dinner which takes place on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines. The keynote speaker will be **His Eminence, Metropolitan THEODOSIUS of Kananga**, coming from the Democratic Republic of Congo to share his firsthand account of the growth of the Orthodox Faith in Equatorial Africa. All proceeds will support missions in the Democratic Republic of Congo as well as the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center around the world. Suggested cost of admission is \$35 per person. For more information, email MTCBenefit@yahoo.com, or call us at (317) 709-0168.

+ **GREEK NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES:** The St. Iakovos Retreat Center is teaming up with the Chicago Wolves hockey team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Greek Night on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Allstate Arena as they challenge the Cleveland Monsters. Proceeds from ticket purchases will benefit the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. For more information, visit www.GoSIRC.org.

+ **THE HELLENIC AMERICAN ACADEMY ANNUAL GALA** takes place on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, beginning at 6 p.m. We are delighted to announce that our very own Harold Anagnos will be honored at this year's event as the recipient of the Heritage Award. For more information, or to reserve a seat for this black-tie optional gala, please contact the Academy at 847.317.1063.