

### 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.

### 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 First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### The Gospel of Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacharias; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN January 26 - February 2, 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

“Each of us, my brethren, is a house in which sin dwells while Christ is afar off, and to which salvation comes as Christ draws near. Whether Christ is able or not to draw near to my house and yours depends on us.”

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>January 26</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Servants of God: Bill Anest (40 days) Nicholas Demet (40 Days) & Sophia Demet (9 yrs) George G. Tsarwhas (5 yrs) Helen Anast (10 yrs), Peter Anast (16 yrs), Paulette Olson (37 yrs), Eleni Margellos(30 yrs) Gregory "George" Chiakulas (40 yrs) 40-Day Blessing: Son of Christina & Andrew Putnam  Coffee Fellowship hosted by Katherine Schreiber and Iliana Gaston in honor of their father, Andrew Zoulas' 90th birthday! Philoptochos General Meeting: Women's Health Initiative	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>
<b>Monday</b> 6 p.m.	<b>January 27</b> Jr. GOYA	
<b>Tuesday</b> 4:45 p.m.	<b>January 28</b> Greek School	
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>January 29</b> HOPE	
<b>Thursday</b> 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 7 p.m.	<b>January 30</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Adult Greek School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester OPEN HOUSE	<b>Three Hierarchs</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 4 p.m.	<b>February 1</b> Adult Baptism: Sandra Figueroa; <i>Sponsor: Vaso Katsis</i> Baptism: Zoe, daughter of Rees & Danielle O'Donnell <i>Sponsor: Presvytera Joanna Pappas</i> Byzantine Music Class	
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>February 2</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy	<b>Presentation of Our Lord Youth Sunday</b>

+ **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!

+ **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:** Iliana Radaios & Elaine Stevens  
**Epistle Reader:** Katherine Schreiber  
**Greeters:** Mary & Thomas Gough  
**Ushers:** Tom Kiriakos (UIC), Peter Venetos, Doug Hugdahl, Nick Marino, Carol Stamas, Steve Sintetas, Jeannie Thomas, 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, Alexander, Anthony, Matina, Panagiotis, Evangelos, Paraschos, Chris, Bill, Don, Hariklia

## Vigil Lights

Vigil lights are offered this week for the health of the Zoulas, Schreiber, Gaston and Anthimiades families.

+ **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.

## Announcements

+ **SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS** The Metropolis of Chicago recently announced a new recognition program called the *Servant Leadership Awards*. These awards recognize laypersons nominated from parishes throughout the Metropolis who have distinguished themselves by their acts of service, leadership, and innovation on behalf of our Holy Church. Ascension will accept nominations for this program until February 7, 2020, and an awards committee will select and recognize one recipient from our parish for the Metropolis Bronze Cross *based on the information submitted on the nomination form*. Please note, nominations may also be submitted online via a link on Ascension's homepage.

+ **JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS AT TODAY'S MEETING** immediately after Liturgy to learn "How You Can Help Save A Life". All interested parish members are welcomed and encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

+ **THIS THURSDAY ADULTS/ADOLESCENTS GREEK SCHOOL 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 30th at 7 pm in Ascension's Conference Room to find out more about what Ascension's Adults/Adolescents Greek School program has to offer.

+ **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> IS YOUTH SUNDAY AT ASCENSION!** 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! Please join us!

+ **MISSION TEAM CHICAGO BENEFIT DINNER:** Save the date for this year's benefit dinner which takes place on Thursday, February 13th @ 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.

+ **KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY COOKING EVENT!** Get your aprons ready! Men's Koinonia is inviting all Ascension members to a Cooking Class at Tastebuds in Bannockburn, Saturday, 2/15, from 3:30-6 p.m. Class size is limited so act fast. Please see insert!

+ **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](http://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.

+ **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! Space is limited for this life-changing opportunity. If you are interested, please contact David Rutkowski: David.rutkowski55@yahoo.com, (847)650-0559, who will give you much greater detail about this mission.

+ **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** The deadline for submitting scholarship applications to the Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation is this Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>! The application and further information is available at [www.panhellenicsf.org/](http://www.panhellenicsf.org/). The 13<sup>th</sup> District AHEPA Scholarship program is currently accepting applications until March 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org).

+ **CROSSROAD 2020 REGISTRATION DEADLINE THIS SATURDAY** Crossroad is an engaging summer institute for Orthodox Christian high school juniors and seniors that connects students with Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. In addition to offering the program on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross, CrossRoad will again be offered in Chicago on the campus of North Park University, (July 20 – July 30). The registration deadline for this program is February 1, 2020. Visit [www.CrossRoadInstitute.org](http://www.CrossRoadInstitute.org) for more information, or Ascension's GOYA Ministry webpage.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS SNAPSHOT OF SUPPORT:** Our Philoptochos Chapter's January contributions included donations toward: National Philoptochos Cancer/Other Major Illness Fund; National Philoptochos Social Services Fund; and, St. Basil's Academy: \$2,600 collected from our generous parishioners.

+ **THE METROPOLIS FAMILY SYNAXIS HAS OPENED REGISTRATION FOR THE MEN'S & WOMEN'S RETREATS**, which will both take place at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. The Men's retreat takes place January 31 – February 1st with a presentation by Rev. Dr. Rick Demetrius Andrews on the theme: *Men and Fathers of the Bible*. The Women's Retreat takes place February 7-8 with this year's workshop theme of *Kindling the Divine Spark*, based on the book by St. Theophan the Recluse. Also save the date for the Lenten Retreat on March 21 @ St. Athanasios Church. More information and registration is available at [www.gocfamilysynaxis.org](http://www.gocfamilysynaxis.org).