

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

### Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos in the Fourth Mode

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

### Memorial Hymn

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has 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.

### Apolytikion of St. Katherine (Protectress of our Chapel)

Let us praise and extol the all-lauded Bride of Christ,\* the Protectress of Sinai, divine Saint Katherine,\* as the one who gives aid and her assistance to us;\* for she brilliantly suppressed the impious orators,\*with the sword of the Spirit.\* And being crowned as a martyr,\* she asks that all receive the great mercy

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

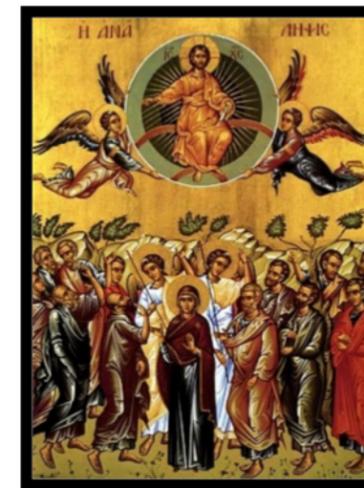
### The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22.

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### 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 22 - 29, 2020

### Spiritual Reflection

*“A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.”*

**St. John Chrysostom**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>November 22</b> <b>9th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for Constance Dumas (1 yr) Sunday Church School Lesson: The Chapel & St. Katherine Philoptochos Drive-Thru Bake-Sale Pick-up, East Parking Lot
<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m.	<b>November 23</b> Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday</b> 9 a.m.	<b>November 24</b> Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 a.m. 9 a.m.	<b>November 25</b> <b>St. Katherine</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 26</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Office Closed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 27</b> Office Closed
<b>Saturday</b> 9 a.m. 5 p.m.	<b>November 28</b> Divine Liturgy Vespers
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>November 29</b> <b>13th Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy

## 2020 Stewardship

We thank the 317 families that have pledged \$414,024 to date to support our Ascension parish this year. It's not too late to submit your pledge for 2020 at [ascensiongoc.com/stewardship](http://ascensiongoc.com/stewardship)

+ **BOOKSTORE NEWS:** Before Divine Liturgy on Sundays through November 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will be able to check out a new copy of *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*. This lending library, which will be stationed

at the entrance, will be available to any steward interested in borrowing a book while the COVID-19 restrictions are in place. As these books have been in quarantine since March, they are safe to handle. Copies that are not returned when required or are returned damaged will be charged a \$20 restocking fee. You can also purchase a new edition of the book for \$20. You are welcome to bring your borrowed book or purchased book to church on Sundays, but please remember to take it home with you at the end of Liturgy.

+ **SUPPORT OUR PARISH RESTAURANTEURS:** With the new dining restrictions that just went into place again in Illinois, let us do our part to support our fellow parishioners who own or manage restaurants in our community. Visit the bottom of our website homepage to find a listing of restaurants and bakeries. Please call the office to add a dining establishment to the list.

+ **TODAY IS IOCC SUNDAY** Our Sunday Church School program acknowledges this day and the IOCC's important missions and humanitarian works. SCS families are encouraged to visit the IOCC's webpage and study the Prayer Journals for 2020 together to learn ways to help those in need, as Christ asks us to do. IOCC is also collecting donations to help those in need. Visit <https://ioccc.org/2020-prayer-journal> for more information!

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prosphora Baker:** Elaine Metropoulos

**Ushers:** Peter Venetos UIC, David Rutkowski, Harold Anagnos, Steve Sintetas, Doug Hugdahl, Tom Kirakos, Chris Chatzidakis, Carol Stamas

## Prayer Requests for Health

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS** the servants of God: Eleni, George, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Dee, Helen, Sophia, Connie, Fred, Katerini, James, Theresa, Peter, Anna, Alexander, Anthony, Matina, Panagiotis, Paraschos, Chris, Bill, Don, Hariklia, Justin, Ignacio, Kevin, Andreas, Theodore, Thanasi

## Vigil Candles

**Vigil Candles** offered by Elena and Bruce Carlson in loving memory of Carmen (Kyriaki) Leiva

## Psalm of Thanksgiving

I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the angels I sing Your praise;  
I bow before Your holy presence and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness;  
For You have exalted above everything Your name and Your word.  
On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;  
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my adversaries, and Your right hand delivers me.  
The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Psalm 138:1-3,7-8

## Announcements

+ **THE NATIVITY FAST and SARANTALITURGO BEGINS TODAY** -- 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. During the fast, fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17. The schedule of services as well as a [link to submit names for prayer](#) can be found on our [website](#) at [ascensiongoc.com/aboutus/sarantaliturgo](http://ascensiongoc.com/aboutus/sarantaliturgo). **Please note: Liturgies that are not preceded by Orthros will not be live-streamed and do not require advance registration.** Please visit our website for all of the details. 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.

+ **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 [reneemaltezos@ascensiongoc.com](mailto:reneemaltezos@ascensiongoc.com)).

### PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUPPORT OUR VETERANS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON** – Please join Ascension Philoptochos in provide assistance to the Midwest Veterans Closet this holiday season. Our Veterans and area active duty military have requested various clothing items (new or gently used coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and socks & new men's long underwear) that will keep them and their family members warm this winter. Please support our Veterans this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at church from November 15 to December 18 or if you prefer, you can drop off directly at the *Midwest Veterans Closet* in North Chicago.
- **DECORATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE AT HOME with loved ones!** In keeping with tradition, Philoptochos will again be selling Gingerbread Houses this holiday season! Pre-orders will be taken through December 1. Please contact Maria Vlahos at [smileygrk@gmail.com](mailto:smileygrk@gmail.com) for more information. Like the bake sale, gingerbread houses will be picked up in Ascension's rear parking lot on December 5 between 10am and 2pm!

+ **SAVE THE DATE: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 2021 ALASKA MISSION TRIP:** In partnership with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, Ascension is planning a mission trip to Newhalen Alaska, August 6th – 17th, 2021, Space is limited for this life-changing opportunity. If you are interested, please contact David Rutkowski: [David.rutkowski55@yahoo.com](mailto:David.rutkowski55@yahoo.com), (847)650-0559, who will give you much greater detail about this mission. Visit the OCMC website for more information: [www.ocmc.org/](http://www.ocmc.org/)

+ **TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE** Koinonia Men's Ministry invites our Parish to participate in our 2020 Toys for Tots Toy Drive. Especially during these trying times it is our duty as Orthodox Christians to provide to our brothers and sisters in need. Please find it in your hearts to drop off any brand new unwrapped toys at the church office Monday thru Friday from 9-3. You may also drop off your donation Sunday mornings before or after services at our designated Toys for Tots box. Monetary donations can also be made to the Koinonia Men's Ministry and we will purchase toys for you. The cut off date to make a donation is Sunday December 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Loukas Jonson at [loukasjonson@gmail.com](mailto:loukasjonson@gmail.com).

+ **THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2020-2021 APPLICATION IS OPEN** The foundation will accept applications for its 2020-2021 Scholarship program from eligible Greek American college students through January 31, 2021. As of June 2020, the Foundation has awarded **\$3.5 million+** in scholarships to **550+** Greek American students. For more information and a link to the application, visit <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply>

## STEWARDSHIP 2021

+ **JOIN THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENTUM!** Ascension launched its 2021 Stewardship Campaign this month with the beautiful reminder from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that "...The greatest of these is love." We thank our many parishioners who already accepted the charge to launch this campaign with strong momentum and have pledged their time, talents and treasures for 2021! Let us draw together as a parish family again this year to lovingly serve God and our community. Please refer to our [Stewardship webpage](http://ascensiongoc.com/stewardship) ([ascensiongoc.com/stewardship](http://ascensiongoc.com/stewardship)) for information on the many ways you can continue to make a difference in the growth of our parish. More information is also available in the 2021 Stewardship Card you received in the mail. Contact our Stewardship chair, Harold Anagnos ([hanagnos90@icloud.com](mailto:hanagnos90@icloud.com)) with questions. Thank you in advance for helping us build strong momentum going into 2021!