

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Miracle of Michael in Colossae in the Fourth Mode

O Chief Commander of the heavenly armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the Commander of the hosts on high, * rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

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.

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

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24.

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel of Matthew 21:33-42



The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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Spiritual Reflection

*"You shouldn't have doubts or lack of faith. If your faith in God is as a grain of mustard, He will give you whatever you ask for. Prayer supports everything. Don't be afraid.
If God is with us, no-one is against us."*

Saint Iakovos Tsalikis

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	September 6 13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for Stavroula Gekas (4 yrs); Konstantinos Gekas (8 yrs) Baptism: Theodoros, son of George & Jennifer Korakakis <i>Sponsors: Alex & Stacy Karahalios</i>
Tuesday 8 a.m. 9 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	September 8 Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros Divine Liturgy Greek School Open House (via Zoom) Parish Council
Wednesday 6 a.m. noon	September 9 Encounter the Word Men's Bible Study (via Zoom) COVID Parish Safety Team Zoom Meeting
Thursday 6:30 p.m.	September 10 Adult Greek School Open House (via Zoom)
Saturday 12 noon 5 p.m.	September 12 Philoptochos Fall Kick-Off & Celebration of Giving Dover Straits, Mundelein Vespers
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3 p.m.	September 13 Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros Divine Liturgy Sunday Church School Lesson about The Cross & Basil Baptism

Ushers

Carol Stamas, Peter Venetos, Bill Athenson, Anastasia Svigos, Demetri Katsulis, Bill Smirles, Chris Chatzidakis, Doug Hugdahl.

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, Evgenia, Justin, Ignacio, Kevin, Andreas

Vigil Lights

Vigil Lights offered by Carol Stamas in loving memory of her parents, Efthimios and Maroula

Announcements

+ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** Beginning next Sunday and running through the fall semester, and immediately following Sunday Liturgies, Fr. Sotiri will take us on an exploration of our Church, its vessels and Liturgical elements that help us worship each week. SCS students and their families will have the option of attending Liturgy and staying to participate directly in these short, in-person lessons; or worshipping via Livestream and then viewing the lesson from home. SCS staff will supplement each topic by sending resource materials to parents. No enrollment to the SCS program is currently required in order to participate. For more information, visit the SCS webpage on our website, or contact Director Katherine Schreiber at katherineschreiber6@gmail.com

+ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: ENCOUNTER THE WORD:** Join us via ZOOM for Bible Study this Wednesday, September 9 at 6 a.m. to resume our study of the Book of Acts. If you are new to the group and would like to participate or have any questions, please contact David Rutkowski (david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com) who maintains an email list and sends out information prior to each call.

+ **JR GOYA & GOYA** will be meeting IN PERSON this year! On Monday, September 14, both of our GOYA ministries will be meeting at 6 & 7:30 p.m. respectively to discuss the Church, Her Saints, and how we can use their example to grow closer to Christ in tumultuous times. We will be abiding by all health and safety measures. Although we may temporarily need a mask to cover our face, that won't stop us from uncovering wonderful lessons together this year with an open mind and heart.

+ **SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S MEN'S RETREAT:** October 17, 2020. More information and registration to be announced next week. Stay Tuned!

+ PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS:

- **Please join Philoptochos members** for a combined **"Celebration of Giving" and Fall Kick-off Meeting** and Luncheon on Saturday, September 12 at 12:30pm. This year's event will be held at Dover Straits, Mundelein. Social distancing and capacity constraints will be in place so reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please rsvp to ascensionphilo@gmail.com, if you are able to attend. In support of the *Operation Classroom* initiative, school supplies for under-funded schools will be collected at the meeting or can be dropped off at Church in the boxes outside the office marked Operation Classroom
- **Ascension 1st Women's Retreat - Saturday, October 3** The theme will be ***A Life Beyond Amazing: Understanding the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.*** Please join your Sisters in Christ for a day of in person fellowship and enlightenment as we learn to draw upon the Holy Spirit within us to strengthen and guide us through these challenging times and beyond. The retreat will begin at 8 a.m. and will be held in Church. Please visit our website for more information.
- **Metropolis VIRTUAL Fundraiser – September 19:** The annual Metropolis Fall Fundraiser (in lieu of the luncheon) will be a virtual event live streamed from the Iakovos Retreat Center. ***Scatter Kindness is this year's theme, which will take place from noon - 1:30pm.*** Though this year's event will be quite different, the commitment to benefit charities remains the same. "No Kid Hungry", the Iakovos Retreat Center and Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Endeavors will be the recipients of this year's charitable giving. Virtual ticket reservations are available for \$25. Please call Pat Gerbanas (773) 415.7818 or Christina Hiotis (847) 699.7463 to reserve your spot. Raffle tickets and sponsorships are available for those interested. Checks should be made payable to Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos.

+ **PLEASE SUPPORT OPERATION CLASSROOM**, a National Philoptochos initiative designed to offer assistance to teachers and students in underfunded communities. This year, we are collecting new school supplies for an elementary school in Waukegan IL. Supplies requested include pencils (#2 and colored), tissues, hand sanitizer, vinyl folders, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, yellow highlighters, glue sticks, crayons, markers, sticky notes, dry erase markers, pink erasers and disinfecting wipes. Please bring the items to the church Monday-Friday 9am to 3 pm by September 13, 2020. There are boxes marked Operation Classroom in the foyer of the front entrance. Contact Faye Kopplin at koppfm@gmail.com or 847-561-2324 with any questions.

+ **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2020 ASCENSION PARISH GOLF OUTING!** The Koinonia Men's Ministry is proud to once again host the 21st Annual Parish Golf Outing and Family Dinner on Saturday, September 26th, at the Arboretum Golf Club in Buffalo Grove. The Golf Committee has worked closely with the Arboretum Club to present this year's outing in compliance with all the safety measures and guidelines of the State, CDC and Metropolis of Chicago. Join us for a day of Koinonia and golf by reserving your spot today. Even if you do not golf, join us for dinner! Please register no later than September 18th and pay directly on the [Koinonia's Men's Ministry Golf web page](#) on Ascension's website.

MINISTRY START DATES!

Encounter the Word: 9/9
Philoptochos: 9/12
Sunday Church School: September 13
Jr. GOYA: September 14
GOYA: September 14
Greek School: 9/15
Adult Greek School: 9/17
Ascending in Orthodoxy: 9/17
St. Anna's Mothers' Ministry: 9/25
Marriage Ministry: 9/25
Men's Ministry: 9/26
Faith/Joy: TBD
HOPE: TBD
Senior Synaxis: TBD
Byzantine Music: TBD

Ongoing:
Stewardship
Acolytes
Orthodox Campus Fellowship
Orthodox Store

+ **INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ASCENSION'S GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM?** Open House meetings will take place via ZOOM next week to give an overview and showcase the plans for this year's multifaceted programs! The Tuesday evening program for children ages 4-15 will hold it's open house ZOOM on Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m. and, the Thursday evening program for Adults/Adolescents will host its open house via ZOOM on September 10th at 6:30 p.m. All Parents of Registered Youth Greek School students and Adult registered students will be sent a ZOOM meeting invitation two days before the meeting and invited to attend. If you are new to the program and interested in learning more about it, please contact Greek School Director Maria Theodoropulu at mariatheod@hotmail.com.

+ **ST. ANNA'S ORTHODOX MOTHERS' MINISTRY** - This 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 be held on alternate **Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am beginning September 25th** and include spiritual readings, discussion and special events to learn and carry on the Church's rich traditions. This year's text will be "Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: the Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica." ***Please note: this ministry plans to meet in person this year; however, for those moms who have younger children learning at home or prefer to attend remotely, meetings will also be broadcast via ZOOM.*