

Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Sun. of the 7th Ecumenical Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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 Letter to Titus 3:8-15.

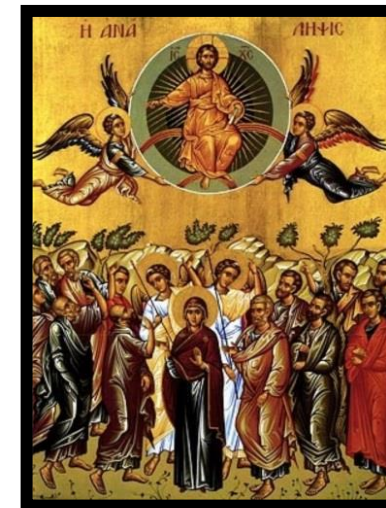
Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Reading is from Luke 8:5-15



The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As He said these things, He cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 15 - 22, 2017

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

"Kill off your passions, both internal and external, and cultivate the good features of your soul, allowing them pride of place there. Prayer is the basic thing."

Saint Theophan the Recluse

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	October 15 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by GOYA	7th Ecumenical Council <u>National Leadership 100 Sunday</u>
Monday 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	October 16 JOY/Jr. GOYA @ Brunswick Zone Hawthorne Lanes GOYA @ Brunswick Zone Hawthorne Lanes	
Tuesday 4:45 p.m.	October 17 Greek School (@Daniel Wright Middle School)	
Wednesday 10 a.m.	October 18 HOPE	St. Luke the Evangelist
Thursday 10 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	October 19 Senior Synaxis Opera in Focus event, Rolling Meadows Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced (@ 1221 House)	
Friday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	October 20 Othros Divine Liturgy Faith/JOY (@ 1221 House)	St. Gerasimos
Saturday 9 a.m.	October 21 Orthodox Christian Synergy Smposium, St. George Antiochian Church, Cicero	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	October 22 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Great Vespers, St Iakovos Church, Valparaiso, IN	6th Sunday of Luke

+ **TODAY IS LEADERSHIP 100 SUNDAY. EXCERPTS FROM ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS' MESSAGE:** "Now, for more than three decades since its founding by Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory, Leadership 100 has remained firm in its commitment to support the ministries and institutions of our Church for the glory of God. On this ninth commemoration of National Leadership 100 Sunday, I ask all of our parishes to honor Leadership 100's faithful legacy of service and to recognize its members and their example. May we acknowledge the special blessings of God through Leadership 100's precious gifts. We fervently pray that the Lord will continue to bless abundantly Leadership 100 in the decades to come, and keep its members in health and prosperity as they continue to stand firm in the faith and do all that they do in love."

Over the past 30 years, Leadership 100 has disbursed more than \$48 million in grants to support the National Ministries and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as Metropolis Ministries, other programs and projects that advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism and humanitarian needs in the nation and around the world. The celebration is held on a Sunday close to the Feast of Saint Iakovos (October 23) in honor of the Founder of Leadership 100, Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora Bakers: Sophie Beris and Mary Kakavas
Epistle Reader: Tom Kiriakos
Ministry Greeters: Jayne and Chris Chatzidakis
Ushers: David Rutkowski (UIC), Kathy Rutkowski, Peter Venetos, Nick Marino, Carol Stamas, Bob Mantzoros

Prayer Requests for Health

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS the servants of God: Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Dee, Helen, Sophia, Connie, Janet, Anthony, Fred, James, Katerini, Christy, Holly, Nick

Announcements

- + **ANNOUNCING A NEW COFFEE FELLOWSHIP PROCESS:** We have simplified the process of hosting coffee fellowship! You are now encouraged to sign up for Coffee Hour on-line via the link at the bottom of our home page at www.ascensiongoc.com. Many dates are available through the end of the calendar year. Please visit our website for more details and simple, peanut-free serving ideas! Thank you!
- + **PLEASE SUPPORT GOYA TODAY AT COFFEE HOUR** by purchasing donut(s) for their fundraiser. Money raised will go toward the youth ministry's trip to New York City in the spring of 2018.
- + **THE ASCENSION GIRLS' CHANT GROUP** will practice today directly after Divine Liturgy. Please meet in the Sunday School hallway. This group is for 4th-12th grade girls. Practices are mandatory and a firm commitment is required. Practices will primarily take place Sundays after church, with the possibility of a few practices on Saturdays. Please contact Presvytera Stefanie with any questions: (presstefanie@yahoo.com).
- + **THE 2017 CHICAGO ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SYNERGY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM** takes place next Saturday, October 21 @ St. George Antiochian Church in Cicero from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.. The featured speaker, Eugenia Constantinou, will present the topic, "Search the Scriptures" The presentation will focus on the Bible and how to make daily scriptural reading a daily practice. For more information, visit www.chicagosynergy.org.
- + **THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO CLERGY SYNDESMOS DINNER**, In memory of Metropolitan Iakovos and in honor of the Nameday of Bishop Demetrios & Clergy of Metropolis serving over 20 years, will take place on Tuesday, October 24th at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$100 and reservations may be made with Renee in the Church Office. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation you may also do so through the church office. Proceeds raised will benefit the ministries of the Clergy Syndesmos, as well as the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.
- + **OLIVE OIL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY COMING TO A CLOSE: ACT FAST!** Ascension is selling cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil as part of a Metropolis initiated fundraising project to benefit our building fund, the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center and the Orthodox chapels on the island Strogili Megisti near the Turkish coast. Supplies are limited! To pre-order and reserve your bottles, email Harold Anagnos at hanagnos90@gmail.com or Diane Sigalos at diane_sigalos@yahoo.com.
- + **FOOTBALL MANIA:** Philoptochos has brought back Football Mania! The fundraiser begins October 26th. Please stop by after Liturgy and pick up your tickets! Looking forward to a fun Football season!
- + **THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO ANNUAL SPELLING BEE** for 10-18 year old youth takes place on October 21st at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines. For more information, visit <http://www.goreligiouschicago.org/orthodox-spelling-bee.html>
- + **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT** The Hellenic Link-Midwest Board application is due today, October 15, 2017. The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation recently posted its 2017/18 application at www.panhellenicsf.org/online (due January 31, 2018). For more information on available scholarship programs, visit Ascension's website and click on the Orthodox Christian Fellowship link within the Ministry section.
- + **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COALITION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH (OCCHY)** – October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Parents, youth, schools and community leaders across the country join this month-long observance of the role that substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. Join the Orthodox Christian Coalition for Healthy Youth and let's work together to keep our kids healthy and drug free! Visit www.healthyyouth.com for more information.
- + **BECOME AWARE ABOUT BONE MARROW/STEM CELL DONORSHIP** by visiting <https://bethematch.org/support-the-cause/donate-bone-marrow/>. Find out at this site how you can help be the cure for patients with blood cancers.
- + **SACRAMENTS With the Lord's blessings, the Liturgical life of our church will continue in earnest during our construction project.** We have made arrangements for Fr. Sotiri to be able to conduct Baptisms and Wedding Sacraments at another Greek Orthodox Church. Fr. Sotiri will hear confessions in the small worship area of the new space at 1221 Riverwoods Road. Weekday services will be held in this worship space as well. **If you'd like to plan a Sacrament (Baptism, Wedding, Confession), or a Funeral, Memorial or Artoclasia, please contact the church office so proper arrangements can be made during our construction period.**