

### 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 Holy Napkin in the Second Mode

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will wast Thou well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

### 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, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῆ 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

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

### The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

### The Reading is from Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

**Aug 16 – 22, 2015**

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**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** – *When then you are minded to be revengeful, consider that against yourself are you revengeful, not against another; that you art binding up your own sins, not your neighbors ....*

**- St. John Chrysostom**

**Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church  
Aug 16 – Aug 22, 2015**

**Sunday**      **August 16**  
8:15 a.m.      Orthros  
9:30 a.m.      Divine Liturgy

*Coffee Fellowship hosted by The Gough Family*

**Tuesday**      **August 18**  
7:00 p.m.      Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday**      **August 20**  
3:00 p.m.      Senior Synaxis Picnic  
7:00 p.m.      SCS Teachers' Meeting

**SATURDAY**      **August 22**  
Noon      Wedding: Tina Anagnos & Joel Edmund Smith  
Sponsor: Elaine Alexander  
  
5:00 p.m.      Vespers

+      **OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES** *and deepest sympathies* to Presbytera Cynthia Papanikolaou and family on the passing of Fr. Byron Papanikolaou. His funeral took place this past Friday at S.S. Constantine and Helen in Palos Hills where he served for over 50 years. May the Lord grant Fr. Byron rest with the Saints, and may God remember his holy priesthood in His Kingdom.

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

+      **WE ARE GLAD** *you came to our Church.* We hope your visit was 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.

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

+      **SAVE THE DATE *Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>*** *The Koinonia Men's Ministry* is again hosting this year's family picnic immediately following Divine Liturgy. We would greatly appreciate any monetary donations to help offset the cost, including: Tent (\$2,300), hot dogs & buns (\$200), hamburgers & buns (\$200), soda pop (\$200), bottled water (\$200). We've already received generous donations for gyros, salads, souvlakia, pita bread, toppings and condiments. In addition, we are looking for men to help grill, serve and clean up at the event. If interested, please email Conrad Theodore ([cltheodore@aol.com](mailto:cltheodore@aol.com)) or Jim Anast ([janast80@gmail.com](mailto:janast80@gmail.com))

+      **LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY RETREAT** *Join other Orthodox families* at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Wisconsin over Labor Day Weekend for a fun-filled time reconnecting with your family and reconnecting with God. Retreat leader Fr. Joseph Copeland will present workshops on the theme *The Church in the Home: Finding Salvation in Family Life.* Children's workshops will also be provided, as well as child-care for babies. Find more information and register online at [www.GOCFamilySynaxis.org](http://www.GOCFamilySynaxis.org) or email [Chicago.Family.Synaxis@gmail.com](mailto:Chicago.Family.Synaxis@gmail.com). Register by Aug. 17 for the best rate.

+      **NOW OPEN** *Sunday Church School Registration for 2015-2016 is available on-line!* Please visit our Church's website and locate the registration link within the Sunday Church School Ministries tab. The On-line form is simple and user friendly – we encourage everyone to use it and enroll your children grades Pre-K (age 4 by 9/1/15) through 8th. The SCS calendar is also available on-line. Key dates: 1<sup>st</sup> day of SCS classes is Sunday, September 13th; Open house is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact SCS Director, Christine Perakis, at [cperakis@comcast.net](mailto:cperakis@comcast.net) or (847) 220-1036. Christine Perakis will be available for registration and questions during coffee fellowship hour.

+      **APPLICATIONS** for *this year's Greek School* beginning in September are available online or at the Church Office.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH**

+      **PRAYER REQUESTS** – *Please include in your personal prayers* the servants of God: Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Nicholas, Ethel, Louise, Paraskevi, John, Panagiota, Anastasia, Stella, Athanasia, Mitchell, Joanne and Augustine.

**UPCOMING SUMMER FESTIVALS**

<b>AUGUST 21-23</b>	St. Demetrios Church, Chicago
<b>AUGUST 22-23</b>	SS Constantine & Helen Church, Palos Hills
<b>SEPTEMBER 5-7</b>	Hellenic American Academy, Deerfield
<b>SEPTEMBER 12-13</b>	SS Peter & Paul Church, Glenview