

### **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.

### **Apolytikion for Martyrs Gouria, Shamuna & Habib, in the Plagal First Mode**

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties, scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Friend of man.

### **Apolytikion of the Church in the First 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 Fourth Mode**

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

### **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 10:25-37**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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### **WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN**

**Nov 15 - 22, 2015**

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**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP** – *In the words of the late beloved Fr. William Chiganos of Holy Apostles Church in Westchester, Illinois, "...people don't give to need; they give to vision.... Church people don't stretch their giving because of need to meet the budget; they give more because they are able to see a vision of people being reached and God's purposes being accomplished in the life of the church and its ministry."* According to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Parishes with successful Orthodox Christian Stewardship Programs have found that incredible support is unleashed from Stewards who unselfishly and joyfully offer their time, talent and treasures, which in turn enhances the spirituality and ministry of the local parish.

## Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church

Nov 15 - 22, 2015

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 15</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke – Nativity Fast Begins</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:10 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Memorial Service for the souls of the servants of God: Maria Davos (10 yrs); and also Efstathia Zaharias (6 months) & Nikolaos Zaharias (25 yrs) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Arthur and Sophia Metropulos Stewardship Sunday
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 16</b>	
	Clergy-Laity Congress, Madison, Wisconsin	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 17</b>	
	Clergy-Laity Congress, Madison, Wisconsin	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 18</b>	
	Clergy-Laity Congress, Madison, Wisconsin	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 19</b>	
10:30 a.m.	Senior Synaxis General Meeting	
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School	
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 20</b>	
6:30 p.m.	FAITH/JOY	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos</b>
10 a.m.	Divine Liturgy @ Greek American Rehab Center	
5 p.m.	Vespers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:10 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Memorial Service for the souls of the servants of God: Eugenia Sakelson (1 yr) and John Doxas (20 yrs) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Eleni Logothetis

### 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.

### HOLY COMMUNION ETIQUETTE

+ If you are either baptized and/or confirmed as an Orthodox Christian and have spiritually prepared to receive Holy Communion, please come up with reverence and humility, row by row, and depart as directed by the ushers. Please remain in your rows until an usher indicates your row should proceed forward. If you are standing in the back of the nave, please wait until an usher directs you.

+ In receiving Communion, you should place the cloth under your chin, recite your Christian name, and wipe your mouth after receiving. If you are wearing lipstick please remove it prior to receiving Communion.

+ **OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING** are for the soul of the servant of God, Maria Davos, beloved mother of Sophia (Arthur) Metropulos. Our prayers are also for the souls of the servants of God, Efstathia Zaharias and Nikolaos Zaharias, beloved sister and brother of Mary Drinis. May their memories be eternal.

### CHURCH NEWS

+ **THE NATIVITY FAST** begins today and lasts through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17<sup>th</sup>.

+ **TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** Parish Council members will be submitting their 2016 pledges at the end of Liturgy. We ask for God's blessings as we prayerfully consider the time, talents and treasures we can share to sustain and enhance the spiritual and bountiful Parish life at Ascension in 2016. Please submit your pledge card in a timely fashion either by mail, or by dropping it off at the Church office.

+ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** Ascension is seeking qualified candidates to serve on the Parish Council for 2016-2017. Nominations are being accepted through November 22, 2015. Nomination forms can be found under the television in the Fellowship Hall; or, online at [www.ascensiongoc.com](http://www.ascensiongoc.com). Elections will be held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

+ **KOINONIA MEN'S MINISTRY** announces its new board: Doug Hugdahl, Chairman and interim Financial Officer; Members: Steve Ballis, Steve Demet, Conrad Theodore, Demetri Katsulis, Harry Perakis, Dean Nichols, Jim Maroudas, Demetrios Bruce and Steve Sintetas. Thomas Kiriakos and Alex Marx will continue as Parish Council liaisons. An organizational meeting will be held in the next 10 days.

+ **OUR PARISH SERVICE PROJECT AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** - This past Monday 83 Ascension Parishioners, ranging from children to adults, prepared and packed 23,892 Potato D meals that will be sent to various countries. Thank you to all JOY/Jr. GOYANS, GOYANS, Philoptochos members and their families who shared their gifts of time and treasures in advance of the Nativity season.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS WOULD LIKE TO THANK** Lisa Karkazis for hosting the Philoptochos General meeting and dinner at her home where we collected many needed items for homeless veterans. It is in times of great need that we show our strong spirit of generosity and love. Thank you all!

+ **THANKSGIVING DAY PAN-ORTHODOX DIVINE LITURGY** will be held at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Des Plaines.

+ **PLEASE JOIN US** on Saturday, December 5, 2015, for our 7th Annual Gingerbread Decorating event. There will be 2 sessions: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. If you cannot stay, you may also take your houses TO GO. Every year we sell quite a few houses to be taken home, so make sure you reserve your house(s) TODAY! Gingerbread Orders will be taken from November 15th until the 29th. Please contact Carol Stamas at [cestamas@comcast.net](mailto:cestamas@comcast.net) or call 847.323.1796 if you have any questions. This is a GOYA sponsored event.

+ **SAVE THE DATE for this year's Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert:** Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 4 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

+ **PRAYER REQUESTS** – *Please include in your personal prayers* the servants of God: Maita, Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Nicholas, Ethel, Christine, Louise, John, Panagiota, Anastasia, Stella, Athanasia, Mitchell, Joanne, Augustine, Panagiotis, Christina, Georgiane, Helen, James