

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 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 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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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION –“If one were to put all of the world’s most precious things on one side of a scale, and the Divine Liturgy on the other, the scales would tip completely in favor of the Liturgy. . . There is nothing upon earth holier, higher, grander, more solemn, more life-giving than the Liturgy. The temple, at this particular time, becomes an earthly heaven; those who officiate represent Christ Himself, the angels, the cherubim, seraphim and apostles”

-St. John of Kronstadt

**Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church
Oct 11-17, 2015**

Sunday	October 11 – 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (4TH SUNDAY OF LUKE)
8:15 a.m.	Orthros
9:10 a.m.	Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by Chrys Kaulentis
Memorials:	3 Month for Fotini Hoidas 6 Month for Theoni Karadjias
Monday	October 12 – COLUMBUS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NO MEETINGS	
Tuesday	October 13
4:45 p.m.	Greek School
7 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	October 14
10 a.m.	HOPE
6:30 p.m.	Paraklesis & LOGOS
Thursday	October 15
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/ Advanced Greek School
Friday	October 16
6:30 p.m.	Faith / JOY
Saturday	October 17
9 a.m.	Orthodox Christian Synergy Symposium at Holy Resurrection Serbian Cathedral
5 p.m.	Vespers

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 NEWS

- + **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON NEXT Sunday, October 18th** at Demetri's Restaurant immediately following Church Service. Please RSVP to Mia Connolly by *October 12th* at Miaps@aol.com or 727-415-6277.

- + **METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS NAMEDAY DINNER - The Annual Name Day Dinner** In honor of His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, hosted by the Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos will take place on *Tuesday, October 27th* at the *Chateau Ritz in Niles, Illinois*. The evening begins at 6:00 P.M. with a fellowship hour and followed by dinner at 7:00 P.M. Cost per person is \$100 and reservations may be made with Renee in the Church Office. If you unable to attend but would like to make a donation you may also do so through the church office. Proceeds raised will benefit the Clergy Syndesmos of the Metropolis of Chicago, as well as the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

- + **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! Ph:708.298.9770 occhycicero@healthyyouth.com www.healthyyouth.com

- + **FAITH AND JOY MINISTRY** - Our Faith and Joy ministry is for children in **Grades K-5**. Meetings will be held once a month on a Friday evening. Our next meeting will take place *this Friday, October 16th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm*. Children will gather for a lesson, hymn and craft. For more information and to register please contact Desiree Petros and Presvytera Stefanie at faithjoyascension@gmail.com. Please see our link on the Church's website for more information including our schedule for the year.

- + **SYNERGY SYMPOSIUM 2015** will feature Father Josiah Trenham: "The Cross and the Crescent" on *Sat, 10/17 from 9am to 2pm*. Register by 10/9 for best price. Visit: www.chicagosynergy.org for more information.

- + **PAN-HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP** for H.S. or college students of Hellenic descent. Applications available at: www.panhellenicscholarships.org. *Deadline for submission is Feb 1st*.

- + **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH** *from 7-9pm*, The Ascension of Our Lord invites you to be our guests for an Adult Cocktail Reception at The Lake Forest Club. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information

- + **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to the family of Tyrone Adams who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. We pray that God grant him eternal rest and bring comfort to the family during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALTH

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