### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode**

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

## Apolytikion for Luke the Evangelist in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

### 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 δόξη, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῆ ἐπαγγελία τοῦ ἀγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἰός 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 the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

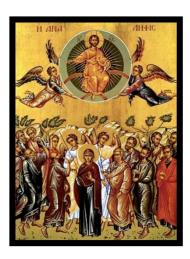
BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord."

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

### The Reading is from Luke 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name! " And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. " In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

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# WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN Oct 18 – 24, 2015

**Prosphora Bakers:** Elaine Metropoulos, Mary Karahalios

FOS Ministry Greeter: Elaine & Harry Metropoulos

**Epistle Reader:** Nick Gatsis

**Ushers:** Peter Venetos, Doug Hugdahl, Bill Smirles, Nick Marino, Carol Stamas

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION —""Many think that the saints are far from us. But they are far from those who distance themselves from them, and very close to those who keep the commandments of Christ and have the grace of the Holy Spirit. In the heavens, all things are moved by the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit is on earth too. He lives in our Church. He lives in the Mysteries. He is in the Holy Scriptures. He is in the souls of the faithful. The Holy Spirit unites all things, and therefore the saints are close to us. And when we pray to them, then the Holy Spirit hears our prayers, and our souls feel that they are praying for us."

(St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, XII.3)

# Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church Oct 18-24, 2015

**Sunday** October 18 – ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:10 a.m. Sunday Church School

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Fellowship Luncheon at Demetri's Restaurant (660 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield)

Monday October 19 5:45 p.m. JOY/Jr. GOYA

7:30 p.m. GOYA – dinner outing at Red Robin

Tuesday October 20 4:45 p.m. Greek School

7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting7 p.m. Capital Campaign Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 21 10 a.m. HOPE

6:30 p.m. Paraklesis & LOGOS

Thursday October 22

11 a.m. Senior Synaxis Event

6:15 pm Adult Intermediate / Advanced Greek School

7:45 pm Adult Beginner Greek School

<u>Friday</u> <u>October 23 – ST. IAKOVOS</u>

9 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy of St. James at Annunciation Cathedral

Saturday October 24 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**

- + **SENIOR SYNAXIS FALL EVENT** *Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 11 a.m.* at Ascension of Our Lord Church. Please *RSVP by Oct 20<sup>th</sup>* to Elain Beck at 847.367.5227.
- + 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.
- + **PAN-HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP** for H.S. or college students of Hellenic descent. Applications available at: www.panhellenicscholarships.org. *Deadline for submission is Feb* 1<sup>st</sup>.
- + **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**<sup>TH</sup> 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
- + SAVE THE DATE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Nov 15<sup>th</sup>
- + **GET INVOLVED** Please consider Stewardship of your time and talent at one of our Weekly Services. Whether it is being a Greeter, Usher, Epistle Reader or Prosphora Baker, Ascension is always grateful to have parishioners be an integral part of its liturgical life. For more information please contact the Church Office at 847.482.1200.

# 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