

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only 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 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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

### The Reading is from Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

**Oct 4 – 10, 2015**

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**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION** – “Every person that does evil, that gratifies any passion, is sufficiently punished by the evil he has committed, by the passions he serves, but chiefly by the fact that he withdraws himself from God, and God withdraws Himself from him: it would be therefore insane and most inhuman to nourish anger against such a man; it would be the same as to drown a sinking man, or push into the fire a person who is already being devoured by the flame. To such a man, as to one in danger of perishing, we must show double love, and pray fervently to God for him; not judging him, not rejoicing at his misfortune. For My sake, says Jesus, but for their sakes, too, ‘love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you.’”

- St. John of Kronstadt

**Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church  
Oct 4 - 10, 2015**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE</u></b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros
9:10 a.m.	Sunday Church School
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Parish Council
3 p.m.	Wedding: Stephanie Kopplin & Thomas Turner Sponsor: Andrew Kopplin
5 p.m.	Baptism: Evangeline daughter of Dino and Lisa Malamis Sponsors: Demetri & Patrice Malamis
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>October 5</u></b>
5:45 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA
7:30 p.m.	GOYA
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>October 6</u></b>
4:45 p.m.	Greek School
6:35 p.m.	Greek School Parent Curriculum Night
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>October 7</u></b>
10 a.m.	HOPE meeting at Didier Farms
6:30 p.m.	Paraklesis & LOGOS
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>October 8</u></b>
10 a.m.	Fr. Sotiri serving Divine Liturgy at Nursing Home
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School
7 p.m.	SCS Teachers Meeting
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/ Advanced Greek School
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>October 10</u></b>
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**

- + **ADULT/ADOLESCENT GREEK LANGUAGE CLASS** enrollment ongoing. Registration forms are available on the Church's website ([www.ascensiongoc.com](http://www.ascensiongoc.com)) or at the Church Office. If you have any questions contact Greek School Director, Maria Theodoropulu at [mariatheod@hotmail.com](mailto:mariatheod@hotmail.com) or the Church Office at 847.482.1200.
  
- + **LOGOS WILL BEGIN this *Wednesday, October 7th with Paraklesis at 6:30p.m.***– We will explore the central act of worship in the Orthodox Church-The Divine Liturgy-in a way that “demystifies its mystery”, and enables us to understand its impact in our daily lives
  
- + **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> RETREAT –“BEING ORTHODOX ON PURPOSE”** St. Demetrios Church in Elmhurst is pleased to have speaker Fr. Barnabas. Fr. Barnabas is the host of Faith Encouraged LIVE on Ancient Faith Radio and the author of the devotional Faith Encouraged Daily. He is the Parish priest at SS. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA. Reservations are REQUIRED by *Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>*. The cost is \$10 per person. To register, please contact Eleni in the Church Office at [saintdemetriooffice@gmail.com](mailto:saintdemetriooffice@gmail.com) or 630.834.7010.
  
- + **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE LUNCHEON *Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*** at Demetri's Restaurant immediately following Church Service. Please RSVP to Mia Connolly by *October 12<sup>th</sup>* at [Miaps@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:occhycicero@healthyyouth.com) [www.healthyyouth.com](http://www.healthyyouth.com)

**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.