

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Apolytikion for Miracle of Michael in Colossae in the Fourth Mode

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of Heavens, we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee that by thy supplications thou encircle us in the shelter of the wings of thine immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to thee with fervour: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

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.

Ανελήφθης 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

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Reading is from Matthew 22:2-14

The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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Vigil Lights Offered by Mr. and Mrs. George and Maita Houpis in honor of the marriage of Tina and Joel Smith. May God grant Tina and Joel a blessed and fulfilling life together.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION –

If you are not able to pray or keep vigil, at least force yourself to study the psalms. The psalms give expression to prayer, repentance, doxology and thanksgiving; they recount feelings and experiences that can give strength even to the weakest soul. When someone passes out you give him a shot of something strong and he revives. That's how it is with the psalms: read them and you too will be revived.

-Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra

**Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church
Sep 6 - 12, 2015**

Sunday **September 6** **14th Sunday of Matthew**
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
40-Day Blessing of the Son of Trisevgeni and Loukas Rogaris
Coffee Fellowship: No host available at this time

Monday **September 7**
Labor Day, Office Closed

Tuesday **September 8** **Nativity of the Theotokos**
8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Greek School Open House
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday **September 10**
6:30 p.m. Adult/Adolescent Greek School Open House

Saturday **September 12**
11:00 a.m. Baptism: William August, son of Mark and Jennifer Klein. Sponsor: Kristyn Graca
Baptism: Maria Krystyne, daughter of Christopher & Kristyn Graca. Sponsor: Mary Klein
5:00 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 HAPPENINGS

+ **VASILIKO FOR FEAST OF THE CROSS:** If you have *vasiliko* (basil) to decorate the tray on Monday, September 14th for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, it would be a blessing for you to bring it to the Church next Sunday, September 13th.

+ **SAVE THE DATE** *Sunday, September 13th* The *Koinonia Men's Ministry* is again hosting this year's family picnic immediately following Divine Liturgy. Overflow parking with bus transportation will be available at Daniel Wright Middle School. We would greatly appreciate any monetary donations to help offset the cost, including: Tent (\$2,300 and hamburgers & buns (\$200). We've already received many generous donations. 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) or Jim Anast (janast80@gmail.com)

+ **REGISTER NOW FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS!** Information and registration for all of our youth ministries -- **HOPE, Faith/Joy, JOY/Jr. GOYA, GOYA, Acolytes, Sunday Church School and Greek School** -- can be found on our website; under the television screen in the fellowship hall; or, by calling the Church office at 847.482.1200.

+ **GREEK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:**

- *Tuesday Evening Program: Tuesday, September 8th* from 5:00 to 6:00p.m.
- *All Adult/Adolescent Program: Thursday, September 10th* from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION forms for the 2015-2016 School Year for both our Tuesday Greek School Program and our Thursday Adult/Adolescent Program are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please phone the Church Office with questions at 847-482-1200; or, contact Greek School Director, Maria Theodoropulu, at maria-theod@hotmail.com. Maria will be available during coffee hour today to answer any questions you may have about the program.

+ **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 enroll your children grades Pre-K (age 4 by 9/1/15) through 8th. The SCS calendar is also available on-line. Key dates: 1st day of SCS classes is Sunday, September 13th; Open house is Sunday, October 4th. If you have any questions, contact SCS Director, Christine Perakis, at cperakis@comcast.net or (847) 220-1036.

+ **FAITH/JOY** - All K-5th graders are invited to join us for our kick-off bowling event on Friday, September 18th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Brunswick Zone Hawthorn in Vernon Hills. The cost is \$15 per child and includes shoes, soft drinks and two hours of bowling. For more information and to RSVP please contact Desiree Petros or Presvytera Stefanie at faithjoyascension@gmail.com.

+ **PHILOTOCHOS NEWS:** The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos is having its annual Luncheon, *Our Faith and Our Foundation is Our Future*, on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at Cafe La Cave restaurant in Des Plaines. If you would like to attend, please leave a check made out to *Ascension Philoptochos* with the names of the attendees in the church office. The cost is \$50 per person. Please contact Anna Duros at 847-918-1106, or anna.duros@gmail.com with any questions, or if you would like to reserve seats. We hope you can join us at our Ascension table!

+ **PHILOTOCHOS KICK-OFF MEETING** will take place on Thursday, September 24th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Church. Join us on "Our Stairway to Heaven" for fellowship, food, fun and door prizes. RSVP to Anna Duros via email at ascensionphilo@gmail.com or by phone 847-918-1106.

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

SEPTEMBER 5-7 Hellenic American Academy, Deerfield
SEPTEMBER 12-13 SS Peter & Paul Church, Glenview