

### 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.

### Memorial Hymn

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

### Apolytikion of the Church in the Fourth 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 the Romans 2:10-16.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

### The Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23



At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church



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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN July 3 - 10

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.

Spiritual Reflection

*"Prayer, fasting, vigil and all other Christian practices, however good they may be in themselves, do not constitute the aim of our Christian life, although they serve as the indispensable means of reaching this end. The true aim of our Christian life consists in the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God."*

St. Seraphim of Sarov

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God Elias Plevritis, (3 years) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Georgia Plevritis
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>
	Church Office Closed	Clergy Laity Conference through July 8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Matthew</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Elaine Metropoulos  
**FOS Ministry Greeters:** Jeannie and John Thomas  
**Epistle Reader:** Nick Papastratakos  
**Ushers:** **UIC Alex Marx**, Tom Kiriakos, Bob Mantzoros, Nick Marino, Doug Hugdahl, Mike Sutherland

## Prayer Requests for Health

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS** the servants of God: Georgia, John, Eleni, George, Nicholas, Christine, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Helen, James, Sophia, Connie

## Announcements

+ **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN "Our Faith...Our Church...Our Legacy"** Our Capital Campaign committee is pleased to announce that 92 donors have pledged \$3,141,850 to our 2016 campaign goal of \$5.4M. This, along with our 141 Parishioners who donated in our prior campaign, brings our grand total of cash on hand and pledges, to \$5.7M! With a remaining \$1.8M to raise, and a hopeful 100% participation from our Parishioners, our goal is within our reach. If you have not submitted your family's pledge card, we urge you to submit it, so that you can be recognized as a supporter of this project. Naming Opportunities continue to be donated, and there are still opportunities available, such as the:

- Community Center: \$1,000,000
- Nave and Dome: \$500,000/each
- Fellowship Hall, Gallery and Kitchen: \$250,000/each
- Landscaping: \$150,000
- Berms: \$50,000

All contributions are equally needed and appreciated, and will help our Parish meet our fundraising goal. We are still working towards, and hoping for, 100% participation from our Parish. Please contact Fr. Sotiri with any questions at [frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com](mailto:frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com), or the Church Office at 847-482-1200.

+ **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS STILL NEEDED:** Thank you to all who have signed up and hosted coffee fellowship hour. The following dates are still open this summer: July 31, August 7 and August 14. Please consider hosting after Liturgy with your family, or together with another family, so that we may continue our fellowship throughout the summer. Call the office or check our website for some simple ideas. The sign-up list is available on the bulletin board near the coffee. \*PLEASE make sure that all items are NUT FREE due to allergies. Thank you!

+ **WE WISH ALL OF OUR YOUTH ATTENDING FANARI CAMP SESSIONS THIS SUMMER** an uplifting, safe, fun and blessed week. May God grant you safe travels and spiritually guide you while you are away from home.

+ **UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS:** Support our local Metropolis Churches and celebrate summer Greek-style!

July 8 – 10: St. Demetrios, Libertyville	July 8 – 10: St. Sophia, Elgin
July 9 – 10: St. Andrew, Chicago	July 9 – 10: St. Spyridon, Palos Heights
July 15 – 17: St. Haralambos, Niles	July 16 – 17: All Saints, Joliet
July 23 – 24: Assumption, Chicago	July 23 – 24: Assumption, Homer Glen

+ **HOSPITAL CALLS, NURSING HOME & HOME-BOUND PARISHIONER VISITS.** If you know someone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home or is home-bound, and they would like Fr. Sotiri to visit them, please contact our office.

+ **CHURCH RIDE SHARING:** Do you need a ride to church or are you able to provide a ride for someone else? Philoptochos can help facilitate a match between drivers and riders so everyone who would like to attend church or church meetings is able. Contact Annette Sutherland (847-224-7126/[ambuth@comcast.net](mailto:ambuth@comcast.net)) to sign up. Thank you!

+ **WEEKLY "SANCTUARY VIGIL LIGHT" DONATIONS** may be offered for the health of individuals, family members or in memory of departed loved ones. A \$75.00 donation for the oil for each week's vigil lights is requested. Names will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. Call the Church Office to reserve your week.

## Condolences

**OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING** are for the soul of the servant of God, Elias Plevritis, beloved husband of Georgia, and beloved father of Dimitrios and Maria Plevritis. May his memory be eternal.

## 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 move forward. If you are standing in the back of the nave, please wait until an usher directs you.

+ Prior to receiving Holy Communion, you may read the *Prayers Before Receiving Holy Communion* on page 37 in the Divine Liturgy book found in the pew. Following Holy Communion, it is customary for the faithful to silently recite the *Prayers of Thanksgiving*, on page 55.

+ 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.

+ Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or not, please come forward at the dismissal to receive the blessed bread which is offered to everyone who worships with us. May the blessings of Christ be with you.