

Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Holy Ascension 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 art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st 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 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.

Ἀνελήφθῃς 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 Plagal Second Mode

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36.

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Gospel of John 17:1-13



At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work which You gave me to do; and now, Father, You glorify me in Your own presence with the glory which I had with You before the world was made.

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave me out of the world; Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You; for I have given them the words which You gave Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You did send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Mine; all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which you have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them

is lost but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

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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

"Nothing so becomes a church as silence and good order. Noise belongs to theatres, and parades, and marketplaces. But where such doctrine are taught there should be stillness, and quite, a calm reflection, a haven of much repose."

St. John Chrysostom

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	June 12	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Graduate Sunday Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Parish Council
Tuesday	June 14	
7 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday	June 16	
10 a.m.	Divine Liturgy @ the Greek American Rehab Center	
Saturday	June 18	Saturday of Souls
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
Sunday	June 19	Holy Pentecost Father's Day
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy followed by Kneeling Vespers	Coffee Fellowship

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Patricia Filley & Despina Taranko
FOS Ministry Greeters: Jeannie & John Thomas
Epistle Reader: Nick Gatsis
Ushers: UIC Tom Kiriakos, Bob Mantzoros, Steve Demet, Doug Hugdahl, Robert Buhler, Harold Anagnos

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

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.

Announcements

- + **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CELEBRATED ASCENSION'S BELOVED FEASTDAY** this past Wednesday and Thursday. It was beautiful and honorable to worship together as a Parish Family along with visiting Hierarchs and Clergy. We thank those who donated toward flowers and Artoclasia, and to the women who decorated the beautiful Analysis icon. We also appreciate the efforts of the members of Philoptochos and Senior Synaxis, who hosted the celebratory fellowship time after each service. May our Lord continue to send His unending grace to our beautiful Parish.
- + **TODAY IS GRADUATES SUNDAY** – This morning we will honor our Ascension Graduates with a gift on behalf of the entire Congregation. Please refer to the enclosed list in this Sunday's Bulletin. Jr. Olympics participants will also be recognized.
- + **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE JR. OLYMPICS** on Memorial Day weekend! In all, our athletes represented Ascension in 16 individual and team events and brought home 5 medals! Team Bowling (Ted Tapas, Joseph Connolly, Jimmy Angelos, Eleni Angelos) received a bronze medal; Ted Tapas received a gold medal in Individual Bowling; Peter Anast won a Gold medal in Checkers; Nick Tegel brought home a Bronze Medal in the 1 Mile; and, Chris Svigos received a Bronze medal in Checkers. We will be acknowledging the participants after the Divine Liturgy next week on June 12th. A special thank you to Esther Tegel, who did an excellent job organizing this event for our Parish, and to all of the coaches/advisors who helped make this a wonderful weekend of fellowship and great sportsmanship.
- + **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN "Our Faith...Our Church...Our Legacy"** Our Capital Campaign committee continues to make wonderful progress. Although summer is now upon us, our committee will continue to pursue pledges towards our Capital Campaign. 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: \$50,000All 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, or the Church Office at 847-482-1200.
- + **WE NEED COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER:** Please consider hosting coffee fellowship after Liturgy with your family, or together with another family, so that we may continue our fellowship throughout the summer. Never done it before? Call the office or check our website for some simple ideas. A 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.
- + **THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** will host its annual gala next Saturday, June 18th at the Ritz Carlton, Chicago. For more information, or to purchase your tickets online, visit www.panhellenicsf.org, or call 312.357.6432. In addition to presenting \$250,000 in scholarships, the Foundation will be recognizing its Paradigm Award recipient.
- + **THE 2016 ASCENSION GOLF OUTING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER:** The Koinonia Men's Ministry will be hosting the annual Ascension Golf Outing and Family Dinner on Friday, June 24th, at the Deerfield Golf Course. Please stop by the registration table during coffee hour today, or go to the Men's Ministry webpage @ www.ascensiongoc.com to register.
- + **UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS:** Support our local Metropolis Churches and celebrate summer Greek-style!
 - June 17-19: St. Demetrios, Elmhurst
 - June 17-19: St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn
 - June 24-26: Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago
 - June 24-26: St. Nectarios, Palatine