

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for All Saints in the Fourth Mode

Adorned in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church, though them, doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

Memorial Hymn

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have 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 Plagal Fourth Mode

As the first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquillity, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2.

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The Gospel of Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30



The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN June 26 – July 3

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

"Just as painters in working from models constantly gaze at their exemplar and thus strive to transfer the expression of the original to their own artistry, so too he who is anxious to make himself perfect in all kinds of virtue must gaze upon the lives of the saints as upon statues, so to speak, that move and act, and must make their excellence his own by imitation."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	June 26 Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God Efstathios and Sophia Machas, (1 yr); and, Paul Vabakos (40 days) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Conrad & Mary Beth Theodore; and Tom Vabakos Baptism: Zoe, daughter of Jim & Erin Cichon Sponsor: Kiki Bairaktaris	All Saints
Monday	June 27 <i>Apostles Fast Begins</i>	
Tuesday 7 p.m.	June 28 Great Vespers @ SS Peter and Paul Church, Glenview	
Wednesday 7 p.m.	June 29 Great Vespers @ Holy Apostles Church, Westchester	Saints Peter and Paul <i>Services to be held at SS Peter and Paul</i>
Thursday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	June 30 Orthros Divine Liturgy	Holy Apostles
Saturday 10 a.m.	July 2 Baptism: Amalia Vasiliki, daughter of Chris and Alina Diamond. Sponsors: Elias and Sophia Kontos	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	July 3 Orthros Divine Liturgy	2nd Sunday of Matthew

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Today we are using the Prospora brought lovingly to Church on this past Saturday of Souls.

FOS Ministry Greeter: Gerald Taranko

Epistle Reader: Paul Lillios

Ushers: **UIC Bill Athenson**, Carol Stamas, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski, Tom Kiriakos, Doug Hugdahl

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

Condolences

OUR PRAYERS THIS MORNING are for the souls of the servants of God, Efstathios and Sophia Machas, beloved parents of Faye (Steve) Kopplin; and, our prayers are also for the soul of the servant of God, Paul Vabakos, beloved father of Tom Vabakos, Christine (Barrett) Maki, and Paul (Tamara) Vabakos. May their memory be eternal.

WE ALSO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO Bob Schuppe, whose beloved wife, Venice, recently fell asleep in the Lord. Her Funeral was held at Ascension this past Wednesday. May her 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.

Announcements

+ **WELCOME:** Today with love in Christ, we welcome to our Parish the Rev. Fr. Aristidis Garinis, who is visiting us from St. Nicholas Flushing, NY. We are blessed to have his prayerful presence with us in this morning's Liturgy. We wish him and his family health and spiritual joy.

+ **WE WELCOME BACK WITH GREAT JOY Presvytera Stefanie and introduce our new Parish family member, Aimilianos (Leo) Malamis.** Although you were both well-represented this past month by DAD, Maria and Niko, we missed Presvytera's smile and presence; and, we look very forward to greeting little Leo.

+ **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: \$50,000

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, 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.

+ **OCMC COIN BOX UPDATE:** Thanks to the almsgiving efforts undertaken by our Sunday Church School children and families throughout Lent, Ascension raised \$295 for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

+ **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!

June 24 – 26: Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago

June 24 – 26: St. Nectarios, Palatine

July 8 – 10: St. Demetrios, Libertyville

July 9 – 10: St. Andrew, Chicago

July 15 – 17: St. Haralambos, Niles

July 23 – 24: Assumption, Chicago

June 24 – 26: Holy Cross, Justice

June 24 – 26: Kimissis Tis Theotokou, Racine, WI

July 8 – 10: St. Sophia, Elgin

July 9 – 10: St. Spyridon, Palos Heights

July 16 – 17: All Saints, Joliet

July 23 – 24: Assumption, Homer Glen