

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30.

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel of John 5:1-15



At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

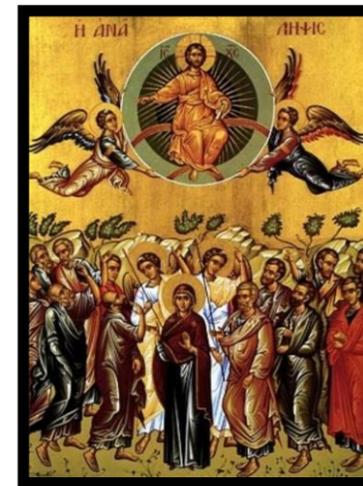
Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN May 29 – June 5

Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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

"Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (Eph 6:1-3). What an admirable foundation St. Paul lays for a virtuous life: honor and respect for one's parents. This is the first good practice commanded us in the Scriptures, because before all others, except God, our parents are the authors of our life; and they deserve to be the first ones to receive the fruits of our good deeds. Only after we honor our parents can we do anything good for the rest of mankind. If a man does not honor his parents, he will never treat other people with kindness."

St. John Chrysostom

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 29 Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship: No sponsor at this time Jr. Olympics @ SS Constantine & Helen Church, Palos Hills	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Monday 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	May 30 Church office closed Fr. Sotiri will be at Ridgewood Cemetery reading Trisagia Fr. Sotiri will be at Memorial Park reading Trisagia	Memorial Day
Thursday 6:30 p.m.	June 2 Philoptochos Celebration of Giving Dinner at Dover Straits	
Saturday 10:30 a.m. 5 p.m.:	June 4 Baptism: Rebecca, daughter of Frank & Patti Kazas Sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Nelson Vespers	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	June 5 Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship	Sunday of the Blind Man

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Elaine Stevens & Tasia Alexakos
FOS Ministry Greeters: Andrea & Doug Rogers
Epistle Reader: Bill Athenson
Ushers: UIC Tom Kiriakos, Nick Marino, Steve Demet, Alex Marx, Tom Papastefan, Carol Stamas

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"** As our Capital Campaign Committee continues to raise money for our building fund, we ask that you please submit your pledge cards to the Church office. We are making great strides towards achieving our fundraising goals and 100% participation by the Parish will get us there. Please contact Fr. Sotiri with any questions at frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com, or the Church Office at 847-482-1200.
- + **WE NEED COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS IN JUNE AND 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 in advance.
- + **COMING THIS SUMMER: NEW DIVINE LITURGY BOOKS IN OUR PEWS:** We are happy to announce that the Archdiocese is publishing a new edition of the Divine Liturgy Book this summer. We would like to purchase them and update the current ones in our pews, which have been put to good use over the years and are now unfortunately falling apart. We are seeking donations to purchase 200 books to be delivered in August. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Church office. We thank you in advance for your consideration.
- + **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Greek School Graduation Class of 2016: Sophia Saric, Stephen Timmons and Evie Tsonis. Thank you, also, to all of the families who were part of Ascension's Greek School program this year. Applications for the 2016/17 school year will be available in mid-July. Please be ambassadors of our program and help to spread the word about both the youth and adult offerings we have available.
- + **TRISAGION SERVICES THIS MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 30TH** –Fr. Sotiri will conduct a Trisagion Service again this Memorial Day at two local cemeteries: Ridgewood cemetery (Des Plaines) at 9:00 a.m.; and, Memorial Park (Skokie) at 10:30 a.m. Please meet Father at the entrance gate of each cemetery.
- + **OUR FEASTDAY:** Please do not forget our beloved Ascension's Great Vespers which will take place on Wednesday, June 8th at 7 p.m. A reception will follow the Service hosted by our Philoptochos. Please make every effort to attend. On Thursday, June 9th, the day of our Feastday, Orthros will be at 8:15 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, hosted by our Senior Synaxis, will follow. We look forward to gathering as a Parish Family.
- + **DONATIONS FOR OUR FEASTDAY** – If anyone wishes to donate the flowers that will decorate the Icon of the Ascension, or the loaves for the Artoclasia, please contact the Church office at 847.482.1200. The cost of the flowers for the two Ascension Icons is \$150.00 and the bread for the Artoclasia for our Great Vespers amounts to \$190.00, and for our actual Feastday \$95.00. Your generosity is always appreciated.
- + **GRADUATE SUNDAY WILL BE JUNE 12TH, SAVE THE DATE!** Is someone in your house reaching a graduation milestone this year? Ascension's annual graduate tribute will take place on Sunday, June 12th, following the Divine Liturgy. Please call the church office no later than Wednesday, June 8th to submit the name(s) of your graduate(s) from Elementary School, High School, College, Graduate or Post-Graduate programs so they may be recognized on that day. Thank you.
- + **THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** will host its annual gala on 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.
- + **DON'T MISS THE 2016 ASCENSION GOLF OUTING:** 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 see the insert or go to the Men's Ministry webpage @ www.ascensiongoc.com to register.
- + **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.
- + **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 each week's vigil lights is requested. Names will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. Call the Church Office to reserve your week.

Hymns

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, 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.

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

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Resurrection Hymn

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζῶν ἁρισάμενος.

Christos anesti eknekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.