

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 John Chrysostom, Abp. Of Constantinople in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like a beacon hath illumined the universe, and disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness, and shown us the heights of humility; but while instructing us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

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 Fourth Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2.

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

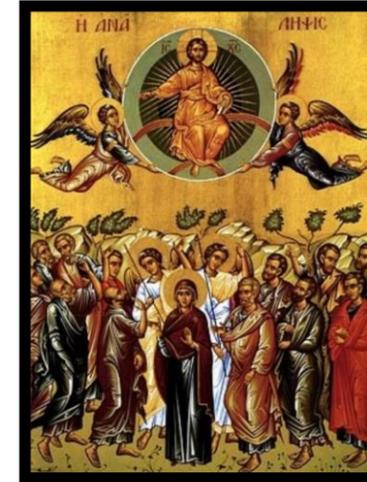
The Gospel of Luke 10:25-37



At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when

he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN November 13 - 20

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

"Let us give thanks to God continually. For, it is outrageous that when we enjoy His benefaction to us in deed every single day, we do not acknowledge the favor with so much as a word; and this, when the acknowledgment confers great benefit on us. He does not need anything of ours, but we stand in need of all things from Him. In point of fact, thanksgiving adds nothing to Him, but it brings us closer to Him. For if, when we recall the benefactions of men, we are the more warmed by affection for them; much more, when we continually bring to mind the benefits of the Master towards us, shall we be more earnest with regard to His commandments. For this cause Paul also said, Be ye thankful. For the best preservative of any benefaction is the remembrance of the benefaction, and a continual thanksgiving for it."

+ St. John Chrysostom

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 13 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by 3 rd and 4 th grade SCS General Assembly	St. John Chrysostomos Stewardship Sunday
Monday 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 14 JOY/Jr. GOYA at Brunswick Zone Vernon Hills GOYA, Brunswick Zone	
Tuesday 9 a.m. 4:45 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	November 15 Divine Liturgy Greek School OCMC Board Banquet @ SS Peter and Paul Parish Council Meeting	Nativity Fast Begins
Wednesday 10 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 16 HOPE Paraklesis and LOGOS	St. Matthew the Apostle
Thursday 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	November 17 Divine Liturgy Senior Synaxis Meeting Adult Beginner Greek School Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School Construction Committee Meeting	
Friday 6:30 p.m.	November 18 FAITH/JOY	
Saturday 9 a.m. 5 p.m.	November 19 Divine Liturgy Vespers	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	November 20 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy	9th Sunday of Luke

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora: Mary Karahalios & Elaine Metropoulos
Epistle Reader: Nick Gatsis
Ministry Greeters: Jeannie and John Thomas
Ushers: Peter Venetos, UIC, Nick Marino, Doug Hugdahl, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski
Carol Stamas, Alex Marx

Prayer Requests for Health

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

Announcements

- + **PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY!** Please attend this important meeting, which will begin immediately following the Divine Liturgy. If you haven't signed in as a steward to participate, please do so at the table in fellowship hall. Should the table no longer be in place after Liturgy, please seek out Tom Kiriakos or one of the other Parish Council members to be signed in.
- + **TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** Parish Council members and Ministry Leaders will be submitting their 2017 pledges at the end of Liturgy. We ask for God's blessings as we prayerfully consider the time, talents and treasures we can share to sustain and enhance the spiritual and bountiful Parish life at Ascension in 2017. Please submit your pledge card in a timely fashion either by mail, or by dropping it off at the Church office.
- + **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** As we focus on November as stewardship month, our Capital Campaign Committee testimonials will not resume again until December 4th and December 11th. As we look forward to those dates, and if you are interested in sharing with our Parish, your story as to your family's relationship with the Ascension, and what has led you to pledge to the Capital Campaign, please contact someone on the Committee, or Fr. Sotirios. If you have not yet submitted your Pledge card, please look into your hearts and support our fundraising effort. Our goal remains to achieve our financial target with 100% participation of our Parish. Thank you for your support, for a once in a lifetime sacred opportunity, to build a new House of Worship.
- + **FAITH AND JOY** Our next meeting will be held Friday, November 18th from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Ascension. Our lesson will focus on the Entrance of the Theotokos Into the Temple and we will work on a craft and partake in a Lenten snack. We will also be conducting a food drive for those in need in Lake County. Any donations of can or dry goods are welcome (see insert). Please RSVP to faithjoyascension@gmail.com if you are able to attend.
- + **THE NATIVITY FAST BEGINS THIS TUESDAY** and takes place November 15—December 24. Fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17. During the Nativity Fast, Ascension has added additional Liturgies and the Sacrament of Holy Unction to help us spiritually prepare for our Lord's birth. A special Nativity webpage will also be accessible on our website with articles, calendars, and links to daily readings and devotions to help us prepare during this beautiful time period when we anticipate our Lord's birth and all of the blessings that come with it.
- + **DONATIONS FOR THE NATIVITY SEASON:** During the upcoming Nativity Fast, additional Ecclesiastical supplies, as well as poinsettia plants, will be purchased to use in worship and to adorn the Church. We humbly request any contributions to offset these costs. To make a donation, please contact Renee Maltezos in the Church office (847.482.1200 or renee.maltezos@ascension.com).
- + **PHILOTOCHOS APPRECIATES** all the donations and support for *Between Friends* this past Thursday. A warm-hearted thank you to Amy Tsarwhas for beautifully hosting the meeting at her home.
- + **THANKSGIVING DAY PAN-ORTHODOX DIVINE LITURGY** will be held at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th, at the Holy Virgin Protection Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Des Plaines.
- + **GINGERBREAD EVENT:** Please join us on Saturday, December 3, 2016, for our 8th Annual Gingerbread Decorating event! See insert and visit the table in fellowship hall for more information!
- + **SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR SYNAXIS MINI BAZAAR!** Senior Synaxis is holding a mini Christmas Bazaar on December 11th! Stop by after Liturgy to browse and purchase beautiful homemade Christmas gifts and delicious pastries for family and friends.
- + **SAVE THE DATE: ASCENSION LEGACY GALA:** The time is now to invite family, friends and koumbari to the Ascension Legacy Gala to be held February 4. Invitations will be mailed in coming weeks and tickets will also be available for online purchase beginning December 4. To receive an email reminder when tickets are available, go to www.ascension.com/gala and click on "Tickets".
- + **GALA GOYA VIDEO PROJECT** An email was recently sent to past and present GOYANs and their parents about featuring our GOYANs in a video presentation at our February 4 Gala where they will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on their faith and our Ascension Parish. Please let Carol Stamas know if you have any questions or if you did not receive the email.

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, we will recite together the *Prayers Before Receiving Holy Communion* on page 61 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 73.
- + 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.