

### 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.

### Apolytikion for James (Iakovos), the Brother of the Lord in the Fourth Mode

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

### 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.

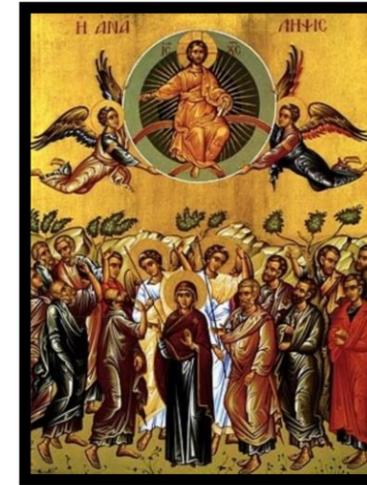
### The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19.

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### The Gospel of Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 23 - 30

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

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure; then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

**James 3:13-18**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 23</b>	<b>St. Iakovos</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	<b>National Leadership 100 Sunday</b>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Artoklasia (blessing of the loaves) for the Rafti Society; and, Nickolaos & Maria Paraskevopoulos and Family Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God, Lew Dumas (40 Days)	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Rafti Society	
1 p.m.	Baptism: Ioannis Sotirios, son of Stella and Sotirios Papadimitriou	
	Sponsors: Staci and George Costopoulos	
3:30 p.m.	Wedding: Vasiliki Hernandez and Joseph Quirk	
	Sponsor: Andreas Hernandez	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 24</b>	
5:45 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 25</b>	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers @ St. Demetrios Churches in Elmhurst, Libertyville, Chicago, and Hammond, IN	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>St. Demetrios</b>
8:30 a.m.	Orthros and Divine Liturgy at St. Demetrios, Libertyville	
6:30 p.m.	Paraklesis & LOGOS	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 27</b>	
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School	
6:30 p.m.:	Nameday Dinner for His Eminence @ Georgios Banquets	
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>Holy Protection of the Theotokos</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
7 p.m.	Marriage Ministry Gathering	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 29</b>	
11:30 a.m.	Metropolis of Chicago Presvyteres Luncheon @ Ascension	
5 p.m.	Vespers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Philoptochos Feast Day Luncheon, Royal Melbourne	

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Anastasia Anton & Amelia M. Diveris  
**Epistle Reader:** Bill Athenson  
**Ministry Greeter:** Katherine Schreiber  
**Ushers:** **UIC Nick Marino**, Peter Venetos, Carol Stamas, Robert Buhler, Steve Sintetas, Georgia Tapas; and, George Tapas.

## 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

## Condolences

+ Our deepest sympathies to Esther (David) Tegel, whose beloved father, Anastasios Kokkinakis, fell asleep in the Lord on October 13, 2016. His funeral service was held at Kimissis Tis Theotokou in Racine, WI, last Monday. May his memory be eternal.

## Announcements

- + **TODAY, ON THIS FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD**, our Parish extends warm wishes to our Spiritual Shepherd, His Eminence Metropolitan IAKOVOS who celebrates his Feastday. We pray our Lord through the intercessions of St. James grant him peace, safety, honor, and health, unto length of days, so that he may rightly teach the word of truth. Εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα!
- + **THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS DESIGNATED THIS SUNDAY AS** National Leadership 100 Sunday. For 32 years the Leadership 100 Endowment Fund has made it a labor of love to assist Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology primarily by providing scholarship money to men called to the Holy Priesthood. It has also assisted in several charitable outreach endeavors. We fervently pray that the Lord will continue to abundantly bless Leadership 100, and keep its members in His care as they labor in love in order to perfect His love that is within us.
- + **RSVP FOR OUR PHILOPTOCHOS LUNCHEON:** Please note that reservations for the October 30th SS. Cosmas and Damianos Luncheon will be taken until this Tuesday, Oct. 25th. This event has been sold out for the last few years, so please get your reservations in ASAP. No tickets will be sold the day of the event.
- + **PLEASE JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>** from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for the initial meeting of Ascension's Marriage Ministry! Couples of all ages are welcome. For those needing childcare, our GOYA students will be at church to help watch our little ones. For questions and to RSVP for childcare with our GOYANS, please email Frank Kazas at [fgkazas@gmail.com](mailto:fgkazas@gmail.com).
- + **BOOKSTORE NEWS:** We've marked down some of our titles by 50%! Titles include *Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home* and *The Encyclopedia of Major Saints and Fathers of the Orthodox Church*. Stop by the bookstore and check them out. Also, if you are interested in helping staff the bookstore after Liturgy on Sundays, please contact Caity Anast at [anast1028@gmail.com](mailto:anast1028@gmail.com).
- + **SENIOR SYNAXIS IS SELLING THEIR POPULAR COOKBOOK AGAIN!** Copies of "Taste & See" a collection of wonderful recipes by our very own Senior Synaxis members will be on sale at our bookstore for \$10 after Liturgy.
- + **METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS FEAST DAY DINNER** - The Annual Feast Day Dinner to honor our Spiritual Father, His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, will take place this Thursday, October 27th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park, Illinois, and is hosted by The Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a fellowship hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$100 and reservations may be made with Renee in the Church Office. If you unable to attend but would like to make a donation you may also do so through the church office. Proceeds raised will benefit the ministries of the Clergy Syndesmos, as well as the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.
- + **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, November 13: Parish General Assembly and Stewardship Sunday
- + **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: THE ASCENSION LEGACY GALA**, a groundbreaking celebration and momentous event in the life of our church, will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort. The exciting details will be revealed in coming weeks at [www.ascensiongoc.com/gala](http://www.ascensiongoc.com/gala). Want to get involved? Your help is appreciated. Contact co-chairs Marcia Moore ([Marcia.moore1780@gmail.com](mailto:Marcia.moore1780@gmail.com)) or Amy Tsarwhas ([tsarwhas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsarwhas@sbcglobal.net)).
- + **CELEBRATORY THANKSGIVING DINNER IN HONOR OF MARTHA AND MARY MATERNITY HOUSE** On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm at St. Demetrios in Elmhurst, a dinner will be held to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and ask for continued blessings on the Martha and Mary Maternity House, a program which offers emotional and spiritual support for expectant mothers who find themselves without a good safe home through pregnancy. Tickets are \$40. Call 317.709.0168 for more information and to RSVP.
- + **AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER (OCMC) BOARD BANQUET** will be held on Tuesday, November 15th (6pm Social Hour, 7pm Dinner) at SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview. Long-term missionary, Nathan Hoppe, will give a shore presentation. Tickets are \$25/person, with every penny going to OCMC. RSVP to Linda Karras by November 11th at [lindakarras@yahoo.com](mailto:lindakarras@yahoo.com) or call (317) 709-0168.