

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Cleopas and Artemas of the 70 in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9.

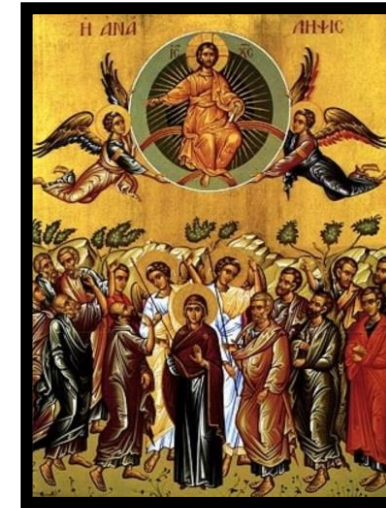
BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Gospel of Luke 16:19-31



The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 30 – November 6

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

From the Orthodox Study Bible in reference to today's Gospel Reading:

Some Fathers see this parable being set after the final judgment, citing the punishment and reward being received by the two men respectively. Others see this parable set at a time after death but before the second coming of Christ, as evidenced by the man interceding on behalf of his brothers who are still living. The torment he is experiencing would be but a foretaste of his final state. From this perspective, we learn that souls of the departed have awareness of and concern for the state of those still alive on earth, but also that the intercessions of a wicked man are heard, but avail nothing.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	October 30	5th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Artoklasia (Blessing of the 5 loaves) for Philoptochos	
	Philoptochos Feast Day Luncheon, Royal Melbourne	
Monday	October 31	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers for SS Kosmas & Damianos, Chapel of the Holy Anargyroi at St. Demetrios, Elmhurst	
Tuesday	November 1	SS Cosmas & Damianos
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
Wednesday	November 2	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
6:30 p.m.	Paraklesis & LOGOS	
Thursday	November 3	
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School	
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
Friday	November 4	
7 p.m.	Marriage Ministry Gathering	
Saturday	November 5	
5 p.m.	Vespers	
Sunday	November 6	7th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship	

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora: Sophie Beris & Patricia Filley
Epistle Reader: Elaine Simos
Ministry Greeter: Elaine Stevens
Ushers: UIC David Rutkowski, Doug Hugdahl, Alex Marx, Kathie Rutkowski, Nick Marino, Harold Anagnos, and Andrea Rogers

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

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.

Announcements

- + **THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK** the families who have offered their heartfelt testimonials about why they chose to support the Capital Campaign. Our testimonials will continue today, and again on December 4th and December 11th. 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.
- + **MARRIAGE MINISTRY MEETING RESCHEDULED TO THIS FRIDAY, 11/4.** Please join us this Friday 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.
- + **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING, *A Night for Healing*,** on Thursday, November 10th at 7 pm at the home of Amy Tsarwhas. There will be a speaker from Between Friends, a not for profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence. See flyer for more details about donating full-sized toiletries to this organization.
- + **SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13: Stewardship Sunday and Parish General Assembly.** More details and an agenda for the General Assembly, which will take place immediately following Divine Liturgy, will be mailed to stewards by November 2nd.
- + **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.
- + **DURING OCTOBER, THE ASCENSION PHILOPTOCHOS MADE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:**
 - The American Cancer Society: The Ascension of Our Lord, SS. Peter and Paul and St. John the Baptist's Philoptochos walked in the American Cancer Society's *Making Strides against Breast Cancer* event. Combined, the three parishes raised and donated more than \$5,300 to support those fighting this disease and in memory of those lost to it. Our combined effort made us the 3rd highest fundraiser at this North Shore Walk!
 - Our Philoptochos chapter recently made its October financial commitment to The National Philoptochos Emergency Fund, which provides immediate support to those in need during times of national or international crisis.
- + **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 short presentation. Tickets are \$25/person, with every penny going to OCMC. RSVP to Linda Karras by November 11th at lindakarras@yahoo.com or call (317) 709-0168.
- + **PICK UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME** is a ministry for those with special needs and their families. On Saturday, November 19th at 10 a.m., the ministry will be holding its 9th annual hands-on learning day camp at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center for those with special needs and their families. For more information and to register, please contact Presvytera Toni Mihalopoulos at: 219.765.6349 or email: toni.poteres@gmail.com
- + **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. Want to get involved? Your help is appreciated. Contact co-chairs Marcia Moore (Marcia.moore1780@gmail.com) or Amy Tsarwhas (tsarwhas@sbcglobal.net).