

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostle James, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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.

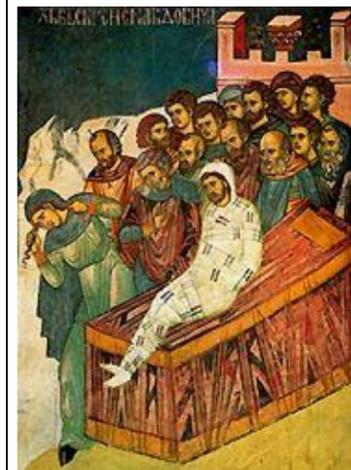
Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

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 6:1-10.

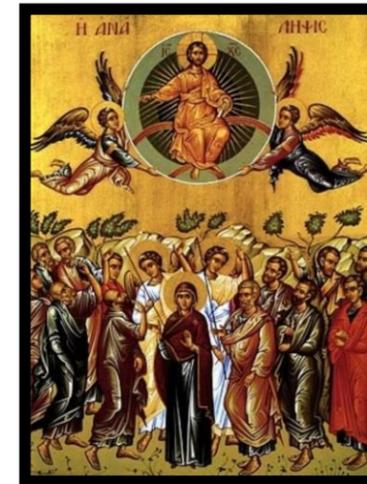
BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.



The Gospel of Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 9 - 16

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

"Prayer is food for the soul. Do not starve the soul, it is better to let the body go hungry."

+ St. Joseph of Optina

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	October 9	<u>3rd Sunday of Luke</u>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship Hosted by the Parish Council	
Monday	October 10	<u>Columbus Day</u>
	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	October 11	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
Wednesday	October 12	
6:30 p.m.	Paraklesis & LOGOS	
Thursday	October 13	
6:15 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School	
7 p.m.	Sunday Church School Teachers' Meeting	
7:45 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
Saturday	October 15	
9 a.m.	Orthodox Christian Synergy Symposium @ St. George Antiochian Church, Cicero	
noon	Baptism: Ioannis Sotirios Papadimitriou, son of Stella and Sotirios Papadimitriou Sponsors: Staci and George Costopoulos	
5 p.m.	Vespers	
Sunday	October 16	<u>7th Ecumenical Council</u>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

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.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Litsa Stamatis & Elaine Stevens

Epistle Reader: Katherine Schreiber
Ministry Greeters: Andrea & Doug Rogers

Ushers: UIC: Peter Venetos, Diane Sigalos, Doug Hugdahl, Nick Marino, Jeannie Thomas, Chris Chatzidakis, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski

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

Announcements

- + **WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST WELCOME** to Rev. Fr. Nick Greanias who is celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us today. May God grant you many years.
- + **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.
- + **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.
- + **JOIN SENIOR SYNAXIS AND CELEBRATE "YESTERDAY ONCE MORE"!** On October 21st, members of the Senior Synaxis Ministry will meet at Chandler's Restaurant in Schaumburg to enjoy an upbeat tribute to the music of the Carpenters. Tickets cost \$40 and include lunch and entertainment. Please contact Elaine Beck for more information at 847.367.5227. Friends and family always welcomed!
- + **INTERESTED IN PLAYING ON AN ASCENSION BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM?** The season begins at the end of October. Games will take place at varying Churches throughout the Chicago Metropolis. Please contact Fr. Sotiri by October 14th if you are interested, as we are currently exploring the feasibility of this idea.
- + **METROPOLITAN IAKOVOS FEAST DAY DINNER** - The Annual Feast Day Dinner to honor our Spiritual Father, His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, will take place on 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.
- + **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).
- + **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COALITION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH (OCCHY)** – October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Parents, youth, schools and community leaders across the country join this month-long observance of the role that substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. Join the Orthodox Christian Coalition for Healthy Youth and let's work together to keep our kids healthy and drug free! Visit www.healthyouth.com for more information.
- + **THE 2016 CHICAGO ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SYNERGY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM** takes place this Saturday, October 15th @ St. George Antiochian Church in Cicero. The featured speaker, Hieromonk Alexii Altschul, will present the topic, "Holiness in Contemporary Culture." For more information, visit www.chicagosynergy.org or call 224.388.2067.
- + **"UNCOMPROMISING FAITH IN COMPROMISING TIMES"** St. Demetrios Church in Elmhurst is pleased to host speaker Fr. Evan Armatas, who will present this relevant topic at a retreat on Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fr. Armatas is the host of *Orthodoxy Live* on Ancient Faith Radio and founder of the St. Nektarios Education Fund. Reservations are required by Monday, October 17th. Please contact Eleni in the Church Office at saintdemetriosoffice@gmail.com or 630.834.7010. The cost is \$15 per person.