

## Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

### **Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode**

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

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday 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 Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Memorial Hymn**

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have 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 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.

### **The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7.**

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### **The Gospel of Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

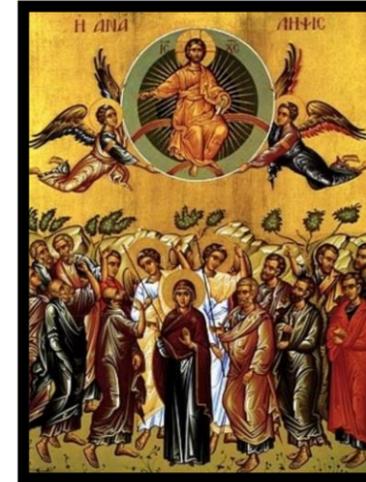
## Resurrection Hymn

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

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρῶν, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

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

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

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

## Welcome To Our Visitors

**WE ARE GLAD you joined us in worship today.** We hope your visit to Ascension 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

*The second [Sunday after Pascha] is dedicated to the women who visited the tomb of Christ, hoping to anoint his body with myrrh, but they found an empty tomb instead. In many ways, this reflects the content of every Sunday and every Divine Liturgy: we come to church to celebrate the sacrifice of Christ, which takes place on the altar, a symbol of the tomb of Christ. Our testimony, every time, is that the tomb is empty, a reflection of the revelation to the Myrrh bearers.*

Rev. Dr. Andreas Andreopoulos

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>Sunday of The Myrrh Bearers</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God, Vasiliki Mandas (40 days); Konstantinos Karlos (5 yrs), Demetra Karlos (3 yrs); Dionysia Vasilopoulos (3 yrs); Spyridon Dadas (40 days), Chris Economy (9 yrs), Eleni Economy (16 yrs) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Georgia Anagnos & Sophia Metropulos
12:30 p.m.	Baptism: Eustathios (Steven) Schenberg	Sponsor: Chris Karlos
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 1</b>	
5:45 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 2</b>	
4:45 p.m.	Metropolis Clergy Retreat through Thursday	Greek School
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	
6:15 p.m.	Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School	
7:45 p.m.	Adult Beginner Greek School	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 5</b>	
6 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 6</b>	
11 a.m.	Baptism: Aimilianie, daughter of Fr. Joshua & Presv. Joanna Pappas	Sponsors: Fr. Michael and Presv. Kerri Manos
12:30 p.m.	Baptism: Penelope, daughter of Thomas and Eleni Lamson	Sponsor: Leah Kartsimas
5 p.m.	Vespers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>Sunday of The Paralytic</b>
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Coffee Fellowship General Assembly immediately following Liturgy

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Anastasia Anton and Sophie Beris

**Epistle Reader:** David Rutkowski

**Ministry Greeters:** The Saric Family

**Ushers:** UIC David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski, Bill Athenson, Steve Demet, Mike Sutherland, Tom Papastefan, Diane Sigalos

## Prayer Requests for Health

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

## Condolences

+ **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to Penelope (Brian) Gillett, whose father, Christ Falkides, passed away on April 21, 2017. We pray that God grant Christ eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. May his memory be eternal.

+ **WE ALSO EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO** Christina (Spiro) Angelos, whose father, James Galanis, recently fell asleep in the Lord. Funeral services were held this week at St. Demetrios in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and a graveside service was held on Friday at Memorial Park Cemetery. May his memory be eternal.

## Announcements

+ **CHRISTOS ANESTI! MAY OUR RISEN LORD** continue to bless Ascension of Our Lord and each and every member of our Parish. We thank you most sincerely for all of your monetary donations as well as the contributions of time and creative talent you gave to our beloved Ascension throughout Great Lent and Holy Week.

+ **THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE** has identified additional major donor naming opportunities and has re-worked others: the foyer (\$150,000), the gallery (\$150,000), and the community center stage (\$50,000). These, together with our remaining major donor naming opportunities, which include the Nave (\$500,000), the kitchen (\$250,000), landscaping (\$150,000), and a classroom (\$75,000), are now shown on an updated board located in the Narthex. Also, our other remaining donation opportunities are Pews (\$10,000), but there are only five Pews yet to be donated, and Personalized Brick Pavers (\$1,000). Please act fast as we are now approximately 85% of the way to our goal of remaining debt-free and building without any borrowing. If you would like to avail yourself of one of the remaining major donor naming opportunities or to donate towards any of these other remaining Donation Opportunities, please contact Fr. Sotirios in the church office at 847-482-1200 or email him at [frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com](mailto:frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com).

+ **STEWARDSHIP** Stewardship is recognizing the amazing wonder and power of grace that we did not deserve. It is the attitude of gratitude, of being thankful in all things, even when we do not feel the gratitude or see it. To date, the total pledged for Ascension in 2017 is \$268,024 by 218 families. If you have not submitted your 2017 pledge, please do so today!

+ **JR. OLYMPICS REGISTRATION FORMS NEEDED BY MAY 1st!** Jr. Olympics takes place this Memorial Day weekend and registration forms, signed by parents and participants, are needed in order to meet the Diocese deadline. You can scan and email signed forms to Esther Tegel ([etegel2@gmail.com](mailto:etegel2@gmail.com)); drop them off in the Youth Mailbox in the office; or, stop by and see Esther after Liturgy today at the Jr. Olympics table to complete and/or turn in your forms. Also, the same neon yellow shirts will be worn this year. If you or your child needs to order a shirt, please email or speak to Esther Tegel as soon as possible. More information on Jr. Olympics is available on the youth pages of our website.

+ **ATTENTION SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS: PLEASE BRING YOUR OCMC COIN BOXES** to church as soon as possible.

+ **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Visit the website to view the important agenda.

+ **THE PHILOPTOCHOS PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE** wishes to thank everyone who donated various items and made monetary donations for our annual "Fill the Bag" Lenten project. On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the generous effort of members of Philoptochos, 150 bags were filled and then distributed at the "Feed the Hungry" event, which took place this past Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. We would like to especially thank the women and men who volunteered to serve and clean up, as well as underwrite the food expenses again this year. We extend a special "thank you" to the Demet family and Grazziano's restaurant for donating the prepared pasta and meat dishes that fed approximately 150 hungry people. Your generosity of time, talents and treasures makes this worthwhile event possible every year.

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING AND ELECTIONS:** Philoptochos will have a General Meeting and hold Elections on Thursday, May 18th at church at 7pm. Please join us for old-fashioned Chicago-style food, fun and voting! Please contact Anna Duros with any questions at 847-370-2662.

+ **THE ST. DEMETRIOS SPRING GREEK FEST** takes place next weekend, May 5 - 7 in the Church Hall, 1400 N. O'Plaine Rd., Libertyville. Enjoy traditional Greek cuisine and homemade Greek pastries. For more information, call St. Demetrios at 224.513-5530.

+ **THE NEXT MARRIAGE MINISTRY MEETING** will be Friday, May 12th at 7 p.m., where we will use the lecture given by Dr. Ary Christofidis during the Lenten Lecture series titled, "Holy Marriage and Parenthood: Responsibilities and Distractions Along the Way" as a starting point for further discussion. Please join us as we continue to grow our ministry! For more information, contact Frank Kazas at [fgkazas@gmail.com](mailto:fgkazas@gmail.com).

+ **JOIN US FOR THE 2017 ASCENSION GOLF OUTING!** The Koinonia Men's Ministry will be hosting the annual Ascension Golf Outing and Family Dinner on Friday, June 9th at the Deerfield Golf Course. Register now on the Koinonia Men's Ministry webpage on the Ascension website (hard copies of the registration form can also be downloaded from the webpage, printed and turned into the office). Please visit our website for more information and plan to join us!

+ **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.