

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

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, Χριστὲ 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.

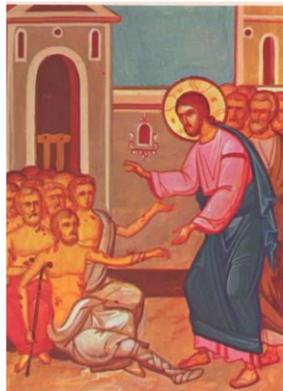
Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11.

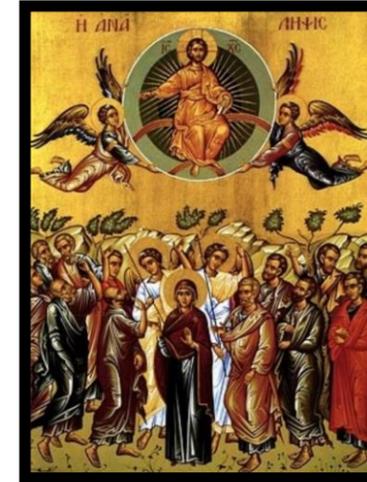
BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel of Luke 17:12-19



At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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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

"So in order that we may not destroy the grace that we have received, but preserve it to the end and depart this life in possession of the treasure, there is need of something human, of endeavor on our part. In ordinary affairs it is neither reasonable nor usual for us merely to be content with having received life ... Rather we must seek the means of preserving it."

St. Nicholas Cabasilas

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

January 15

12th Sunday of Luke

Orthros
Sunday Church School
Divine Liturgy
Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God:
Harry Papagianis (40 days)
Dr. Charles Spirrison (40 yrs), George Phillips (25 yrs),
Despina Phillips (21yrs), Dorothy Gialelis (10 yrs),
and Freida Rallis (8 yrs)
Peter Varzos (14 yrs) and Electra Varzos (12 yrs)
Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Papagianis Family
Baptism: Iliana, daughter of Maria and Nick
Polymenakos. *Sponsors: Nick and Elizabeth Kotis*
Dive for the Cross, Highland Park Rec Center

12:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

Monday

7 p.m.

January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Church Office Closed
Great Vespers, Chapel @ Metropolis Chicago

Tuesday

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
4:45 p.m.
7 p.m.

January 17

St. Anthony the Great

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
Greek School
Great Vespers @ St. Athanasios, Aurora

Wednesday

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

January 18

St. Athanasios the Great

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
HOPE
Paraklesis and LOGOS

Thursday

11 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

January 19

Senior Synaxis General Meeting
Adult Beginner Greek School
Adult Intermediate/Advanced Greek School

Friday

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
7 p.m.

January 20

St. Euthymios

Orthros
Divine Liturgy
GOYA Retreat, GOYANS meet at Church then depart
"Having Tough Talks" Parent Presentation
@ SS Peter and Paul

Saturday

1:30 p.m.

January 21

GOYANS return from Retreat Center

Sunday

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
6 p.m.

January 22

15th Sunday of Luke

Orthros
Sunday Church School
Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship
Sanctity of Life Service, Sts. Peter and Paul OCA,
Burr Ridge

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Tasia Alexakos and
Anastasia Anton

Epistle Reader: Katherine Schreiber

Ministry Greeter: Olga Kalis

Ushers: UIC Nick Marino, Peter
Venetos, Bill Smirles, Mia Connolly
Doug Hugdahl

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

Vigil Lights

VIGIL LIGHTS OFFERED by the
Lampros Family in memory of
Maria Lampros' father,
Anthony L. Vondas

Announcements

+ **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** The Capital Campaign committee continues its efforts to raise money for the construction of our new Church. Our total 2016 pledges of 3 M is progress, but our goal of 5.4 M has not yet been reached. 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. Also, please remember to support our Gala on February 4, 2017.

+ **THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU TO JOIN US TODAY AT OUR 2nd ANNUAL DIVE FOR THE CROSS EVENT** from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Rec Center Pool located at 1207 Park Ave West. Diving is reserved for K-12th graders and is \$10 per diver. Divers should bring a swimsuit and towel. A parent or guardian must be present. We look forward to celebrating this historic tradition!

+ **SENIOR SYNAXIS WILL HOLD ITS JANUARY GENERAL MEETING** this Thursday, January 19th at 11 a.m. at the Church. Along with a light fellowship lunch, we will be cutting the Vasilopita. We look forward to seeing you there!

+ **2017 GOYAN RETREAT!** Ascension GOYANS, our annual lock-in/retreat will take place this year on January 20-21 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center! We've planned a special time of faith, fellowship and fun. Please let Carol know if you have any questions.

+ **THE ASCENSION GALA COMMITTEE REMINDS YOU** to submit your ads to be included in our commemorative ad book, which will feature families, friends and businesses that support our parish at this pivotal time in our history. **There is still time to place an ad!** Please email Maria Lampros at MVL101@aol.com. You may then follow up with your check and your ad form. Go to www.ascensiongoc.com/gala to print ad forms, buy tickets or donate. Or visit the Gala table in the narthex following Divine Liturgy. The event will be held February 4 at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, hosted by HGTV's Alison Victoria, with entertainment provided by the Chris Sarlas Orchestra.

+ **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED** – Please consider hosting a coffee fellowship hour after Liturgy. It's simple to do! Please see the insert for more information. The sign-up list is posted near the coffee serving area. We are in need of hosts throughout the winter months and thank those who signed up this past week.

+ **HOCKEY MANIA WINNER UPDATES:** Week 3: Alice Nicolau, who won \$25.00. Congratulations!

+ **PARENTING UNIVERSITY, A SERIES BEING OFFERED BY CHICAGO FAMILY SYNAXIS**, will offer a session entitled, "Having Tough Talks" at SS Peter and Paul, Glenview, this Friday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

+ **ICONOGRAPHY SEMINAR:** A one day seminar on *Orthodox Iconography: Aids to our Salvation* will be held on Saturday, January 28th at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church (733 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago). The event will begin at 10 a.m. All are invited to attend. For more information contact the church office at 312-243-3738.

+ **THE HELLENIC LETTERS LUNCHEON** will take place on January 29th at 2 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz. Please contact Maria Theodoropulu (mariathead@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

+ **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE METROPOLIS:** Annual March for Life Chicago: January 15 @ 2 p.m. at Federal Plaza; Sanctity of Life Pan Orthodox Prayer Service: January 22nd, 6 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Burr Ridge; Metropolis of Chicago Trivia Nite (see below); and the Family Synaxis Men's Retreat: February 10-11 (more info tba). Details and updates will be posted on our website as they are released.

+ **METROPOLIS TRIVIA NITE:** The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, Department of Religious Education, is hosting "Trivia Nite" at Greek Islands, Lombard, on February 2nd. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information on this fundraiser for the Religious Ed department, go to: <https://goo.gl/ZS3XKm>

+ **THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** is currently accepting applications from eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent to support the educational pursuits of exceptional young people. The application deadline is January 31, 2107. Visit www.panhellenicscholarships.org for application information.

+ **CROSSROAD 2016 FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS** is a summer institute hosted at Hellenic College in Boston that connects students with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Early registration deadline is February 1, 2017. Visit www.CrossRoadInstitute.org for more information.