

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Holy Ascension 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 art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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 Second Mode

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36.

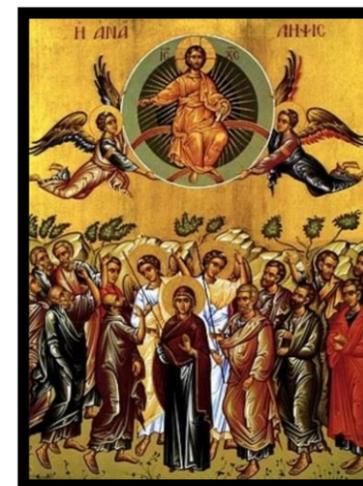
IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Gospel of John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work which You gave Me to do; and now, Father, You glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory which I had with You before the world was made.

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave me out of the world; Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You; for I have given them the words which You gave Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You did send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Mine; all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN May 28 – June 4, 2017

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

“Through Your glorious ascension You made the flesh that You assumed to be divine and placed it on the throne at the Father’s right hand. Grant me to receive a place at the right hand with the saved through communion of Your Holy Mysteries.”

St Symeon Metaphrastes

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 28 Orthros Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Souls of the Servants of God, Christ Falkides (40 days); James Galanis (40 days); Harry Papagianis (6 months) Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Falkides Family and the Angelos Family	Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Monday 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Fr. Sotiri will be at Ridgewood Cemetery reading Trisagia Fr. Sotiri will be at Memorial Park reading Trisagia <i>Please meet Fr. Sotiri at the entrance gate of each cemetery at the starting time.</i>	Memorial Day Office Closed
Tuesday 7 p.m.	Fall of Constantinople @ Greenhouse Theater, Chicago	May 30
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Paraklesis	May 31
Thursday 7 p.m.	Philoptochos Celebration of Giving Dinner, Dover Straits	June 1
Saturday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 5 p.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy Vespers	Saturday of Souls
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Orthros Divine Liturgy followed by Kneeling Vespers Graduate Sunday Coffee Fellowship	Holy Pentecost

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: Sophia Metropulos and Elaine Stevens
Epistle Reader: James Anast
Greeter: Mary Gatsis
Ushers: Tom Kiriakos (UIC), Peter Venetos, Tom Papastefan, Kathie Rutkowski, Doug Hugdahl, Carol Stamas, Nick Marino

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, James

Vigil Lights

Vigil Lights offered for the health and well-being of Marego Christ and Family

Announcements

- + **WE STILL STAND IN PRAYER TODAY DURING THE CONSECRATION** and will resume kneeling at the Kneeling Vespers, which follows the Divine Liturgy on Holy Pentecost next Sunday.
- + **THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE** has identified additional major donor naming opportunities and has re-worked others: the foyer (\$150,000), the gallery (\$150,000), the Adult Baptismal Font (\$75,000), 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 86% 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.
- + **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 \$280,824 by 236 families. If you have not submitted your 2017 pledge, please do so today!
- + **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Greek School Graduation Class of 2017: Nicolette Kavathas, Dimitri Kostomiris, James Maltezos and Niko Timmons. Thank you, also, to all of the families who were part of Ascension's Greek School program this year. Applications for the 2017/18 school year will be available in mid-July. Please be ambassadors of our program and help to spread the word about both the youth and adult offerings we have available.
- + **TRISAGION SERVICES TOMORROW, MAY 29TH (MEMORIAL DAY)** – Please note that Fr. Sotiri will conduct a Trisagion Service again this year at two local cemeteries: Ridgewood cemetery (Des Plaines) at 9 a.m.; and, Memorial Park (Skokie) at 10:30 a.m. Please meet Father at the entrance gate of each cemetery.
- + **CALL IN YOUR GRADUATES BY TOMORROW, Monday, May 29th** so we can honor them on Graduate Sunday. Ascension's annual graduate tribute will take place next Sunday, June 4th, following the Divine Liturgy. Please call the church office no later than tomorrow, Monday, May 29th to submit the name(s) of your graduate(s) from Elementary School, High School, College, Graduate or Post-Graduate programs so they may be recognized on that day. Thank you.
- + **PHILOPTOCHOS CELEBRATION OF GIVING DINNER:** Philoptochos invites you to its annual *Celebration of Giving Dinner* this Thursday, June 1st at 7 p.m. at Dover Straits in Mundelein. Cost is \$30 per person, and includes our yearbook. All are warmly welcomed to gather and look back on our year of friendships, philanthropy and fun. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Anna Duros by May 28th at 847.918.1106 or anna.duros@gmail.com.
- + **THE SATURDAY OF SOULS** will be celebrated this Saturday, June 3rd. Names of your deceased loved ones and koliva should be prepared, so through your presence at the Divine Liturgy, you may offer prayers for the souls of your departed loved ones.
- + **WE NEED COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS IN JUNE AND THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER:** Please consider hosting coffee fellowship after Liturgy with your family, or together with another family, so that we may continue our fellowship throughout the summer. Never done it before? Call the office or check our website for some simple ideas. A sign-up list is available on the bulletin board near the coffee. *PLEASE make sure that all items are NUT FREE due to allergies. Thank you in advance.
- + **BOOKSTORE NEWS:** If you've been thinking about buying something from our bookstore, now is the time! We will soon be packing up all our books, icons, cards, etc. and putting them in storage until our new building is completed. So stop on by after Liturgy.
- + **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!
- + **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.