

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 John the Merciful in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous Father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

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 λυτρωτῆς τοῦ κόσμου.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11.

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The Reading is from Luke 10:25-37



At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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Welcome to Our Visitors

WELCOME TO THE ASCENSION PARISH. Your presence has brought us much joy. We hope your visit is 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

"Stewardship is the offering to God as children of faith rather than as hired servants. Children of God make offerings to God as expression of authentic love, whereas, hired servants simply fulfill legalistic duty. Christian stewardship is a manifestation of our love for God through the holistic offering of time, talent, and treasure to Him, through Christ's Holy Church. By this offering of love to our Father in heaven, He further extends the healing experience of His Church to His children, through Her ministry."

-Father Luke Palumbis St. Basil the Great Church, Houston, TX

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	November 12	8th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	Girls' Chant Group Practice following Liturgy
		Coffee Fellowship hosted by Philoptochos Pop-Up Kafé
		Parish General Assembly
6 p.m.	Great Vespers followed by Orthros @ St. John Chrysostom Monastery, Kenosha	
Monday	November 13	St. John Chrysostom
6 – 7:30 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA @ Feed My Starving Children, Libertyville	
8-9:30 p.m..	GOYA @ Feed My Starving Children	
Tuesday	November 14	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School (@Daniel Wright Middle School)	
6 p.m.	Martha & Mary House Benefit	
7 p.m.	Parish Council	
Wednesday	November 15	Nativity Fast Begins
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy @ 1221 Riverwoods Rd. House	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
Thursday	November 16	St. Matthew the Apostle
8:15 a.m.	Orthros @ 1221 Riverwoods Rd. House	
9:15 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced (@ 1221 House)	
Friday	November 17	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy @1221 Riverwoods Rd. House	
6:30 p.m.	Faith/Joy @ 1221 Riverwoods Rd. House	
Saturday	November 18	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy @ 1221 Riverwoods House	
5 p.m.	Vespers @ 1221 N. Riverwoods House	
Sunday	November 19	9th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

+ **SACRAMENTS** With the Lord's blessings, the Liturgical life of our church will continue in earnest during our construction project. We have made arrangements for Fr. Sotiri to be able to conduct Baptisms and Wedding Sacraments at another Greek Orthodox Church. Fr. Sotiri will hear confessions in the small worship area of the new space at 1221 Riverwoods Road. Weekday services will be held in this worship space as well. **If you'd like to plan a Sacrament (Baptism, Wedding, Confession), or a Funeral, Memorial or Artoclasia, please contact the church office so proper arrangements can be made during our construction period.**

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora Bakers: Anastasia Anton and Sophie Beris

Epistle Reader: Thomas Poulakidas

Ministry Greeter: Mary and Catherine Greub

Ushers: Carol Stamas (UIC), Peter Venetos, Tom Kiriakos, Alex Marx, Nick Marino, Bob Mantzoros, Mike Sutherland

Prayer Requests for Health

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

Announcements

+ **THE NATIVITY FAST** takes place November 15—December 24. Fish, wine and olive oil are permitted, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, until December 17. During the Nativity Fast, Fr. Sotiri will celebrate 40 Liturgies for the faithful—Sarantaliturgo. Please see insert for the service schedule. May God bless us as we enter the Nativity Fast, and grant us the ability to focus on Christ's birth through additional prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this blessed advent season.

+ **PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY!** Please attend this important meeting, which will begin immediately following Divine Liturgy. If you haven't signed in as a steward to participate, please do so at the table at the entrance. Should the table no longer be in place after Liturgy, please seek out Tom Kiriakos or one of the other Parish Council members to be signed in.

+ **TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** Parish Council members and Ministry Leaders will be submitting their 2018 pledges at the end of Liturgy. We ask for God's blessings as we prayerfully consider the time, talents and treasures we can share to sustain and enhance the spiritual and bountiful Parish life at Ascension in 2018. Please submit your pledge card in a timely fashion either by mail, or by dropping it off at the Church office.

+ **CONSTRUCTION FUNDING UPDATE:** Since construction on our new church has begun, the capital campaign (now known as the Construction Fund—Finish the Construction Debt-Free) continues its work towards realizing our goal to remain debt-free. To date, we have total pledges and cash on hand of 78 percent of the final construction budget. While this is a tremendous achievement, we are committed in our desire to be mortgage-free and we ask that all stewards open their hearts and pledge what they can to help achieve our goal. We urge you to attend today's General Assembly meeting immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Daniel Wright cafeteria. We will present detailed financial information regarding updated construction costs, pledged amounts to date, and remaining donor and naming opportunities. Please contact Fr. Sotirios at 847-482-1200, or email at frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com, to donate now. Thank you!

+ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DUE NEXT SUNDAY!** Our Parish is now accepting nominations of qualified candidates to serve on the Parish Council for 2018-2019. Please call the office or visit our website for additional information and the nomination form. Nomination forms are due to the church office no later than next Sunday, November 19, 2017, and elections will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

+ **FAITH AND JOY** Our next meeting will be held this Friday, November 17th from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Our lesson will focus on the miracle of the Ten Cleansed Lepers and we will work on a craft and partake in a Lenten snack. We will also be conducting a food drive for those in need in Lake County. Any donations of canned or dry goods are welcome (see insert). Please RSVP to faithjoyascension@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

+ **SAFETY FIRST AT EVENING MINISTRY MEETINGS:** Please be cautious if you are traveling to the Church house for an evening meeting and take caution to not drive on the lawn. Be mindful of others leaving the building, especially during youth meetings. We need to be respectful of the property we are renting and remain very attentive to staying safe as the days become shorter and the cold weather approaches.

+ **FOOTBALL MANIA WINNER UPDATE FOR WEEK 2:** Chrisoula Kozonis, who won \$25.00. Congratulations!

+ **PROSPHORA BAKERS NEEDED!** If you are interested in baking the Eucharistic Bread, please call the Church office. If you have never baked Prospora before, a team of our expert bakers will teach you.

+ **PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE** The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation recently posted its 2017/18 application at www.panhellenicsf.org/online (due January 31, 2018). Awards are available to all undergraduate students of Hellenic descent. For more information on available scholarship programs, visit Ascension's website and click on the Orthodox Christian Fellowship link within the Ministry section.