

### 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 servant, and forgive every sin she has 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 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 Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18.

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### The Reading is from Luke 16:19-31



The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN November 5 - 12, 2017

### 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

*"Our life and death depends on our neighbor. If we win over our brother or sister, we win over God. If we scandalize our neighbor, we sin before Christ."*

**Saint Anthony the Great**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>November 5</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God, Georgia Papavasiliou (15 yrs) Girls' Chant Group Practice following Liturgy Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Parish Council	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b>
<b>Monday</b> 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>November 6</b> JOY/Jr. GOYA GOYA	
<b>Tuesday</b> 4:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	<b>November 7</b> Greek School (@Daniel Wright Middle School) Great Vespers @ St. Haralambos Church, Niles	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<b>November 8</b> Orthros @ 1221 Riverwoods Rd. House Divine Liturgy HOPE Great Vespers @ St. Nectarios, Palatine	<b>Holy Archangels</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	<b>November 9</b> Orthros @ 1221 Riverwoods Rd. House Divine Liturgy Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced (@ 1221 House)	<b>St. Nektarios of Pentapolis</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 7 p.m.	<b>November 10</b> Orthros @ 1221 Riverwoods Rd. House Divine Liturgy Marriage Ministry @ Pinstripes, Northbrook	<b>St. Arsenios of Cappadocia</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 5 p.m.	<b>November 11</b> Vespers @ 1221 N. Riverwoods House	<b>Veterans Day</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  6 p.m.	<b>November 12</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Parish General Assembly Philoptochos Pop-Up Kafé Great Vespers followed by Orthros @ St. John Chrysostom Monastery, Kenosha	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke</b> STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora Bakers:** Despina Taranko and Tasia Alexakos  
**Epistle Reader:** Jim Anast  
**Ministry Greeter:** The Gough Family  
**Ushers:** Bill Athenson (UIC), Peter Venetos, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski, Tom Papastefan, Mia Connolly, Jeannie Thomas

## 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

+ **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.**

## Announcements

+ **ATTENTION: NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND THE PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Additional details and an agenda for the General Assembly, which will take place immediately following Divine Liturgy, was mailed to stewards this past week. Among other important updates, the agenda includes a progress report on the building plans as well as our capital campaign. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

+ **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 heart and pledge what they can to help achieve our goal. We urge you to attend the General Assembly meeting next Sunday, November 12, where 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, if you would like to donate now.

+ **STEWARDSHIP** Next week we will be introducing the 2018 stewardship program. To date, the total pledged for Ascension in 2017 is \$323,654 by 288 families. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your current pledge, please contact the church office. If you have not submitted your 2017 pledge, please do so today!

+ **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** 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 Sunday, November 19, 2017, and elections will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

+ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – REGISTER NOW** – JOY, Jr. GOYA, and GOYA, along with Philoptochos and our Men's Ministry will be participating in a service project at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville on Monday, November 13, where we will hand pack meals that are specially formulated for malnourished children. Please email Carol Stamas (cestamas@comcast.net) or Anna Duros (anna.duros@gmail.com) as soon as possible with the number of people from your family who will attend. Space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come-first served basis. Note: JOY/Jr. GOYA will participate from 6 to 7:30 pm; GOYA from 8-9:30 p.m.

+ **ECHOES FROM THE PULPIT BY PROTOPRESBYTER FR. DEMETRIOS TREANTAFELES** will be on sale for \$8 during coffee hour today. Fr. T has graciously donated this book of spiritual reflections to our Parish with the intention that all proceeds go to Ascension's Building Fund. Thank you, Father T!

+ **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 1:** Katherine Schreiber, 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](http://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.