

Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Ananias of the 70 in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Apolytikion for Romanos the Melodist in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Romanos, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

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.

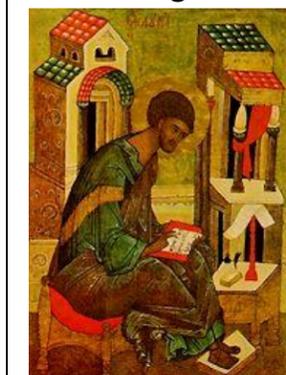
Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1.

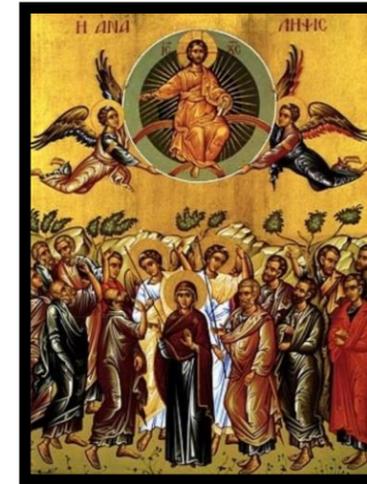
Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Reading is from Luke 6:31-36



The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 1 – 8, 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

"Your children will always be sufficiently wealthy if they receive from you a good upbringing that is able to order their moral life and behavior. Thus, strive not to make them rich, but rather to make them pious masters of their passions, rich in virtues. Teach them not to think up illusory needs, reckoning their worth according to worldly standards. Attentively watch their deeds, their acquaintances and their attachments – and do not expect any mercy from God if you do not fulfill this duty."

Holy Father John Chrysostomos

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	October 1	2nd Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School and Open House	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Parish Council	
	Philoptochos POP Breast Cancer Walk	
2 p.m.	Baptism: Demetra, daughter of Peter & Effie Gountanis	
	Sponsors: George & Joy Logothetis (at St. Demetrios, Libertyville)	
4 p.m.	Wedding: Salvatore and Briana Cardone	
	Sponsor: Gina Cappelluti (@ St. Demetrios, Libertyville)	
Monday	October 2	
5:45 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA (Both ministries meet @ 1221 House)	
Tuesday	October 3	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School (@Daniel Wright Middle School)	
Wednesday	October 4	
10 a.m.	HOPE (@ 1221 House)	
Thursday	October 5	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced (@ 1221 House)	
Saturday	October 7	
5 p.m.	Vespers (@ 1221 House)	
Sunday	October 8	3rd Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship	
12:30 p.m.	Wedding	

+ **“IT’S NOT THE PLACE THAT BRINGS SANCTITY, IT’S OUR WAY THAT BRINGS SANCTITY.”**
 During a recent sermon, Fr. Sotiri paraphrased these words of wisdom from St. Anthony to remind all of us that during our temporary time in Daniel Wright Middle School’s cafetorium, we need to seek and sustain the spiritual fortitude and atmosphere necessary to continue our divine worship both on a personal and communal level. We’d like to express our sincere gratitude to Daniel Wright for being so accommodating to us. Please keep the following reminders in mind: Enter the school reverently since Liturgy takes place in an area close to the entrance; SCS families should arrive on time for class at 9:15 a.m. in order to avoid walking through the cafetorium to the classrooms after Liturgy begins; Divine Liturgy books are available by the Panagari to use during the service; please be very careful entering and exiting the “pews”, being mindful of the legs/extended wheel base of the benches; and, let us be attentive to keeping everything after coffee hour and Sunday Church School just as we find it since we are guests at the school. Ushers are on hand to direct you and answer any questions. Thank you.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora Bakers: Elaine Stevens and Despina Taranko
Epistle Reader: James Facklis
Ministry Greeters: Gerald and Despina Taranko
Ushers: David Rutkowski (UIC), Carol Stamas, Mike Sutherland, Tom Papastefan, Alex Marx, Nick Marino

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

Announcements

+ **DURING CONSTRUCTION, SUNDAY ORTHROS, DIVINE LITURGY AND SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** will take place at Daniel Wright Middle School, 1370 Riverwoods Rd., Lincolnshire. Tuesday evening Greek School classes will also take place at Daniel Wright School. Ministry Meetings and Thursday evening Adult Greek School will take place at the home that Ascension rented just south of the church: 1221 Riverwoods Rd., Lake Forest, unless otherwise noted. Fr. Sotiri’s office as well as the Church office is now located in the house next door as well. **Important: the church phone number and mailing address will not change.** Communication about the life of the Ascension parish is sent out regularly via email blasts. If you aren’t receiving these notifications and would like to, please go to our website and click “Join our Email List.”

+ **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.**

+ **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 Adult Baptismal Font (\$75,000). Our remaining major donor naming opportunities include the Nave (\$500,000), the kitchen (\$250,000), landscaping (\$150,000), and a classroom (\$75,000). Also, another remaining donation opportunity is Personalized Brick Pavers (\$1,000). Please act fast as we are now approximately 80% 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 at 847-482-1200, or email at frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com

+ **THERE’S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** If you haven’t registered your child(ren) yet, please do so as soon as possible on the website. The calendar is available on-line.

+ **THE ASCENSION GIRLS’ CHANT GROUP** will have a brief meeting today directly following Divine Liturgy. Please meet in the Sunday School hallway. This group is for 4th-12th grade girls. Please contact Presvytera Stefanie with any questions: (presstefanie@yahoo.com).

+ **GREEK SCHOOL CURRICULUM NIGHT** will take place on October 10th at 6:25 p.m. at Daniel Wright Middle School. During this event, our Greek School parents will have the opportunity to hear from each teacher about the curriculum as well as teaching methods and goals. We look forward to seeing you!

+ **THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO CLERGY SYNDESMOS DINNER**, In memory of Metropolitan Iakovos and in honor of the Nameday of Bishop Demetrios & Clergy of Metropolis serving over 20 years, will take place on Tuesday, October 24th at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$100 and reservations may be made with Renee in the Church Office. If you unable to attend but would like to make a donation you may also do so through the church office. Proceeds raised will benefit the ministries of the Clergy Syndesmos, as well as the St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

+ **OLIVE OIL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY COMING TO A CLOSE: ACT FAST!** Ascension is selling cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil as part of a Metropolis initiated fundraising project to benefit our building fund, the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center and the Orthodox chapels on the island Strogili Megisti near the Turkish coast. Supplies are limited! To pre-order and reserve your bottles, email Harold Anagnos at hanagnos90@gmail.com or Diane Sigalos at diane_sigalos@yahoo.com.

+ **FOOTBALL MANIA:** Philoptochos has brought back Football Mania! The fundraiser begins October 26th. Please stop by after Liturgy and pick up your tickets! Looking forward to a fun Football season!

+ **THE METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO ANNUAL SPELLING BEE** for 10-18 year old youth takes place on October 21st at St. John the Baptist, Des Plaines. For more information, visit <http://www.goreligiouschicago.org/orthodox-spelling-bee.html>

+ **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT** through the Hellenic Link-Midwest Board (applications due October 15, 2017). The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation also just posted its 2017/18 application at www.panhellenicsf.org/online (due January 31, 2018). For more information on available scholarship programs, visit Ascension’s website and click on the Orthodox Christian Fellowship link within the Ministry section.

+ **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COALITION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH (OCCHY)** – October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Parents, youth, schools and community leaders across the country join this month-long observance of the role that substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. Join the Orthodox Christian Coalition for Healthy Youth and let’s work together to keep our kids healthy and drug free! Visit www.healthyyouth.com for more information.