

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Apolytikion for Righteous Pelagia in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; 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 Pelagia, 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 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 7:11-16



At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN October 8 - 15, 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

"Don't restrict your children's education and upbringing to secular wisdom, to the wisdom of this world. They should, at the same time, learn the wisdom that comes from above and the highest form of truth. They should learn the law of God and the commandments of Christ. They should learn all due reverence, the constant remembrance of God and the proper Christian path. Only then will your children not be lost in the ways of human wisdom, only then will they always hold Christian wisdom above all else, the knowledge of God. This is the way we should bring up our children."

Weekly Calendar

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 hosted by Philoptochos	
12:30 p.m.	Wedding: Bruce and Eleni Carlson	
	Sponsor: Marino and Kathy Makris (@ 1221 Riverwoods)	
Monday	October 9	Columbus Day
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday	October 10	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School (@Daniel Wright Middle School)	
6:25 p.m.	Greek School Curriculum Night	
7 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting	
Thursday	October 12	
10 a.m.	HOPE at Didier Farms	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced (@ 1221 House)	
Friday	October 13	
7 p.m.	Marriage Ministry (@ 1221 House)	
Saturday	October 14	
7 p.m.	Great Vespers @ St. Spyridon, Palos Heights for the Right Hand of St. Spyridon	
Sunday	October 15	7th Ecumenical Council
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

+ **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.**

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora Bakers: Tasia Alexakos & Anastasia Anton

Epistle Reader: Nick Gatsis

Ministry Greeters: John & Jeannie Thomas

Ushers: Tom Kiriakos (UIC), Doug Hugdahl, Andrea Rogers, Mia Connolly, Diane Sigalos, Tom Vabakos, Alex Marx

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

+ **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

+ **MARRIAGE MINISTRY MEETING THIS FRIDAY!** Ascension's Marriage Ministry will be holding it's first meeting of the Ecclesiastical year this Friday, October 13th from 7 -8:30 p.m. at the house just south of the church grounds. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and discussion. Couples of all experience levels are welcome! Reach out to Frank Kazas at fgkazas@gmail.com with any questions.

+ **THE RIGHT HAND OF ST. SPYRIDON WILL BE IN CHICAGO** at St. Spyridon in Palos Heights this coming week. Supplication services, Vigils, Vespers and Liturgies will be held in honor of St. Spyridon and the relic this Wednesday – Sunday. See insert for more information.

+ **THE PICK UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME** Ministry Day Camp's fall session, "We Are All Children of God", will take place at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center on Saturday, October 14th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This ministry is for the benefit of our young people with special needs and their families. For more information, email Presvytera Toni Mihalopoulos: toni.poteres@gmail.com

+ **THE ASCENSION GIRLS' CHANT GROUP** will meet next Sunday, October 15th, directly after Divine Liturgy. Please meet in the Sunday School hallway. This group is for 4th-12th grade girls. Practices are mandatory and a firm commitment is required. Practices will primarily take place Sundays after church, with the possibility of a few practices on Saturdays. Please contact Presvytera Stefanie with any questions: (presstefanie@yahoo.com).

+ **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 are 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.goreligiousedchicago.org/orthodox-spelling-bee.html>

+ **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT** through the Hellenic Link-Midwest Board (applications due next Sunday, 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.

+ **BECOME AWARE ABOUT BONE MARROW/STEM CELL DONORSHIP** by visiting <https://bethematch.org/support-the-cause/donate-bone-marrow/>. Find out at this site how you can help be the cure for patients with blood cancers.