

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.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos in the Fourth Mode

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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.

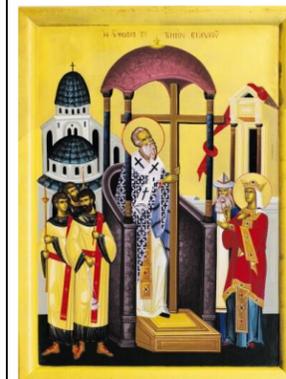
Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

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 John 3:13-17



The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:18-19

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	September 10 Sunday Before Holy Cross Orthros Divine Liturgy Site Blessing & Groundbreaking Parish Family Picnic @ Banner
Monday 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	September 11 JOY/Jr. GOYA (both ministries meet at GOYA 1221 N. Riverwoods Rd.)
Tuesday 4:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	September 12 Greek School @ Agiasmos, Daniel Wright Middle School, 1370 Riverwoods Rd. Parish Council
Wednesday 7 p.m.	September 13 Great Vespers @ Holy Cross Church, Justice
Thursday 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Strict Fast Day. <i>Services will be held at Holy Cross Church, Justice</i> Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced @ 1221 N. Riverwoods Rd.
Friday 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	September 15 Parish Family Golf Outing, Deerfield Golf Club Golf Outing Fellowship Dinner
Saturday 7 p.m.	September 16 St. Euphemia the Great Martyr Great Vespers at St. Sophia, Elgin
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	September 17 SS SOPHIA, FAITH, HOPE & AGAPE, THE MARTYRS Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy <i>@ Daniel Wright School, 1370 Riverwoods Rd.</i>

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prosphora Bakers: Lela Gramatis & Mary Greub
Epistle Reader: James Anast
Ministry Greeter: Kay James
Ushers: Tom Kiriakos (UIC), Bill Athenson, Harold Anagnos, Peter Venetos, Nick Marino, Carol Stamas, Mia Connolly, Diane Sigalos, Tom Papastefan, Bob Mantzoros, Tom Vabakos

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



+ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILE WE TRANSITION OUR OFFICES TO OUR TEMPORARY HOME NEXT DOOR** Effective now and throughout our construction phase, Fr. Sotiri's office as well as the Church office is now located in the house next door (1221 Riverwoods Road). **Important: the church phone number and mailing address will not change.** Please continue to direct all correspondence to 1207 Riverwoods Rd., Lincolnshire, 60069. Also, when visiting the office, we kindly ask you to take caution when parking in the long driveway and please stay off of the grass.

+ **WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS HISTORIC DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH and thank His Grace Bishop DEMETRIOS of Mokissos for celebrating these milestone Liturgical services with US.** Following the Divine Liturgy, we will process as a Congregation to the site of where our new altar will be built to hold an Agiasmos Blessing of our new church foundation and break ground. Please follow the guidance of our ushers so that we exit reverently and in an orderly fashion. There will be limited seating reserved for those who need it. Immediately following the service, please join us at Banner Day Camp for our annual Parish Family picnic hosted by the Men's Ministry! Two shuttle busses will be traveling back and forth to bring people to the picnic safely. We look forward to this day being a sacred, memorable and lifelong blessing.

+ **AS OF NEXT WEEK, 9/17, 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, effective this week, will take place at the home that Ascension rented just south of the church: 1221 Riverwoods Rd., Lake Forest, unless otherwise noted. 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 home page (www.ascensiongoc.com) and click the "Join our Email List" icon.

+ **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). 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, 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 in the church office at 847-482-1200 or email at frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com

+ **STEWARDSHIP** We are stewards of all God's blessings, including His Gospel Message. We don't bury our blessings in the ground, but as in the parable of the stewards, we strive to multiply our gifts and offer them back to God. As with our financial blessings, so it is with our stewardship of our families, the environment, the Gospel Message and all of God's gifts. To date, the total pledged for Ascension in 2017 is \$320,000 by 276 families. If you have not submitted your 2017 pledge, please do so today!

+ **ASCENSION'S YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS BEGIN TOMORROW!** Don't miss the exciting kick-off meetings for JOY/Jr. GOYA and GOYA tomorrow evening! Information and registration for all of our youth ministries can be found on our website at www.ascensiongoc.com

+ **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR PARISH GOLF OUTING & DINNER** Ascension's 18th Annual Parish Golf Outing and Dinner will be held next Friday, September 15th at Deerfield Golf Club. The final registration deadline has been extended to tomorrow! See a representative from Men's Ministry at the picnic to make any last minute reservations.

+ **PHILOTOCHOS INVITES EVERYONE TO THIS YEAR'S KICKOFF MEETING ON** Thursday, September 28th at 7pm at Demetri's Greek Restaurant. Our theme of "Building Our Future; Building Our Faith" is so appropriate during this exciting year of church construction. Please join this dynamic group as we present new programs and fun events, along with tasty appetizers! Membership forms are posted on the Ascension Philoptochos web page and will also be emailed. RSVP to Anna Duros at ascensionphilo@gmail.com or call at 847-370-2662.