

Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Theotokos Myrtidiotissis in the Fourth Mode

O come, all you people, and let us in faith clap our hands * and sing sacred songs to her who is the Mother of God, * and longingly cry aloud: * "Rejoice, O protection of all those who entreat you; * rejoice, the salvation of those who honor you with longing; * rejoice, O Lady who restored * the paralyzed man to health."

Apolytikion for Protomartyr Thekla in the Third Mode

All aflame with love for your Creator, * from the teachings of the sacred preacher, * you disregarded as fleeting all things mundane. * And being bold in the face of the penalties, * you gave yourself as a beautiful gift to God. * Thekla, glorious companion of the Apostle Paul, * we pray you entreat your Bridegroom, Christ, * and ask Him to grant us His great mercy.

Memorial Hymn

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he 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, 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 Timothy 3:10-15.

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Reading is from Luke 5:1-11



At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN September 17 – October 1

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

"Faith is a spiritual mouth. The wider it's open, the greater the river of the divine waters that can flow into it. Don't allow doubt and lack of faith to seal your lips, because then the treasures of God's blessings will be denied to you."

St. John Kronstadtskij

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	September 24	1st Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God	
	Lew Dumas (1 year)	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by Salvatore and Briana Cardone	
Monday	September 25	
5:45 p.m.	JOY/Jr. GOYA	
7:30 p.m.	GOYA	(Both ministries meet @ 1221 Riverwoods)
Tuesday	September 26	Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian
8:15 a.m.	Orthros (@ House, 1221 N. Riverwoods Rd.)	
9:15 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School (@Daniel Wright Middle School)	
Wednesday	September 27	
10 a.m.	HOPE (@ House: 1221 N. Riverwoods Rd.)	
Thursday	September 28	
10:30 a.m.	Senior Synaxis to Baha'i Temple (meet at Baha'i)	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
	(@ House: 1221 N. Riverwoods Rd.)	
7 p.m.	Philoptochos Membership Kick-off @ Demetri's Restaurant	
Saturday	September 30	
10 a.m.	OCCA 125 th Anniversary of Orthodoxy Liturgy @	
	Lane Tech High School	
2:30 p.m.	OCCA 125 th Anniversary Banquet, Marriott Chgo O'Hare	
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	
	Philoptochos POP Breast Cancer Walk	
2 p.m.	Wedding (at St. Demetrios, Libertyville)	
4 p.m.	Baptism (@ St. Demetrios, Libertyville)	

+ "IT'S NOT THE PLACE THAT BRINGS SANCTITY, IT'S OUR WAY THAT BRINGS SANCTITY."

During last week's 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 Metropoulos and Sophia Metropulos

Epistle Reader: Tom Kiriakos

Ministry Greeters: David and Kathie Rutkowski

Ushers: Nick Marino (UIC), Alex Marx, Doug Hugdahl, Carol Stamas, Mia Connolly, Kathie Rutkowski, David Rutkowski, Tom Papastefan

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. Open House takes place next Sunday!

+ **TOMORROW, JOY/Jr. GOYA and GOYA** will be participating in a National Philoptochos/International Orthodox Christian Charities project to assemble school supply kits for children in Greece so that they may go to school ready to learn.

+ **TEAM POP (Power of Philoptochos) 2017 HEEL TO HEAL!** Ascension Philoptochos will once again walk for the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" on Sunday, October 1st. Stop by our table after church for more information and to sign up to walk in honor of -- or in memory of -- a loved one.

+ **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 ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CLERGY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO** will host the 125th Anniversary of Orthodoxy in Chicago this Saturday, September 30th. (See calendar to the left). For more information, visit www.Facebook.com/ChicagoOCCA

+ **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF HELLENIC DESCENT** through the Hellenic Link-Midwest Board (applications due October 15, 2017). For more information on available scholarship programs, visit Ascension's website and click on the Orthodox Christian Fellowship link within the Ministry section.

+ **SS PETER AND PAUL'S DIVORCE REBUILDERS** offers support, guidance and hope to those who are separated and divorced. Meetings will begin this fall on Mondays, October 2nd through November 6th, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the church library at SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview. This group provides a place where you can learn and heal from the hurt of divorce. New insights and perspectives will help you create new understandings towards developing new personal, relational and spiritual goals in your life. Discussion, feedback and support are integral components of this program. In addition, the group participates in ongoing social activities. Leader: Maria Boyle, MA Counseling. To enroll in this program please email: mariaharduvel@aol.com. Please note in the subject heading: Divorce Rebuilders. There is no cost for the program. *No Christian should walk through the pain of divorce alone.*