

## Hymns and Holy Scripture Readings

### Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

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The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

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Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### 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, 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 Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

### The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7.

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### The Gospel of Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

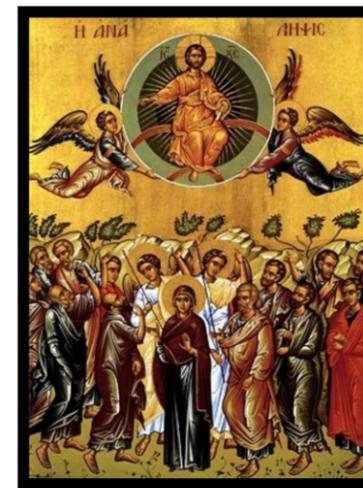
## Resurrection Hymn

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life.

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christos anesti eknekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

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**Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!**  
**Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!**

## 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

*"The second [Sunday after Pascha] is dedicated to the women who visited the tomb of Christ, hoping to anoint his body with myrrh, but they found an empty tomb instead. In many ways, this reflects the content of every Sunday and every Divine Liturgy: we come to church to celebrate the sacrifice of Christ, which takes place on the altar, a symbol of the tomb of Christ. Our testimony, every time, is that the tomb is empty, a reflection of the revelation to the Myrrh bearers."*

**Rev. Dr. Andreas Andreopoulos**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  7 p.m.	<b>April 22</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Memorial for the Soul of the Servant of God, Christ Falkides (1 year) Coffee Fellowship hosted by Falkides/Gillett family Great Vespers, St. George Church, Chicago	<b>Sunday of Myrrh Bearers</b>
<b>Monday</b> <i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy- St. George Church, Chicago, 9:45 a.m.</i> 5:45 p.m.	<b>April 23</b> JOY, Jr. GOYA	<b>St. George the Great Martyr</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 a.m.  4:45 p.m.	<b>April 24</b> Philoptochos Feed the Hungry @ Annunciation Cathedral , Chicago Greek School	
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>April 25</b> HOPE	
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	<b>April 26</b> IOCC Banquet, Café La Cave, Des Plaines Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced (@ 1221 House	
<b>Friday</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>April 27</b> Faith/JOY Ministry Meeting	
<b>Saturday</b> 5 p.m.	<b>April 28</b> Vespers @ 1221 Riverwoods House Chapel	
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>April 29</b> Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Holy Land Pilgrimage through May 9th	<b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b>

+ **WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST WELCOME** to Rev. Fr. Chris Kerhulas who is celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us today. May God grant you many years.

+ **DO YOU KNOW why we don't kneel** between the Feast Days of Pascha and Pentecost? To answer this, let's find out why we kneel at all. Kneeling, bowing and prostrations were conducted even in the Old Testament as a sign of deep prayer, repentance, lamentation and devout respect and worship. Even Jesus knelt before His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:29). According to a canon by the First Ecumenical Council, we are not to kneel between Pascha and Pentecost because of the "brilliant solemnity of the events which the Church commemorates" after Christ's Resurrection. We celebrate His third day Resurrection and therefore do not need to lament. St. Basil teaches us that by standing, we are reminded that we have risen from the dead together with Christ and we ought to seek the things above. Of course, the same prayers are said with reverence and fervor during this most Holy Consecration portion of the Liturgy. (Source: Orthodox Christian Information Center)

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prospora:** Illiana Radaios & Elaine Stevens  
**Epistle Reader:** Kathie Rutkowski  
**Greeters:** Alex & Georgeanne Marx  
**Ushers:** Nick Marino (UIC), Demetri Katsulis, Frank Kazas, Tom Kiriakos, David Rutkowski, Kathie Rutkowski, Bill Smirles, Steve Demet

## Prayer Requests for Health

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS** the servants of God: Eleni, George, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Dee, Helen, Sophia, Connie, Janet, Anthony, Fred, Katerini, George, James, Theresa, Peter

## Announcements

+ **OUR FEASTDAY SERVICES:** With the paternal blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan NATHANAEL, and the *philoxenia* of the parish of Saints Peter and Paul, Ascension's Feastday celebrations this year during our construction phase will take place at SS. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Rd., Glenview. Hierarchical Great Vespers will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, May 17, the day of our Feastday, Orthros will be at 8:15 a.m. followed by the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Our Parish family looks forward to hosting and worshipping at SS Peter and Paul with many local clergy and faithful throughout the Metropolis.

+ **STEWARDSHIP 2018:** As we continue pushing through this transition period, our commitment to Stewardship is more important than ever! We should be inspired by what's ahead for our new church home. We have many vibrant ministries that have thrived through the transition, but our ministries still need your help! To date, the total pledged for Ascension in 2018 is \$315,499 by 218 families. Let's keep the momentum going - if you haven't pledged your Ascension Stewardship for 2018, we ask that you prayerfully consider pledging soon. Pledge cards are available near the candle stand.

+ **CONSTRUCTION & FUNDING UPDATE:** With the warming weather, construction is progressing! Concrete foundations are formed and the concrete slab in the basement and first floor of the administration building has been poured. This is a very exciting time for our Parish! We are pleased to announce that we are down to our final \$1.14 million to raise! To help us achieve this, a very generous parishioner has offered to match any new donations, in any amount, up to \$250,000 from now until Pentecost on May 27th. Please donate today and help us achieve our dream debt-free!! The current version of our Donor Recognition Wall has been published, but there is still time to include your family name on this commemorative wall that will be displayed in our new church. Please contact Fr. Sotirios at 847-482-1200, or email at frsotirios@ascensiongoc.com. We thank you in advance for your love in coming together as a parish family to help build *Our Church - Our Faith - Our Legacy*.

+ **OUR GOYANS ARE IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEKEND** along with Fr. Sotiri and GOYA leaders Carol Stamas and Christina Kiriakos. We pray for their safe journey home this evening and thank Father, Carol and Christina for taking them on this memorable journey of faith and fellowship.

+ **FEED THE HUNGRY" PROGRAM @ ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL** - Our Philoptochos will "Feed the Hungry" this Tuesday, April 24th at 10 a.m. at the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. We are planning to feed 150+ hungry men and women, most of who are homeless. We are still in need of donations. Please contact Kathie Rutkowski @ 847-421-8267, to volunteer or donate.

+ **ATTENTION MEN OF ASCENSION:** The next meeting of the Koinonia Men's Ministry is this Tuesday, 4/24, at 6:30 p.m. at Lightsource, 980 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Vernon Hills. Pizza/Salad will be served. We encourage and welcome all men to come join us for some fellowship, and to help plan our upcoming events. Any questions, please contact Doug Hugdahl (dhugdahl@lightsourceunlimited.com/847.910.6090); and/or Demetri Katsulis (dtk111@comcast.net/847.370.3719).

+ **ATTENTION SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:** PLEASE BRING YOUR OCMC COIN BOXES to church as soon as possible.

+ **SAVE THE DATE: THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 20th.** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

+ **JOIN US FOR THE 2018 ASCENSION GOLF OUTING!** The Koinonia Men's Ministry will be hosting the annual Ascension Golf Outing and Family Dinner on Friday, June 1st at the Deerfield Golf Course. Registration is now open on the Koinonia Men's Ministry webpage on the Ascension website! See insert for more details and please plan to join us for this great day of fellowship!

+ **JR. OLYMPICS REGISTRATION FORMS NEEDED BY MAY 6th!** Jr. Olympics takes place Memorial Day weekend and registration forms, signed by parents and participants, are needed in order to meet the Metropolis deadline. You can download the forms off of the website then scan and email the signed forms to Dino Bolos (dinobolos@yahoo.com); or, stop by and see Dino after Liturgy today at the Jr. Olympics table to complete and/or turn in your forms. Also, the same neon yellow shirts will be worn this year. If you or your child needs to order a shirt, please email or speak to Dino as soon as possible. For more information, visit the youth pages of our website.

+ **SAVE THE DATE: The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival** will take place over Columbus Day weekend this year, October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, at the Marriott Oakbrook. This event is sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis and dedicated to promoting, preserving and perpetuating the traditional Greek dance, music and fellowship of our Hellenic Heritage. The festival will consist of workshops and a traditional Glendi celebration which will showcase dance troupes from Chicago and throughout the Midwest. For more information, contact Tina Lambros Anagnos at 847.404.0747.