

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 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.

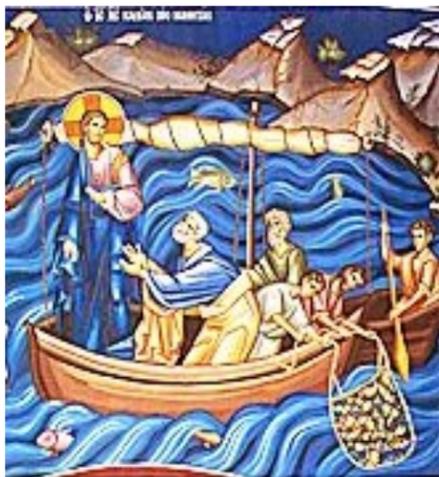
Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

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 Letter to the Romans 2:10-16.

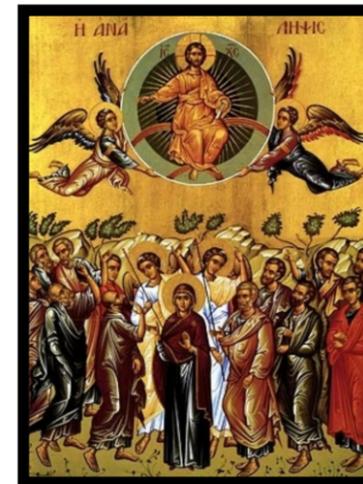
Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23



At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN June 10 - 17, 2018

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

"A sure sign of the deadening of the soul is the avoidance of church services. A man who is growing cold towards God begins first of all to flee attending church. At first he tries to come to services later, and then he ceases altogether to visit God's temple... True, it's sometimes permitted, due to urgent matters, not to go to all the services, but when possible, it's regarded as a necessary duty."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	June 10	2nd Sunday of Matthew
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship Hosted by Parish Council	
2:30 p.m.	Baptism: Maria, daughter of Austin Goveia and Shannon Tsopelas	
	<i>Sponsor: Spiros Mantzoros</i>	
	St. Demetrios Church, Libertyville	
5 p.m.	Great Vespers, St. Andrew Church, Chicago	
6 p.m.	Reception for Metropolitan NATHANAEL's Feastday, St. Andrew Church	
Monday	June 11	Holy Apostle Bartholomew
8:30 a.m.	Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,	
	Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago	
Tuesday	June 12	
7 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting	
Wednesday	June 13	
6:30 p.m.	Ministry Directors' Meeting	
Thursday	June 14	
10 a.m.	Fr. Sotiri serving Divine Liturgy @ Greek American Rehab Center	
Sunday	June 17	3rd Sunday of Matthew
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	Father's Day
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	

+ **ON THE OCCASION OF THE JUNE 11th FEASTDAY OF THE HOLY APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW, PATRON SAINT OF METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO,** The Holy Metropolis of Chicago invites the faithful to the following: This evening, Sunday, June 10: 5 p.m. Great Vespers | 6 – 9 p.m. Open House Reception @ St. Andrew Church, Chicago. Tomorrow on June 11th, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Annunciation Cathedral with Matins at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

+ **YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: WE ARE IN NEED OF COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS IN JUNE AND THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER:** Please consider hosting coffee fellowship after Liturgy with your family, or together with another family, so that we may continue our fellowship throughout the summer. When we don't have a host, Parish Council members step up to make sure it's covered and we've had to rely on their generosity many times since we've been in our temporary place. Recommendations for simple offerings can be found on our website. You may sign up on the list on the coffee hour table; online via our website, or by calling the church office. Thank you in advance for offering your love and commitment to this important ministry.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Tasia Alexakos & Anastasia Anton
Epistle Reader: Frank Kazas
Greeter: Katherine Schreiber
Ushers: Nick Marino (UIC), Bill Athenson, Peter Venetos, Bill Smirles, Steve Demet, Steve Sintetas, Doug Hugdahl, Carol Stamas

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, James, Theresa, Peter, Anna

Condolences

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the family of Gregory Papadourakis, beloved husband of Olympia Papadourakis for 60 years; devoted father of Ellen (George) Kosmas, Diane (Jim) Maroudas and Angelo (Laurie) Papadourakis; and, loving Papou of Amy (Thomas) Peters and George Maroudas, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 6, 2018. The funeral was yesterday at Holy Apostles Church in Westchester. We pray that God grant His servant, Gregory, eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. May his memory be eternal.

Announcements

+ **METROPOLIS LISTENING TOUR:** His Eminence Metropolitan NATHANAEL is conducting a Listening Tour throughout the Metropolis and the first one takes place next Friday evening, June 15th at 6 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Glenview. Along with Ascension, His Eminence has invited three other nearby parishes to participate. Please see the insert for more information and to RSVP.

+ **STEWARDSHIP 2018:** One day, a person complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual "give, give, give." To which the priest replied, "Thank you very much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. You're right, Christianity is all about a constant "give, give, give." God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord's disciples giving all they had to make sure God's Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God! If you haven't pledged to give of your time, talents, and treasures for 2018, the time is now! Pledge cards are available near the candle stand.

+ **THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** will host its annual Awards Ceremony and Gala next Saturday, June 16th at the Hilton, Chicago. For more information, or to purchase your tickets online, visit www.panhellenicsf.org, or call 312.357.6432.

+ **SAVE THE DATE for the 3rd ANNUAL MID-SUMMER SOCIAL, July 29th!** Sponsored by Men's Koinonia, this gathering gives the families and youth in our Parish the opportunity to enjoy ice cream, hotdogs, fun and fellowship immediately following Liturgy.

+ **UPCOMING GREEK FESTIVALS: Support our local Metropolis Churches and celebrate summer Greek-style!**
 June 15-17: St. Demetrios, Elmhurst
 June 15-17: St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn
 June 16-17: Assumption Church, Chicago
 June 22-24: Holy Cross Greek Fest, Justice
 June 22-24: St. Nectarios, Palatine
 June 22-24: Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago

+ **REGISTER NOW for the Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival** which takes place over Columbus Day weekend this year, October 5th-7th, 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. For more information, contact Tina Lambros Anagnos at 847.404.0747, or visit the "News" category of our website, where you will find a link to register.

+ **DID YOU KNOW? THE APOSTLES FAST** is one of four fasting seasons during the year. Two of these—the Great Fast for the forty days of Lent, and the Dormition Fast during the first fifteen days of August—are considered "strict" fasts. The other two are generally observed as "lesser" fasts: the Nativity Fast, (the 40 days leading to Christmas); and, the Fast of the Apostles, which occurs in June. Fish, wine and oil are permitted on all days except Wednesday and Friday.

In America, the Fast of the Apostles is probably the least well known, but is among the oldest of Christian traditions. It begins on the day after the observance of All Saints' Sunday, which falls one week after Pentecost, and it ends with the observance of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29. It therefore has a variable length of time because of its connection to the date of Pentecost, which changes, since Pascha changes each year.

For faithful Orthodox Christians today, the Fast of the Apostles can be an occasion for reflection upon the lives and example of the Holy Apostles, who sacrificed their lives for the faith, which we have inherited. The Fast is also an occasion to remember that in Christ, we have a unity that goes far beyond our personal opinions, likes or dislikes. In the Holy Spirit we have agreement and new life. For this reason, Orthodox Christians today can regard the Fast of the Apostles as one of the most important times of the year, a time to humble ourselves and pray for genuine love and unity in the Church around the world.

(Excerpts taken from Orthodox Christian Network's Reference Guide, "What is the Apostles Fast", <http://myocn.net/what-is-the-fast-of-the-apostles/>)