

### Resurrectional Apolytikion 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.

### 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.

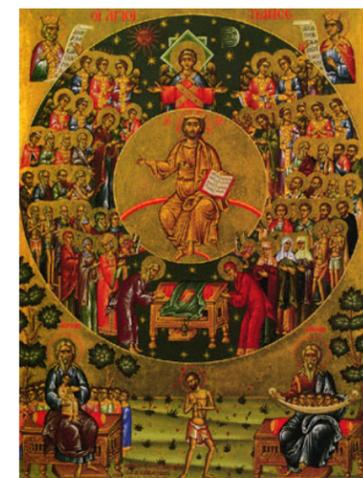
### Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

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 5:1-10.

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

### The Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33



The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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## WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN June 17 - 24, 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

*"As far as we have the power within us let us obey the Lord with an honest and true heart so that in, in time of sorrow we will have Him as a helper to protect us from great dangers."*

**Saint Efraim the Syrian**

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>June 17</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship Hosted by Philoptochos in honor of Father's Day Girls' Chanting Practice following Liturgy	<b>3rd Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>Father's Day</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 11:30 a.m.	<b>June 21</b> Senior Synaxis Fellowship Gathering@ Mary Kakavas' house	
<b>Saturday</b> 5 p.m.	<b>June 23</b> Vespers @ 1221 Riverwoods House	
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>June 24</b> Orthros Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship Fr. Sotiri departs for Fanari Camp week of 6/24	<b>Nativity of John the Baptist</b>

## Holy Communion Etiquette

- + If you are either baptized and/or confirmed as an Orthodox Christian and have spiritually prepared to receive Holy Communion, please come up with reverence and humility, row by row, and depart as directed by the ushers..
- + Prior to receiving Holy Communion, we will recite together the *Prayers Before Receiving Holy Communion* on page 61 in the Divine Liturgy book found near the candle stand by the entrance of the school. Following Holy Communion, it is customary for the faithful to silently recite the *Prayers of Thanksgiving*, on page 73.
- + In receiving Communion, you should place the cloth under your chin, recite your CHRISTIAN NAME, and wipe your mouth after receiving. If you are wearing lipstick please remove it prior to receiving Communion.
- + Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or not, please come forward at the dismissal to receive the blessed bread which is offered to everyone who worships with us. May the blessings of Christ be with you.

## Our Sunday Volunteers

**Prophora:** Sophie Beris & Sofia Caronis  
**Epistle Reader:** Tom Kiriakos  
**Greeter:** Elaine Stevens  
**Ushers:** Peter Venetos (UIC), Nick Marino, Carol Stamas, Alex Marx, David Rutkowski, Doug Hugdahl

## 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, Don

## Announcements

- + **STEWARDSHIP 2018:** We live in a physical world that places great value on material possessions. Material possessions and wealth may bring power and status. But wealth and possessions can be fleeting. Circumstances change. It is the voice of Jesus Christ and the truth of His Gospel that remain constant. In our spiritual relationship with our Creator, we realize that we are called to be good stewards of His creation. And as stewards of His Gospel, we are called to use our material, worldly possessions to meet the needs of others. If you haven't pledged your Ascension Stewardship for 2018, we ask that you consider pledging soon. Pledge cards are available near the candle stand.
- + **SENIOR SYNAXIS GATHERING:** This Thursday, June 21, at 11:30 a.m., Senior Synaxis members will meet at the home of Mary Kakavas for a light lunch, Bingo and cards. Contact Elaine Beck for more information, 847.367.5227
- + **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
- + **MIDWEST HELLENIC DANCE FESTIVEAL JULY 1<sup>st</sup> REGISTRATION DEADLINE!** Follow this link to register by July 1 for the Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival, which takes place over Columbus Day weekend this year, October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, at the Marriott Oakbrook: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/midwest-hellenic-dance-festival-2018-registration-43153784130>. 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.
- + **WE WISH ALL OF OUR YOUTH ATTENDING FANARI CAMP SESSIONS THIS SUMMER** an uplifting, safe, fun and blessed week. May God grant you safe travels and spiritually guide you while you are away from home.
- + **YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: WE ARE IN NEED OF COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS IN AUGUST:** 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.

### THE PERFUME SHOP

Among the stories of the desert fathers there is this one. "Whosoever enters a perfume shop, even if he does not purchase any perfume, leaves filled with fragrance. The same thing happens to one who associates with holy people. He takes on the spiritual aroma of their virtue." The real perfume shop is the presence of God. Enter there daily through prayer and you will indeed become "the aroma of Christ to God." Each morning spend time with God in prayer, and all day long your life will radiate the Fragrance of Jesus.