

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Mid-Pentecost in the Plagal Fourth Mode

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, 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 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 11:19-30.

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel of John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with His journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do You wish?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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Χριστός Ανέστη! Αληθώς Ανέστη!
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.

Resurrection Hymn

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

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

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

Spiritual Reflection

“Having children is a matter of nature; but raising them and educating them in the virtues is a matter of the mind and will.”

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 6 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy Votive Light this week offered by Maria Lampros in memory of her parents, Anthony & Effie Vondas; and, Stella Chakiris, mother of Dean Lampros Coffee Fellowship hosted by Maria Lampros Girls' Chanting Practice Holy Land Pilgrimage through May 9th	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Monday 5:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	May 7 JOY, Jr. GOYA GOYA	
Tuesday 4:45 p.m.	May 8 Greek School	
Wednesday 10 a.m.	May 9 HOPE	
Thursday 6:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	May 10 Greek School Beginners/Advanced Beginners Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
Saturday 5 p.m.	May 12 Vespers	
Sunday 8:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 13 Orthros Sunday Church School Divine Liturgy	Sunday of the Blind Man Mother's Day

+ **ASCENSION ANNOUNCES ITS PASCHA TO PENTECOST *Double the Donation Equation*:** If Ascension raises \$250,000 in new contributions between Pascha and Pentecost (May 27) for construction of our new church, an anonymous donor has graciously offered to match the donation, bringing our parish \$500,000 closer to building debt-free! We are down to our final \$1.14 million to raise! Please donate today and participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a Greek Orthodox church and community center that will be a spiritual home for us, our children, grandchildren and many more generations to come. 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*.

+ **COFFEE HOUR APPEAL:** We are in need of coffee hosts throughout the rest of the year. 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: Anastasia Anton and Sophie Beris
Epistle Reader: Caity Anast
Greeters: Eric & Marcia Moore
Ushers: Doug Hugdahl, (UIC), Alex Marx, Mia Connolly, Frank Kazas, Tom Papastefan, Mike Sutherland, Diane Sigalos, 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, George, James, Theresa, Peter

Announcements

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

+ **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.

+ **DONATIONS FOR OUR FEASTDAY** – If anyone wishes to donate the flowers that will decorate the Icon of the Ascension, or the loaves for the Artoclasia, please contact the Church office at 847.482.1200.

+ **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 231 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.

+ **SENIOR SYNAXIS: PLEASE RSVP BY THIS WEDNESDAY FOR THE MAY 21ST TRIP TO STARVED ROCK:** Senior Synaxis will be traveling by bus to Starved Rock on Monday, May 21st for lunch, entertainment and a full day of fellowship!! In order to reserve your seat, payment and reservations need to be made to Elaine Beck no later than May 8th! Please contact Elaine with questions at (847) 367.5227

+ **JR. OLYMPICS REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY!** 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); fax them to him at 847-960-4985; or, stop by and see Dino after Liturgy today at the Jr. Olympics table to complete and/or turn in your forms. For more information, visit the youth pages of our website. Let's generate excitement for this wonderful event, which consists of three days of sporting, social, and spiritual events for more than 2,000 Metropolis faithful each year!

+ **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. The agenda was mailed this past Thursday to stewards.

+ **REGISTER BY MAY 21ST 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! The deadline to register is May 21st.

+ **IS SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSE REACHING A GRADUATION MILESTONE THIS YEAR?** Ascension's annual graduate tribute will take place on Sunday, June 3rd, following the Divine Liturgy. Please call the church office no later than Monday, May 28th to submit the name(s) of your graduate(s) from Elementary School, High School, College, Graduate or Post-Graduate programs so they may be recognized on that day. Thank you.

+ **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for the Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival** which takes 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.

+ **ALTAR TABLE VOTIVE LIGHT DONATIONS** may now be offered for the health of individuals, family members or in memory of departed loved ones. A \$75.00 donation for each week's votive light is requested. The votive light burns perpetually at the altar in the chapel of the house Ascension is renting during construction of the new church. Names will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. Call the Church Office to reserve the votive and share commemorative names.