



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUNCIATION
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

APRIL 20, 2025

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No Fasting! | Festal Modes | Festal Matins Gospel (Mark 16:1-8)

On this Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ! On this day we also remember Theodore the Trichinas; Zacchaeus the Apostle of Caesaria; Gregory & Anastasios, Patriarchs of Antioch; and Athanasios, Founder of the Monastery of Meteora.

Apolytikon of Pascha, Mode Plagal 1 (Χριστός ἀνέστη): Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἡμῶν χαρισάμενος.

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

First Antiphon. Mode II. Psalm 65

Verse 1: Shout to God all the earth.

Refrain: Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Verse 2: Sing now to His Name. Give glory to His praise. **Ref.**

Verse 3: Say to God, How fearful are your works! **Ref.**

Verse 4: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You. **Ref.**

Glory to the Father... Both now and forever... **Ref.**

Second Antiphon. Mode II. Psalm 66

Verse 1: Let God be gracious to us and bless us!

Refrain: Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Verse 2: May He cause his face to shine upon us and have mercy on us. **Ref.**

Verse 3: That we may know His way on the earth, Your salvation among all the Gentiles. **Ref.**

Verse 4: Let all the peoples give thanks to you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. **Ref.**

Glory to the Father... Both now and forever... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

Third Antiphon. Mode Plagal 1.

Refrain of Pascha, Mode Plagal 1: Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶν ἡμῶν χαρισάμενος.

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Entrance Hymn. Mode II. Psalm 67

Bless God in the Churches; the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Apolytikia & Kontakia

Hypakoe of Pascha, Mode 4: Προλαβοῦσαι τὸν ὄρθρον αἱ περὶ Μαριάμ, καὶ εὐροῦσαι τὸν λίθον ἀποκυλισθέντα τοῦ μνήματος, ἤκουον ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου· Τὸν ἐν φωτὶ αἰδίῳ ὑπάρχοντα,

μετὰ νεκρῶν τί ζητεῖτε ὡς ἄνθρωπον; βλέπετε τὰ ἐντάφια σπάργανα· δράμετε, καὶ τῷ κόσμῳ κηρύξατε, ὡς ἡγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, θανατώσας τὸν θάνατον· ὅτι ὑπάρχει Θεοῦ Υἱός, τοῦ σώζοντος τὸ γένος τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why do you seek among the dead, as though he were mortal man, Him who abides in everlasting light. Behold the grave clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen, and has put death to death; for he is the Son of God, who saves the human race.

Kontakion of Pascha, Mode 4: Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν. Though you descended into the grave, O immortal One, yet you destroyed the power of Hell. And You arose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice; and giving peace to your Apostles.

Instead of the Trisagion Hymn, we sing ("Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστόν): As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

After the Trisagion: **Order of the New Testament Readings**

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 117

This is the day which the Lord made: let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Apostle reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (1: 1-8): IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from John (1: 1-17): IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Instead of 'It is truly meet' we sing (Ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα... Φωτίζου, φωτίζου): The Angel cried to her that is full of grace, 'Pure Virgin, rejoice!, And again I say, Rejoice! For your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day.'

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you; dance now and be glad, O Sion, and you too rejoice, pure Mother of God, at the arising of him to whom you gave birth.

Communion Hymn (Σῶμα Χριστοῦ μεταλάβετε): Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount. Alleluia.

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but He is Risen.

LUKE 25:5

Christ is risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

Parish Council: Team A

Bill Evrigenis – Team Leader, Takis Fotopoulos,
Chris Georgoulis, RJ Hansen, Niko Pikios, Demetri Romas



Altar Guild

Jane Bardis, Rachel & Madeline Squaglia



PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

SUNDAY BULLETIN – Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org

Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements

WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST – Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org

QUARTERLY OBSERVER – June 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org

2025 HOLY WEEK & PASCHA NEEDS

As of 4/17/25

DESCRIPTION/ PURPOSE	TOTAL COST	RECEIVED TO DATE
Pascha Stationery, Bulletin & Postage	\$975	\$0
Flowers/Daffodils - 3rd Sunday of Lent	\$200	Completed
Palm Fronds - Palm Sunday	\$450	Completed
Stefani/Wreath - Holy Thursday	Varies	Completed
Boutonnieres - Holy Friday & Saturday	Varies	Completed
Epitaphio Procession Permit, Police Escort	\$2,324	Completed
Epitaphio Flowers & Supplies	Varies	Completed
Epitaphio Candles	\$100	Completed
Candles - Holy Friday & Saturday Nights	\$2,470	\$900
Candle Cups - Holy Friday & Saturday Nights	\$395	Completed
Clergy Paschal Candles	\$400	Completed
Communion Wine	\$400	Completed
Visiting Chantor	\$3,500	\$1,500
Red Eggs	Varies	Completed
Anastasi Lamb Dinner	\$2,000	\$700
Holy Week Private Security	\$780	Completed

WAYS TO DONATE

- **CHECK** Submit a check to the Church Office. Make checks payable to "Annunciation GOC" with "Pascha needs" in the memo.
- **ONLINE** Visit tiny.cc/pascha2025 or scan the QR code below.



Your donation towards these costs, in any amount, is truly appreciated.

PASCHA 2025 EASTER PICNIC

@ THE LINCOLN PROPERTY

Sunday, April 20th
7:00 A.M.

Agape Vespers will be celebrated under the Old Oak Tree at Noon

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL TO CELEBRATE AND ENJOY.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS.

PARK GROUNDS HAVE POWER, WATER AND BEAUTIFUL
SHADE.

THE SHADE STRUCTURE AND BUILDING FACILITIES ARE
OPEN AND STOCKED!!!

For more information call:
Chris Georgoulas 916.541.6124, Nick Avdis 916.813.3146

DIRECTIONS
4775 Moore Rd. Lincoln CA 95668
Hwy 80 towards Reno, exit Hwy 65 North towards Lincoln
Left on Twelve Bridges, Left on Industrial Blvd.
Right on Athens Rd., Right on Fiddymont
Left on Moore, Left on Ferrera



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ANNUNCIATION YOUTH
Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20
FOLLOWING THE AGAPE VESPERS, 11AM
ANNUNCIATION PLATEIA



ASL SPRING LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd, 2025

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

CONTACT: Diane Petersen (916) 214-4644

PRICE: \$15 per person at the door

TIME: AFTER the Liturgy celebrating St. George (Liturgy starts at 10 am)

GUEST SPEAKER: Maria Koo Silva - Children Book's author

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

EASTERN CA DISTRICT FESTIVAL HOSTED BY ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTO

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

1:00PM



2025



VOLLEYBALL IS BACK!

UPCOMING OPEN GYM PRACTICES

Tuesday 4/29

Youth (3rd Grade and Up) • 6:00pm
Young Adults & Adults • 7:00pm

Annunciation Hellenic Center

**For more info call or text
Kate Margaris @ 916-718-3749**

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, May 18, 2025
Following the Divine Liturgy



Is the Lord Jesus calling you?

Do you want to learn more about Orthodox Christianity
and becoming an Orthodox Christian?

In recent months, our Parish has been blessed with a number of people inquiring about the Faith. **Are you among these inquirers?** We would like to share our Faith with you in an organized and systematic way. Beginning Tuesday, February 18, and continuing through Great and Holy Lent and Pascha, we are offering an **Introduction to Orthodoxy Class. During Lent, we are meeting on Monday evenings after Great Compline (6 pm). Class will begin at 7 pm and meet for about an hour.** If you cannot come in person, let me know. I send out a Zoom link every week.

Required Texts:

- Dr. Eve Tibbs, *A Basic Guide to Eastern Orthodox Theology: Introducing Beliefs and Practices* (Baker Academic, 2021). This excellent recent book is available in print (our bookstore has some copies), Kindle, and Audio.
- Mark Nauroth, *The Power of the Creed* (Worldview Guys Media, 2019). This privately published text is only available in print, BUT Mark, a Parishioner at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, CA, has also done a series of YouTube videos based on the book. Search for Mark Nauroth on YouTube. 13 videos.

If you are interested in attending this class, please email me at frtimothy@annunciationsac.org. I need your name and an email address.

Fr. Timothy Robinson, Associate Priest



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTER AT tiny.cc/sunday-school

Please contact sundayschool@annunciationsac.org with questions



ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION 2024-2025

2nd Grade and Up

Visit tiny.cc/altar2024

Please contact Gary Leonard with questions
garyleonard@hotmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 23 - 27

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Epistle Reading Program

The Epistle Reading Program is open to our parish youth (ages 10+) and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and serve our community!

Please register and select reading dates at the link below. A confirmation will be emailed, along with the reading(s) for the selected date(s). Assistance is available to prepare new readers. Readers are needed every Sunday.

Please contact Nicki Hansen at nhansen@annunciationsac.org with questions.

tiny.cc/epistlereaders

Coffee Hour Fellowship

The members of Philoptochos want to thank our parishioners who support us throughout the year by sponsoring Annunciation's Sunday coffee hours and bringing pastry and goodies to share. Your sponsorship and sharing promotes fellowship, and we are so grateful.

Please consider hosting a coffee hour anytime during the year! Cookies, fruit, or a cake would be great! Coffee will be made for you.

Contact Donna Wagner at 916-214-9794 to secure a date for hosting a regular coffee hour. When contacting Effie in the church office to schedule a memorial, please let her know if you also wish to host coffee fellowship. She can be reached in the office at 916-443-2033 ext 222.



Annunciation Costume Inventory Project

We are creating a digital inventory of our costume collection and its rich history and would like to include as many photos and examples as possible.

- Did you dance with the Annunciation in the past?
- Do you have photos of yourself, your children, or grandchildren in these costumes?
- Did you sew or help with costumes?
- Do you have any other information about the costumes or do you still have old costumes at home?

In particular, we are looking for group and individual photos from the 1970s to the present day. We have already inventoried many costumes stored at the church, but we know there are more out there!

Please text or email Anastasia if you have questions, information or photos at 530-574-2756 or panagaa@crc.losrios.edu.

If you'd like to see what we've inventoried so far, the digital costume record forms can be accessed by scanning the QR code.



This inventory is a work in progress and some costume forms are still incomplete as we gather more information.

Join Us This Week!



The Family Wellness Initiative Winter Program

February 3 - April 31, 2025
*(every Monday & Wednesday with
occasional schedule changes)*

Annunciation Hellenic Center
10am-3:00pm

*Join us as we embrace healthy living and long-term wellness. Enjoy walking together, chair exercises, balance classes, healthy lunches, games, resources and more, so bring your walking shoes and invite a friend!
We are all aging ... let's do this together!*

For our schedule of events and to learn more about FWI,
contact Bernadette Kontos at (916) 505-3946.

STEWARDSHIP 2025

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

Luke 6:38



STEWARDSHIP FACTS

Q: DO MY RECURRING STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS ROLLOVER FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR?

A: In past years, recurring stewardship payments have NOT rolled over to the next year and stewards were required to create new pledges and payments at the beginning of the year. For 2025, recurring payments from 2024 will continue on unless stopped by the giver. If you would like to check your 2025 stewardship status or make changes to your recurring payment, please login to your PushPay account at pushpay.com/login or contact the Annunciation Financial Office at accounting@annunciationsac.org.

Q: WHAT DOES MY STEWARDSHIP PAY FOR?

A: In 2025, it will cost approximately \$3,500/day to keep the church open. Most operating expenses are paid from stewardship. Some examples are utilities, office staff and pastoral salaries, candles, permits, security, and facilities maintenance. Additional costs are directly related to church-funded ministries and programs.

Q: I ALREADY PAY FOR GREEK DANCE, GREEK SCHOOL, ETC. WHY DO I HAVE TO ALSO PAY FOR STEWARDSHIP?

A: These programs operate independently from our general operating budget. The church provides the facility, in addition to facility-related expenses, enabling their operation and receives no money from these ministries. It is also important that families participating in our children's ministries be currently pledged stewards.

Make your pledge online at
annunciationsac.org/stewardship
or return a pledge card to the Church Office



April 20-27

Sunday, April 20

Great & Holy Pascha

Anastasi! Paschal Divine Liturgy

1:30am Anastasi Dinner

11:00am Agape Vespers *at Annunciation*

12:00pm Agape Vespers *at Hellenic Park*

Youth Easter Egg Hunt *at Annunciation*

Pascha Picnic at Hellenic Park

No Sunday School

Monday, April 21

Bright Monday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 23

St. George the Great Martyr

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

11:30am ASL Luncheon

6:00pm Greek School Classes

Sunday, April 27

Thomas Sunday

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

1:00pm Eastern CA District Oratorical Festival

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS WITH THE

Annunciation Parish Calendar
tiny.cc/parishcalendar

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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OUR MISSION is to bring all people to full maturity in Christ through Worship (Liturgia), Service (Diakonia), Education (Paideia), Witness (Martyria) and Fellowship (Koinonia), guided and united in all things by the One Holy Spirit.

If you are visiting with us this morning, you are most welcome! Please fill out a Visitor's Card in the Narthex. If you have questions about the Orthodox Christian faith, our schedule of services, or becoming a member of the parish, please go to our website at www.annunciationsac.org, or contact the church office to speak with one of the Priests (M-F, 9 am – 3:30 pm, phone (916) 443-2033).

Be sure to visit our bookstore in the Annunciation Hellenic Center (entrance on Alhambra Blvd). The bookstore is open Sundays after Church or call (916) 231-9949 for an appointment.

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