



SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS
APRIL 19, 2026

Sunday of St. Thomas

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No Fasting! | Festal Modes | 1st Orthros Gospel

On this Sunday we celebrate the appearance of our Risen Lord to the Apostle Thomas. We also remember the Martyrs Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael and the other George of Samothrace; the Holy Hieromartyr Paphnutius; Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople; George the Confessor; and Aelphege the Hieromartyr of Canterbury.

Apolytikion of Pascha, Mode Plagal 1: Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶην 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 2. 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 2. 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.

Apolytikion of Pascha, Mode Pl. 1 (Χριστός ἀνέστη): Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs he has granted life.

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2. Psalm 67

Bless God in the Churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia!

Apolytikia & Kontakia

Apolytikion of Pascha, Mode Plagal 1: Χριστὸς ἀνέστη...

Apolytikion for this Sunday, Grave Mode: Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. Then, although the doors were shut, You came to Your Disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha, Mode Plagal 4: Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωροῦμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

After the Trisagion Hymn: Order of the New Testament Readings Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 3.

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20): IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from John (20: 19-31): ON THE EVENING OF THAT DAY, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Instead of 'It is truly meet' we sing (Σὲ τὴν φαεινὴν λαμπάδα): The shining lamp and Mother of God, the manifest glory and higher than all creatures, in hymns we magnify you.

Communion Hymn (Ἐπαίνει Ἱερουσαλὴμ τὸν Κύριον): Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: sing praises to your God, O Zion. Alleluia! (Psalm 147)

Parish Council: Team A

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

Altar Guild

Malamo Romas

40 Day Blessing

Sophia, Daughter of Yianni & Elizabeth Alexander

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

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

2026 ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTO JUNIOR DIVISION FINALISTS

ANTONIA PANAYOTOPOULOS · TOPIC 5

THEO VOUDOURIS · TOPIC 5

TOPIC 5: *Select a major Orthodox feast day and explain why we celebrate it and how participating in this celebration deepens our understanding of Christ and our faith.*

EASTERN CA DISTRICT FESTIVAL HOSTED BY ST. ANNA, ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026



NEW DATE!



ANNUNCIATION YOUTH
Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY & SUNDAY SCHOOL
ANNUNCIATION PLATEIA



ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE
APRIL LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
FOR THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER
616 ALHAMBRA BLVD.
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

\$15 PER PERSON
AT THE DOOR

PLEASE CONTACT DIANE PETERSEN AT (916) 214-4644



Annunciation Senior League Wine Tasting Excursion

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

CONSUMNES RIVER FARM WINERY • 28305 THORNTON RD, GALT, CA

COST: \$20 PER PERSON (PAY UPON ARRIVAL)

LUNCH CATERED BY PAPAVALO'S RESTAURANT

RSVP IS REQUIRED BY MAY 7

TEXT/CALL : (916) 214-4644 OR EMAIL: ASL@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG

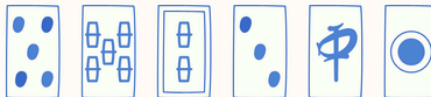
GUESTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE TEXT/CALL (916) 607-3020



ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

Mahjong Group



The Annunciation Senior League invites you to join us every Friday for Mahjong and good company. Whether you're an experienced player or brand new to the game, you're welcome to join us as we learn together, share conversation, and enjoy time in fellowship.

Mahjong offers a wonderful opportunity to exercise the mind while building friendships within our parish community. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

FRIDAYS
10:00 AM

ANNUNCIATION
PARISH LIBRARY

Please contact Bernadette Kontos with questions
bernadettekre1985@gmail.com or (916) 505-3946



ANNUNCIATION VOLLEYBALL IS BACK

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT
MARCH PRACTICES
THURSDAY 4/2
TUESDAY 4/14
TUESDAY 4/21
THURSDAY 4/30

6:00 PM
ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

FOR MORE INFO CALL OR TEXT
KATE MARGARIS @ (916) 718-3749

2026 YOUTH VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION



FOURTH GRADE AND UP

VISIT tiny.cc/youthvolleyball26

REGISTRATION & TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED

TEAM FORMATION AND PRACTICE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW PENDING SUFFICIENT REGISTRATIONS

FOR MORE INFO CALL OR TEXT KATE MARGARIS @ (916) 718-3749



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Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 10:00AM
CLASSES BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION

Please contact sundayschool@annunciationsac.org with questions



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 15-18

**DETAILS & REGISTRATION
COMING SOON**

Become a Sponsor! 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. Effie can be reached in the office at (916) 443-2033 ext 222.

2026

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA NEEDS

As of 4/16/26

DESCRIPTION/ PURPOSE	TOTAL COST	RECEIVED TO DATE
Pascha Stationery, Bulletin & Postage	\$900	\$200
Flowers/Daffodils - 3rd Sunday of Lent	\$250	Completed
Palm Fronds - Palm Sunday	\$475	Completed
Stefani/Wreath - Holy Thursday	Varies	Completed
Boutonnieres - Holy Friday & Saturday	Varies	Completed
Epitaphio Procession Permits, Police Escort	\$3,200	\$0
Epitaphio Flowers & Supplies	Varies	Completed
Epitaphio Candles	\$125	Completed
Candles - Holy Friday & Saturday Nights	\$1,400	Completed
Candle Cups - Holy Friday & Saturday Nights	\$470	\$250
Clergy Paschal Candles	\$400	Completed
Communion Wine	\$400	Completed
Visiting Chantor & Seminarian	\$4,250	Completed
Red Eggs & Dye	\$225	Completed
Anastasi Dinner	\$2,000	\$1,800
Holy Week Private Security	\$900	\$500

WAYS TO DONATE

- **CHECK** Submit a check to the Church Office. Make checks payable to *Annunciation GOC* with *Pascha needs* and items listed in the memo.
- **ONLINE** Visit tiny.cc/pascha2026 or scan the QR code below.



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



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This cross has been uniquely designed for us
using our parish cross and is just beautiful.



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WELCOME

ANNUNCIATION
SACRAMENTO



We're so glad you are here with us today!

If you are visiting, we warmly invite you to join us next door in the Hellenic Center following the Divine Liturgy for coffee fellowship.

Be sure to stop by the Welcoming Table during coffee fellowship to meet our team, ask questions, and learn more about our faith, parish, and ministries.

We look forward to greeting you!



EVERY MINISTRY
EVERY MOMENT
EVERY BLESSING

YOUR STEWARDSHIP
MAKES IT POSSIBLE

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Every photo tells the story of a moment made possible by stewardship—youth growing in the faith, families worshipping together, ministries serving others, and the traditions that strengthen our parish life.

Our Annunciation community thrives because of the dedication, involvement, and generosity of parishioners like you. For many, Annunciation is where lifelong friendships were formed and core memories were made growing up in the life of the Church. For others, it has become a welcoming spiritual home where new memories are being created, one faithful step at a time. Together, these moments weave the story of our parish.

Your commitment ensures that these ministries, memories, and experiences continue now and for the generations yet to come. Thank you for supporting the mission and life of our parish and for being an essential part of our Annunciation family.

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



Please visit the Stewardship Table during coffee fellowship to learn more about our mission and how we strengthen our parish community together.

April 19-26

Sunday, April 19	Sunday of St. Thomas 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Classes Youth Easter Egg Hunt
Monday, April 20	6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 21	6:00pm Adult & Young Adult Volleyball Practice
Wednesday, April 22	10:30am Bridge-Dominoes Group Meeting 6:00pm Greek School Classes
Thursday, April 23	St. George the Great Martyr 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:30am ASL Luncheon 6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
Friday, April 24	10:00am Mahjong Group Meeting 1:30pm Annunciation Historical Group Meeting
Sunday, April 26	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Classes High School Sunday School Class

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

600 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, California 95816 (mailing address 616 Alhambra)

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. The Bookstore is open Sundays after Church or contact bookstore@annunciationsac.org for an appointment.

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