



SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN  
APRIL 26, 2026

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*No Fasting | Mode 2 | 4th Orthros Gospel*

On this Lord's Day, the Third Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Holy and Courageous Women Disciples and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who took care of the body of the Lord. The women, Mary Magdalene in particular, were the first to hear that He had risen. We also remember Basil the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Amasea; Glaphyra the Righteous; and Justa the Nun.

**Apolytikion of Pascha, Mode Plagal 1:** 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 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, Ἀλληλουῖα.

**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 Pl. 1 (Χριστός ἀνέστη):** Christ is risen....

### 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 & Kontakion

**Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode 2:** Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἰακώβου ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

**Apolytikion for Joseph, Mode 2:** Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελών, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ εἰλήσας καὶ ἄρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης, Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The noble Joseph, taking down your most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in a clean shroud with sweet spices and laid it for burial in a new grave. But on the third day you arose, O Lord, granting the world your great mercy.

**Apolytikion for the Myrrhbearers, Mode 2:** Ταῖς Μυροφόροις γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια· Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος· ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The Angel standing by the grave cried to the women bearing myrrh, 'Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself a stranger to corruption. But cry aloud: The Lord has risen, granting the world his great mercy'.

**Apolytikion for the Church, Mode 4:** Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Today is the crowning moment of our salvation, and the unfolding of the eternal mystery: the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel brings the good tidings of grace. Therefore with him let us also cry aloud to the Mother of God: Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

**Kontakion of Pascha, Mode Plagal 4:** Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξί Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, 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: Order of the New Testament Readings*

**Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 2. Psalm 117: 14, 18.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

The Lord has chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

**The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7):** IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas,

and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### Alleluia

**The Gospel Reading is from Mark (15:43-57; 16:1-8):** AT THAT TIME, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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### Altar Guild

Christine Dariotis & Margo Tzikas

### Memorials

Christos Liakos (40 days), Mary Spanos (40 days), Zanis Palioudakids (6 months),  
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### Coffee Fellowship

Today's Coffee Fellowship is Sponsored by the Nicholau Family and the Theodoridis Family

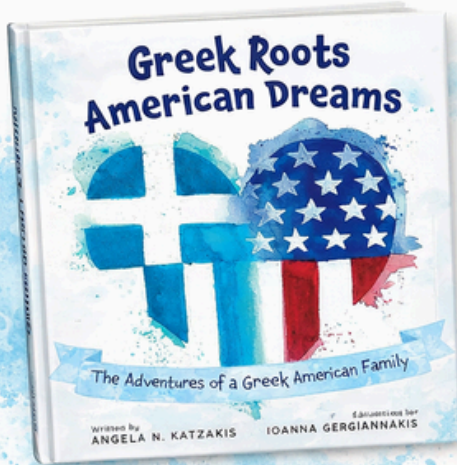
### Publication Submission Deadlines

**Sunday Bulletin** – Wednesdays by 4pm to [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org)  
*Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements*  
**Weekly Email Blast** – Wednesdays by 4pm to [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org)  
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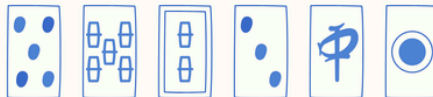
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ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

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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.

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10:00 AM

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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.

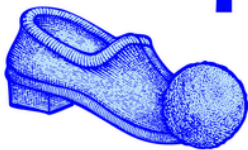
Contact Donna Wagner at (916) 214-9794 to secure a date for hosting a regular coffee hour. When contacting Effie in the church office to schedule a memorial, please let her know if you also wish to host coffee fellowship. Effie can be reached in the office at (916) 443-2033 ext 222.

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**for 2026-2027**



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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!

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EVERY MOMENT  
EVERY BLESSING

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## 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.

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

# April 26 - May 3

<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Classes High School Sunday School Class
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>	6:00pm Greek School Classes
<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	6:00pm Adult & Young Adult Volleyball Practice 6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	10:00am Mahjong Group Meeting 1:30pm Annunciation Historical Group Meeting
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Classes

**Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!**

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