



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2026

Fish, wine & oil allowed | Festal Modes | Festal Orthros Gospel (Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17)

On this Sunday we remember our Lord's entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem before His Passion and Death. We also remember the Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias, Nicephorus, and Serapion; Theodora the Righteous of Thessaloniki; Agathopodes and Theodulos the Martyrs; and George the new Martyr.

First Antiphon. Mode II. Psalm 114

Verse 1: I loved, because the Lord shall hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: The pains of death surrounded me; the dangers of Hades found me.

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

Verse 3: I found affliction and grief. Then I called on the Lord's Name. **Ref.**

Verse 4: I shall be well pleasing before the Lord in the land of the living. **Ref.**

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. **Ref.**

Second Antiphon. Mode II. Psalm 115

Verse 1: I believed, therefore I spoke: I was greatly humbled.

Refrain: Son of God, seated on the colt of an donkey, save us who sing to you: Alleluia.

Verse 2: What shall I give back to the Lord for all he rendered to me?

Refrain: Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐπὶ πώλου ὄνου καθεσθεις, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Verse 3: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. **Ref.**

Verse 4: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **Ref.**

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

Third Antiphon. Mode 1.

Apolytikion of the Feast: Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2. Psalm 117 (Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος...)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us. Son of God, seated on the colt of an donkey, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Apolytikia & Kontakia

Another of the Feast, Mode 4: Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Kontakion of the Feast, Plagal 2 Mode: Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βρώντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God;* and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 4. Psalm 117:26,1.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

The Epistle reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9): BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

The Gospel Reading is from John (12: 1-18): AT THAT TIME, six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a

donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team A

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

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Irina Rebegeanu

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

HOLY WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Palm Sunday, April 5	9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm Service of the Bridegroom
Holy Monday, April 6	7:00pm Service of the Bridegroom
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Holy Saturday, April 11	10:00am Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:00pm Vigil of Pascha 11:45pm Anastasi! Paschal Divine Liturgy
Holy Pascha, April 12	11:00am Agape Vespers <i>at Annunciation</i> 12:00pm Agape Vespers <i>at Hellenic Park</i>

2026

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA NEEDS

As of 4/3/26


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	\$150
Clergy Paschal Candles	\$400	Completed
Communion Wine	\$400	Completed
Visiting Chantor & Seminarian	\$4,250	Completed
Red Eggs & Dye	\$225	Completed
Anastasi Dinner	\$2,000	\$800
Holy Week Private Security	\$900	\$0

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.



The Annunciation Philoptochos Society
invites you to the annual

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON



Sunday, April 5, 2026


Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Annunciation Hellenic Center

\$20 Adults | \$10 Children 12 & Under
RSVP at tiny.cc/palmsunday26

Reserved seating available for groups of 8 or 10 only

RSVP required | Payment will be collected at the door

Call Rula Manikas at (916) 606-2193 with questions



Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society



EASTER BAKE SALE

Sunday April 5, 2026

**Hellenic Center Foyer
12:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



**Happy Easter!
Καλη Ανασταση!**

To ensure availability pre-order by March 29

Scan the QR code or visit us online at <https://annunciation-greek-orthodox-ladies-philoptochos.square.site/>

You may also email Despina DespinaDemas@outlook.com or call Toula at (916) 745-5022

Orders can be mailed to: Annunciation Philoptochos Attn: Bake Sale 616 Alhambra Blvd Sacramento, CA 95816.

Name _____ Phone _____ Date Ordered _____

Tsourekia	\$18 per loaf	_____	_____
Koulourakia	\$12 per dozen	_____	_____
Kourabiethes	\$20 per dozen	_____	_____
Kourabiethes with almonds	\$20 per dozen	_____	_____
Baklava	\$25 per dozen	_____	_____
Combination Box (4 Baklava, 4 kourambiethes, 4 melomakarona, 3 Koulourakia)	\$25 per dozen	_____	_____
Kadaifi	\$30 per pan	_____	_____
Galaktoboureko	\$35 per pan	_____	_____
Baklava	\$40 per pan	_____	_____
Philoptochos Cookbook	\$25 each	_____	_____

Total _____



Join us as we

DECORATE
THE KOUVOUKLION
& CHURCH

Holy Friday, April 10
11:00am · Following the Great Hours

All are welcome!

Please bring your floral shears

Parish youth are invited to help decorate the
Kouvouklion from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. A snack
and discussion with Fr. Vinnie will follow.
Guardian supervision is required.



Holy Friday Luminary Sales

Let's light the path of the Epitaphios on Great and Holy Friday with the memories of our loved ones who have passed and our prayers for the health of our family and friends.

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Please contact dance@annunciationsac.org with questions

PASCHA PICNIC

AT HELLENIC PARK, LINCOLN

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

GATES OPEN AT 7:00AM
AGAPE VESPERS AT 12:00PM

HELLENIC PARK
4775 Moore Road
Lincoln, CA 95648

- 🍇 Please bring your own food, beverage, tables and chairs
- 🌊 Park grounds have electricity, running water & restrooms
- 🍷 All are welcome to attend
- 🆓 Free admission

DIRECTIONS

Hwy 80 towards Reno, Exit Hwy 65 North towards Lincoln
Left on Twelve Bridges, Left on Industrial Blvd
Right on Athena Rd, Right on Fiddymnt
Left on Moore, Right on Ferreira Rd

Picnic will be held weather permitting

For more information, please contact Chris Georgoulis
(916) 541-6124 or cgeorgoulis@gmail.com

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ANNUNCIATION YOUTH
Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12
FOLLOWING THE AGAPE VESPERS, 11AM
ANNUNCIATION PLATEIA



Readers Needed for Agape Service

On Pascha morning, the Gospel is proclaimed in many languages as a sign of the universal joy of the Resurrection.

If you are able to read in another language
and would like to participate, please contact
Fr. Vinnie at frvincent@annunciationsac.org.



MYRRHBEARERS

Girls 2nd grade and up



Final Practices

Palm Sunday, April 5

Church, immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Holy Friday, April 10

Plateia stage, following Kouvouklion decorating - 1:00pm

Services

Holy Friday, April 10 - The Descent from the Cross

Meet in the bride's room - 2:45pm (optional)

Holy Friday, April 10 - The Service of the Lamentations

Meet in the bride's room - 6:45pm

Holy Saturday, April 11 - Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil

Meet in the front, right-hand pews - 10am (optional)

Holy Saturday, April 11 - Vigil of Pascha

Additional details to follow - 11:00pm (optional)



We ask that participants attend a minimum of three practices

A limited number of white dresses in various sizes are available for use

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

THE EVZONES ARE COMING TO SACRAMENTO

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

**ANNUNCIATION
HELLENIC CENTER**



A VISIT FROM THE GREEK PRESIDENTIAL GUARD

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING AS WE
WELCOME THE EVZONES TO OUR PARISH**

MEET & GREET WITH THE EVZONES • PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE GUARD
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FREE ADMISSION



CONTACT HELLO@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

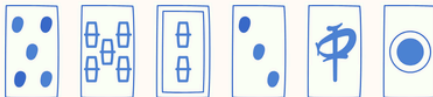
GUESTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION

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

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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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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.



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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!



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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.

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 5-12

Palm Sunday, April 5	9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Family Church Day - <i>No Sunday School Classes</i> Myrrhbearer Practice Palm Sunday Luncheon Philoptochos Bake Sale 7:00pm Service of the Bridegroom
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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).

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