

The CATECHETICAL HOMILY of
ST. JOHN the CHRYSOSTOM
ARCHBISHOP of CONSTANTINOPLE

Whosoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant, let him joyously enter into the joy of his Lord. And if any be weary with fasting, let him now receive his reward. If any has toiled from the first hour, let him receive his just debt. If any came after the third, let him gratefully celebrate. If any arrived after the sixth, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. If any have delayed to the ninth, let him come without hesitation. If any arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first. He gives rest to him, who arrives at the eleventh hour, as well as to him, who has labored from the first. He is merciful to the one who delays, and nourishes the first. He gives also to the one, and to the other He is gracious. He accepts the works, as he greets the endeavor. He honors the deed, and the intent He commends

Let all of you then enter into the joy of our Lord. The first and second enjoy your reward. You rich and poor, rejoice together. You temperate and you heedless, honor the day. You who fasted, and you who did not, rejoice today. The Table is richly laden. All of you, fare sumptuously on it. The calf is a fatted one; let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith. All of you enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one grieve poverty; for the universal Kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one grieve over sins; for forgiveness has dawned from the tomb. Let no one fear death; for the Death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He despoiled Hades, when He descended thereto. He embittered it, having tasted of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he cried out: "You, O Hades, have been embittered by encountering Him below." It was embittered, / - for it was abolished. It was embittered, / - for it was mocked. It was embittered, / - for it was slain. It was embittered, / - for it was annihilated. It was embittered, / - for it is now made captive. It took a body, and, lo, it discovered God. It took earth and, behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, / and You are annihilated. Christ is risen, / - and the demons have fallen. Christ is risen, / - and the Angels rejoice. Christ is risen, / - and life is liberated. Christ is risen, / - and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those that who fall asleep. To Him be the glory and the dominion to the Ages of Ages. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION....

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Resurrection Service

PARISH COUNCIL - ALL TEAMS
READER - George Kalamaras
ALTAR BOYS - Open to all
NURSERY - Open to all

HYMN OF THE DAY (Resurrectional Apolytikion)

Χριστός Ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, καί τοίς εν τοίς μνήμασι, ζώην χαρισάμενος.

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

KONTAKION - HYMN OF THE SEASON

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.



TONIGHT

- **Resurrection of our Lord** Matins 11:00 pm
Lights Extinguished 11:50 pm
Resurrection - Midnight - Outside
- **Divine Liturgy 12:25**
Service will end promptly at 1:30 am

Sun April 28

- **Agape Service** - Noon
- **Easter Picnic** - **Open to all.**
- 1:00 pm—Social Time 2:00 pm—Meal Served
(See information in bulletin)

Mon April 29

- **St. George** Matins/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- **St. George - High Point**
Great Vespers & Artoklasia 7:00pm
Clergy & Laity from neighboring communities are invited to celebrate the community's nameday.

Tue April 30

- **Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene** Matins/
Divine Liturgy 8:45 am
- **Artoklasia/Blessing of Loaves** is offered by
Helen C. Tsiolkas.
- **Festival Baking preparation - Spanakopites**
4:00pm

Wed May 1

- **Festival Baking preparation - Spanakopites**
9:00am

Thu May 2

- Men's Discussion Group Meeting 7:00 am

Fri May 3

- **Life Giving Fountain**
Matins/Divine Liturgy 8:45 am

Sun May 5

- **Sunday of Thomas** Regular Schedule
Adult Sunday School 9:15am. Follow us on
Instagram @WSADULTSUNDAYSCHOOL OR
Facebook at Annunciation Adult Sunday school.
- **Fellowship Hour - Open**

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

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Τὸν μὲν πρῶτον λόγον ἐποίησάμην περὶ πάντων, ὦ Θεόφιλε, ὃν ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς ποιεῖν τε καὶ διδάσκειν ἄχρι ἧς ἡμέρας ἐντειλάμενος τοῖς ἀποστόλοις διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου οὓς ἐξελέξατο ἀνελήμφθη· οἷς καὶ παρέστησεν ἑαυτὸν ζῶντα μετὰ τὸ παθεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν πολλοῖς τεκμηρίοις, δι' ἡμερῶν τεσσαράκοντα ὄπτανόμενος αὐτοῖς καὶ λέγων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ. Καὶ συναλιζόμενος παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ Ἱεροσολύμων μὴ χωρίζεσθαι, ἀλλὰ περιμένειν τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς ἣν ἠκούσατέ μου· ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν ὕδατι, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἐν πνεύματι βαπτισθήσεσθε ἄγιω οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς ταύτας ἡμέρας. Οἱ μὲν οὖν συνελθόντες ἠρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες, Κύριε, εἰ ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ ἀποκαθιστάνεις τὴν βασιλείαν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ; εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτούς, Οὐχ ὑμῶν ἐστὶν γινῶναι χρόνους ἢ καιροὺς οὓς ὁ πατὴρ ἔθετο ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ· ἀλλὰ λήμψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσεσθέ μου μάρτυρες ἐν τε Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ Σαμαρείᾳ καὶ ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς.

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."

The 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.

COMMUNITY EASTER PICNIC

WHEN: Easter Sunday, following the Noon Agape Service
1:00 PM—Social Time 2:00 PM—Meal Served

WHERE: Annunciation Pavilion

CHURCH WILL PROVIDE: Lamb, hot dogs & hamburgers, rolls & fixings, plates, cups, napkins, utensils, ice, grill for cooking, tables, tablecloths & chairs.

BRING: Your own coolers with beverages desired, 1 covered vegetable dish and 1 desert (each enough to feed 10 people).

COST: None

NEED: Please help us with cooking on Sunday morning.



ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΚΟ ΠΑΣΧΑΛΙΝΟ ΤΡΑΠΕΖΙ

Τὴν Κυριακὴ τοῦ Πάσχα ἔπειτα ἀπὸ τὴν ἀκολουθία τῆς Ἀγάπης στὸ Παβίλιον τῆς Κοινότητος
1:00 μμ—Συνάντηση 2:00 μμ—Γεύμα

Θὰ υπάρχουν γιὰ αὐτοὺς ποὺ θὰ συμμετάσχουν: Ἀρνὶ ψητό, χότ ντόξ καὶ χέμπουργα, πιάτα, ποτήρια, πετσέτες, σκευὴ, πάγος, σκάρτα γιὰ μαγειρεύμα, τραπέζια, τραμεζομάνθουλα καὶ καρέκλες.

Νὰ φέρετε: Ὅτι ποτὰ θέλετε. Ἐνα πιάτο συμπληρωματικόν τοῦ φαγητοῦ καὶ ἓνα γλυκό (τὸ καθένα νὰ εἶναι ἀρκετὸ γιὰ 10 άτομα).
Χρειαζόμαστε βοήθεια με τὴ μαγειρικὴ τὴν Κυριακὴ πρωί.

Greek Festival

An email with a Sign up Genius was recently sent to make signing up super easy. Please be on the lookout for this email from Paula Christakos. You may also go to this link to sign up if you did not receive the invite.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0944aaac2aa6fc1-volunteer>

Physical sign up sheets will also be available after church on Sundays. Please join us in making this years festival our best ever.

Annunciation Christian Academy is Offering One Week-Long Summer Camp for Preschool Students!



June 24 - 28
9:00am to 1:00pm Daily

Two-Year-Olds Three-Year-Olds
Young Three-Year-Olds Four-Year-Olds/Pre-K

Camps will Feature Literacy, Math, Arts & Crafts, Music, and Movement

Cost Per Camp: \$150.00 per child
Registration Deadline: May 10, 2019
Registration forms on Fr. Dennis' desk.
Snack will be Provided Daily. Please Send Lunch with Your Child.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ANNUNCIATION FAMILY A BLESSED RESSURECTION.



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ CHRIST IS RISEN
ΑΛΗΘΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ TRULY HE IS RISEN

Slavonic: CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!
VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

Arabic: MASEEH QAM! HAQAN QAM!

Romanian: CHRISTOS A INVIAT!
DEVERAT A INVIAT!

3-DAY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

(9:00am-1:00pm)
Wed. June 12th– Fri. June 14th, 2019
Children must bring their own lunch each day
Worship, Lessons, Arts & Crafts, Music, and games
Ages 3yrs old through 5th Grade
(Children must be three years of age by 04/15/2019)
(Please No Children in Diapers)
Registration Deadline: June 2nd, 2019