

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Great and Holy Pascha



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Annunciation (Evangelismos), Καλή Ανάσταση! A happy Easter to you and your loved ones! One of the gifts of our Holy Week liturgies is that they invite us to walk with Christ, step by step, through the momentous events of that last week of his life and into the mystery of the Resurrection. We move from the exuberance of the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, to the intimacy of the Last Supper, through the agony of the crucifixion to the deep transformation of the Easter Vigil and the awe-filled joy of Easter morning. Each year, as we experience anew the central story of our faith, we bring the stories of our lives, and they are woven more deeply into the great story of the paschal mystery- Jesus' death and resurrection, and ours. We bring our "utterly human" failures and our faith; our tears, angers and loves; and our prayers for ourselves, our dear ones, our church and our broken, beautiful world. Every year we notice something a little different in the story and maybe we are touched in a new way. Sometimes it is a minor

character or detail. Perhaps this year it will be the watching of what our world has become. Perhaps noticing that, we will help us watch more faithfully the mysteries of the Holy Week. Wherever you are in your own spiritual journey, the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter offer a special chance to enter more deeply into God's love for you and for all. By our participation, we may be converted, strengthened and encouraged to bear that love into the world. A schedule of Annunciation Holy Services is included in our bulletins and website. Please plan to be with our parish community for as much of the Holy Week journey as you can. In traveling through this week together, we come to the new life of Easter in a particularly powerful way. Each year we have special expenses for these services, including the flowers that make the church so beautiful for Easter. Please, if you are able, make a donation to help with these costs. You may either scan the q r code or mail it to the parish office. We thank you for being part of our beloved community, we thank you for your faithful prayers and your continuing support. Your timely gift to our Annunciation Church will enable us to continue to be a voice for Gospel Truth and a blessed network for our Orthodox faithful people. May God bless us richly this Holy Week, and bring us to the joy of His glorious Resurrection making us worthy to proclaim together on the Sunday of Pascha

Χριστός Ανέστη! The Lord is Risen!

