



Rejoice, for He is Risen!





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### WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community.  
We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!  
St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of Metropolitan JOSEPH within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.  
If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table.  
We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.  
Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

### DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY OF GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA

*NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.*

**Deacon:** For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

*The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:*

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (TWICE)

*~ Censing the west side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

**Refrain:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

*~ Censing the south side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (**Refrain**)

*~ Censing the east side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (**Refrain**)

*~ Censing the north side of the Altar:*

**Priest:** This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (**Refrain**)

*~ Censing the Prothesis and the remainder of the Sanctuary:*

**Priest:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (**Refrain**)

*~ The Priest completes the censing while singing:*

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs...

**Choir:** ...bestowing life!

### REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

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

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

### REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the people give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the people give thanks to Thee. (**Refrain**)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

### REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

+ Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

**Refrain:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

+ As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (**Refrain**)

+ So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (**Refrain**)

+ This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (**Refrain**)

### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

~ After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.

### PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!  
(ONCE)

### HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR (Soft Chromatic Chant)

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

~ Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

### KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT (CHANT) (CHORAL)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

### THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (CHANT) (CHORAL)

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN TONE EIGHT

Grace shining forth from thy mouth like fire hath enlightened the universe and hath disclosed to the world treasures of uncovetousness and hath shown us the heights of humility. But as thou dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

### THE GREAT DISMISSAL

**Priest:** May He Who is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of St. Anthony the Great patron and protector of this community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

**Priest:** Christ is risen! (THRICE)

**People:** Truly He is risen! (THRICE)

**Priest:** Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection!

**People:** We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection!

**Priest:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs...

**People:** ...bestowing life!



## **Announcements**



April 17<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
April 30<sup>th</sup>

### EPISTLE READINGS

#### *Epistle Readers*

Subdeacon Michael (Palm Sunday) St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Issac Vaughn (Good Friday)

Tristan Riter (Pascha)

Charles Munoz

*To all who participated in the Holy Week Services:  
visitors, parishioners, chanters, readers, and choir.  
Thank you for your time, talent and continuous support!*

**~~ CHRIST IS RISEN! ~~**

**"Blessed is Christ who promised life and Resurrection to Adam's children in the day of His coming. We too shall arise and exalt Him along with the saints who have been pleasing to Him."**

**-- St. Ephraim the Syrian**



English	<i>Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!</i>
Arabic	<i>AL MASEEH QAM! HAQQAN QAM!</i>
Greek	<i>Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!</i>
Ethiopian	<i>Yasous Taustwal! Aown Tasous Tanastwal!</i>
French	<i>Christ est ressuscite! En verite il est ressuscite!</i>
Hebrew	<i>Ha Mashiyach qam! Ken hoo qam!</i>
Swahili	<i>Christos ma fa-fuka! Qualey ma fa-fuka</i>
Romanian	<i>Christos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!</i>
Eritrean-Tigre	<i>Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou!</i>
Russian	<i>Khristos voskres! - Voistinu voskres!</i>
Spanish	<i>Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!</i>



THANK YOU TO ALL for cooking, setting up, making flower arrangements and cleaning. Because of your support we have raised \$170.

*May God abundantly bless you all for your help!*

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE coin boxes are due next Sunday. **Thank you !**



## **GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA MEAL/EASTER BREAKFAST**

Join us after the service for this wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord!

**The feast is sponsored by Alex Skaff and Family,  
prepared by Michealle and Kevin.**

**Great and Holy Saturday:** This day is a day of hope and vigilance. In the morning, we celebrate a Vespereal Divine Liturgy - the first liturgy of Great and All-holy Pascha - which commemorates Christ's victory over sin and death. The Old Testament story of Jonah in the belly of the whale is read because Jonah is as a type of Christ. As Jonah was three days in the belly of the whale, and then safely deposited back onto land, so our Lord was three days in the tomb before His glorious resurrection. Bay (laurel) leaves are strewn throughout the church right after the Epistle reading (Romans 6:3-11) that announces Christ's resurrection. In the ancient world, these leaves were a sign of victory for generals. The choir chants: "Arise, O God, and judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations." The Vespereal Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday concludes the services of Holy Week and brings us to Pascha.



## **Flowers for Great and Holy Pascha were donated by**

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**TODAY'S HOLY COMMUNION IS SPONSORED BY  
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IN THE CELEBRATION OF HER BIRTHDAY.  
MAY GOD GRANT HER MANY YEARS!**

**BREAD IS OFFERED BY JONI DE BALDO IN THE  
MEMORY OF HER BABY BROTHER GREGORY  
NAUGLE.  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**



## **GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

### **From Pascha to the Ascension**

- a) Our tradition is to leave the Royal door and the other two doors open for the whole time during Bright week until Saturday Vespers for St. Thomas.**
- b) There will be no fasting on Wednesday and Friday, not only during Bright week only but until the Feast of the Ascension, for the whole forty days. (This was the decision of the Holy Synod of the Church of Antioch)**
- c) If a death occurred in any of our parishes between Easter and Ascension, the funeral service for Bright week should be celebrated and not the regular funeral service.**
- d) From Easter Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost, the Troparion, "O Heavenly King..." is not sung. And from Easter Sunday to its leave-taking, instead of "Holy God..."; "o come, let us worship and fall down..." in Matins, the Hours, and the Vespers; and "Glory to God in the highest" before the Matins psalms; and, "We have seen the true light..." in the Divine Liturgy, we say "Christ is risen..."**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**A Blessed Pascha to all!**

In Christ,

*Fr. Elia Shalhoub*

Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor



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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
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**Great and Holy Pascha 2022**

As we sing the hymn of victory, let us cleanse our senses and we will see  
Christ shining like lightning with the unapproachable light of the  
Resurrection and clearly saying, Rejoice!

*First Ode of the Paschal Canon*

Beloved in Christ,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!**

Amidst the darkness of this world, the divine Light has arisen for our  
sakes. Let us open the eyes of our hearts so that we might behold Him!  
He shines with true and lasting joy, hope, love, and peace. Let us gaze upon  
Him so that we might take in the fullness of all these blessings!

Praying that Paschal joy will blaze forth in your hearts, I remain,

Yours in the Risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**+JOSEPH**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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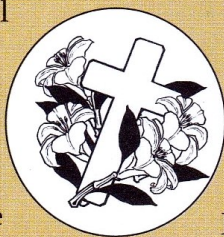
**ALL OUR SERVICES IN THE CHURCH FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH WILL  
BE OPEN WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS,  
WE NEED TO KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE MASK WILL BE  
RECOMENDED  
BECAUSE OF THE COVID VARIANT SITUATION.**



## THE FEAST OF FEASTS

**I**n the eighth ode of the Resurrection Canon, written by St. John of Damascus, we find this descriptive reference to Pascha: "THIS IS THE HOLY AND CHOSEN DAY; THE FIRST OF SABBATHS; LORD AND KING; THE FEAST OF FEASTS; AND THE TRIUMPH OF TRIUMPHS. LET US BLESS CHRIST ON THIS DAY FOREVER." Certainly we all can agree on the monumental importance of today. Everything pales in comparison to Christ's rising from the dead. No triumph is greater. No Sabbath is sweeter. No day is as sacred and blessed. No celebration carries the same impact or magnitude.

Words cannot properly describe the feeling in our hearts and souls on this "FEAST OF FEASTS." How does one verbalize the surge of emotion released when the Paschal Troparion is sung for the first time? What can be said for the inner joy that exists for us when we view our church brilliantly illumined at



Resurrection Matins – a sharp contrast to the solemn darkness so prevalent in our Lenten liturgical life?

For the next 40 days, we will greet each other repeatedly with the most meaningful of Christian phrases: CHRIST IS RISEN. The message of Pascha, however, is not merely seasonal. We are constantly overshadowed by the light of the Resurrection. All of our daily actions are tempered by the victory of our Saviour over death and the grave. We, who profess to be His devoted followers, are heartened by His blessed promise to us: I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE, WHO BELIEVES IN ME, WILL NEVER DIE."

Let us boldly proclaim the words of St. John Chrysostom as we celebrate Pascha: "CHRIST IS RISEN, AND DEATH IS ABOLISHED. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THE DEMONS ARE CAST DOWN. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THE ANGELS REJOICE. CHRIST IS RISEN, AND LIFE IS FREED!"

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## ABOUT COMMUNION

*We are happy that you have joined us today. Indeed, we pray for the "unity of the Faith" for the day when all of Christianity are united as ONE and can share a common Chalice. However, this is not the case as yet. Please note that Holy Communion, the actual Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is only for Members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession, & arrived before the Gospel reading. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing from the pastor at the dismissal. If you are interested, you may inquire with the pastor how you can become a member.*

*If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.*