

Welcome Guests!

Annunciation is a parish in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and is under the guidance of Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver. As an Orthodox Christian community of believers, our vision is to experience a foretaste of God's Kingdom in this world and eternal life in His Kingdom to come. We hope you will stay for fellowship after worship as we look forward to getting to know you.

Communion in the Orthodox Christian Church

The Tradition of the Orthodox Christian Church is that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved only for members who have been Baptized and/or Chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Faith, and who are spiritually prepared to receive. We hope one day that Eastern and Western Christian Churches will reunite so that everyone who enters our Church will be able to receive Holy Communion, but until then if you are not yet an Orthodox Christian and would like to begin your journey into the Faith please speak with Fr. Dino.

We are glad you are here!

LITURGY GUIDE

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Sunday, April 16th: Great and Holy Pascha!

Agape Vespers (No Holy Communion)

11:00 am

Pascha Celebration – Daughters of Penelope

12:00 pm

We invite our young families with small children to sit in the front rows which makes it easier for young children to engage in the services. The Family Room in the Narthex is for when anyone needs to occasionally step out. It is our tradition that every generation worships in the Church, together.

Please take notes/write questions from the sermon in this blank space.

1. Christ is risen! Glorify Him!
2. During the Last Supper Jesus promises His disciples that He will send them the comforter, the helper, and they will receive power. After His Resurrection, His promise was fulfilled.
3. Who was Jesus talking about?
4. What did John the Baptist say to his followers about Jesus Christ?
5. "Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." How can we become children Of God?

EPISTLE READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-8

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilos, 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."

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

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.

Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.