

Sprinkling of boys and girls: On Bright Monday, the guys sprinkle water on the girls; on Bright Tuesday it is reversed. The origin is that when the women came to tell the apostles that Christ was risen, they thought they were hysterical and threw water on them to calm them down. The holy women got their revenge after the apostles saw the empty tomb. The one tossing water is supposed to cry out "Christ is risen!" *Father usually has the Holy Water Sprinkler well guarded.*

LEGEND OF THE RED EGG

According to the ancient tradition of the East Mary Magdalene was a wealthy woman from whom Christ expelled seven demons. During the three years of Jesus' ministry she helped support him and his other disciples from her means. When almost everyone else fled, she stayed with him at the cross. On Easter morning she was the first to bear witness to his Resurrection. She is called "Equal to the Apostles."



The Eastern tradition tells us that after the Ascension, she journeyed to Rome where she was admitted to the court of Tiberius Caesar because of her high social standing. After describing how poorly Pilate had administered justice at Jesus' trial, she told Caesar that Jesus had risen from the dead. To help explain his Resurrection she picked up an egg from the dinner table. Caesar responded that a human being could no longer rise for the dead than the egg in her hand turn red. The egg turned red immediately, which is why red eggs have been exchanged at Easter for centuries in the Byzantine East.

Mary traveled the Mediterranean preaching the Resurrection. Like Peter and Paul, she died a martyr. She bears witness to the important role women once help in the Church.

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for April 10 Palm Sunday

24 Souls in Attendance

Tithes: \$411.00, Easter Flowers: \$5.00 & Candles: \$15.00

Don't forget your special Easter Gift to our parish. We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for mailing your tithes to the parish office

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2022

Reports have not been coming from Phoenix due to the Post Office in Phoenix. They were holding the mail without notifying the Bishop's Office. We were just informed this week. They are now processing the contributions.

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The Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

April 17, 2022

CHRIST IS RISEN ! - INDEED HE IS RISEN !

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Föltamádt Krisztus! Valoban Föltamádt!

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Cristo ha resucitado! Verdaderamente ha resucitado

Le Christ est réssuscité! vraiment resuscitée

BRIGHT WEEK this is the week of joy, for Christ has destroyed the kingdom of death and the power of sin, and has established the Kingdom of God. Death no longer reigns over human life, and paradise is re-open to all, symbolized by the Holy Doors (also called Royal or beautiful doors) of the Icon Screen remaining open throughout the week. Through the power of the spirit, all of humankind and the whole cosmos is renewed. In the ancient tradition, the newly baptized, having entered into a new life in the hope of resurrection, wore their white robes of joy and purity throughout the week. We do not chant for the departed during this week, for Christ has destroyed the power of death.

NOTE TO OUR CANTORS: The hymn for the deceased "Eternal Memory" is not chanted during Bright Week in celebration of the new life in the Risen Christ.

Divine Liturgies for BRIGHT WEEK

**SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE
STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT
THROUGH facebook.com/stephen.washko
OR facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine**

For better viewing results use Chrome Browser instead of Safari, Edge or Firefox.

CONFESSIONS are heard behind the Altar one half hour before all Holy Services. 9:30 am for Sunday.

16 HOLY SATURDAY Our Lord Rests in the Tomb

9:30 am Jerusalem Matins

17 EASTER SUNDAY THE HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

9:00 am Procession, Matins, the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom followed by the Blessing of the Paschal Foods in the Parish Hall. Be sure to invite your friends and relatives. Stay and enjoy your Blessed Paschal Foods with us.

**Confessions not heard on Easter Sunday.*

18 BRIGHT MONDAY Solemn Holy Day, p 164-172.

7:00 pm Liturgy with Procession with the Reading of the 4 Gospels at the 4 sides of the church.

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19 BRIGHT TUESDAY Simple Holy Day, p 164-172

9:30 am Liturgy +*Michael Berndt by John & Barbara Fishell*

20 BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, p 164-173

9:30 am Liturgy +*Everett Matthew Branam by Clint and Mary Branam*

21 BRIGHT THURSDAY, p 164-174

9:30 am Liturgy +*The Priest Joseph*

22 BRIGHT FRIDAY, p 164-174

7:00 pm Liturgy +*Cathy Bailey by John Kacarab*

23 BRIGHT SATURDAY, THE HOLY GLORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE, p. 174 323-334

9:30 am Liturgy +*Cathy Bailey by John Kacarab*

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Exodus 4: 1-9 & Numbers 14: 2-24

24 THOMAS SUNDAY, P 175-177

9:00 am *Confession in the Chapel*

9:40 am *The Third Hour*

10:00 am *Liturgy of St John Chrysostom*

For our parish family and friends

Final Blessing of the Artos and the Breaking of the Artos at the Ambon Prayer.



Coffee & Doughnuts in the parish hall

Paschal Customs / Easter Customs /

Bright Week

by Fr. Artur Bubnevych

The Hours for Bright Week are much shorter, and filled with Resurrection proclamations, especially "Having Beheld the Resurrection" and the Irmos from Pascha. ***There are no penances this week, no prostrations, no fasting or abstinence.***

It is a week of celebration of the glory of the Resurrection of Our Lord. We are raised with Him into new life, so there is no kneeling either. The Divine Liturgy is that of Pascha, and this triumphal and joyous celebration continues until the eve of Ascension Thursday for forty days. All of this is designed to carry us to the nine days of preparation for the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

Bright Monday: This is still a holy day. There is an old custom of taking an Emmaus Walk this day, reflecting on God's mercy in one's life and the power of the Resurrection, then going to church for the Liturgy. The ancient practice was that there was no work from Pascha through Bright Wednesday. Thus the people were able to attend all of the joyful services. We do not have that luxury in America, but you are encouraged to come tomorrow night for the Liturgy and the Procession of the Four Gospels in which the Resurrection is proclaimed to the world!

Why a Bunny at Easter? There are lots of stories, but one of the favorites is that the rabbit was in the garden when Jesus arose from the dead. The rabbit was so awestruck that he trembled, and to this day rabbits tremble in memory of that event.