

The Saint Andrew News

St. Andrew Orthodox Church - Riverside, CA

Parishioners of St. Andrew Church, Dear to Christ, *Christ is risen!*

On this radiant and sublime feast of Holy Pascha the sorrow of the disciples of our Lord was turned to astonishment and joy. Those whose world had seemingly come to an horrific end, found that their world had, in fact, begun anew and with splendor. The great enemies of the human race: death, sin, the devil and his twisted cohorts, lay collectively defeated, mauled and ruined in the tomb. Hades laments at its loss. No more was sin to tyrannize us. No more was the uncertainty of death to hang around our necks like a weighty millstone bending the human race down to the ground.

St. Paul writes, "Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He [Christ] Himself likewise partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." Hebrews 2:14-15.

Hades laments, and every man and woman rejoices. The evil one mourns his loss, and we, brothers and sisters in the Resurrected Christ, dance over our gain. For our Savior lives now in Paradise, and His deified eyes are upon us! He is preparing a place for us even now in His eternal Kingdom. Our future has changed, and the world has been renewed. He who came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly (John 10:10) has triumphed!

On this sublime and majestic day of the Resurrection of Christ men and women cry out in every language: **Christ is risen!** On this day of Pascha, we gather to celebrate the continued and real presence of Christ in our midst, Whose Resurrection from the dead is at the very core of our Christian faith. We live in a "newness of life" ushered in by our Savior's mighty victory

on this holy day. Forty days after His Resurrection our Lord will gloriously ascend into the heavens.

When the Holy Prophet Elias ascended in the chariots of fire he left his spiritual son, the Holy Prophet Elisha, his mantle. When our Lord Jesus ascended into the heavens to sit down at the right hand of His Father on high, He did not leave us His mantle but His very resurrected and glorified flesh in the Holy Eucharist. Christ's authentic presence is continually experienced by each and every one of us not just as we gather together in His Name for prayer, or when we hear His Holy Gospel. His presence is made manifest in the most superb way when we partake of His very real body and blood in the most blessed sacrament of Holy Communion, through the physical elements of bread and wine. By a communion in these holy mysteries we participate in Christ's Resurrection, and renew ourselves.

The mighty impact of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the lives of His disciples is most illustriously set forth in the account of the Acts of the Apostles. Commencing on the Paschal liturgy itself Orthodox Christians throughout the world begin to read the Acts. The Acts, written by the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, is the history of the early Church. It is the demonstration of the Resurrection, the very proof of our Savior's victory over death. That proof is manifested in the changed lives of His disciples. No more do we see the timid and fearful disciples, but we behold roaring lions and invincible witnesses. No more do we see disciples hiding from the Jews and the Roman authorities, but we see the



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**Saturdays:
Great Vespers, 5:30 p.m.**

**Sundays:
Matins, 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.**

**Feast Days:
Liturgy, 6 p.m.
On Eve of Feast**

**Church School follows
The Divine Liturgy**

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embrace of the whole world by the disciples.

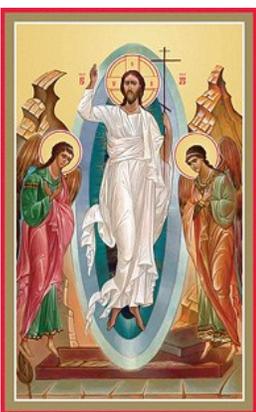
My beloved parishioners, WE are to be the proof of the Resurrection in this day, in this hour, and in our own city in this beloved nation. The Gospel is demonstrated and proved true not by cogent syllogisms or crafty intellectual apologetics but by our Christian lives. Our mutual love and laying down our lives for each other prove the Resurrection. Our joy in the face of trials, and our confident hope in the wake of tragedy shows forth the Resurrection of the Lord and expressed our eager expectation of His coming Kingdom. Our freely given alms, and deeds of compassion evidence our profound conviction that the Lord Jesus Christ is alive from the dead even now, blessing, healing, saving, and rewarding.

May all the days of Pascha refresh you and may you be filled with joy inexpressible.

Glory to His Third-Day Resurrection!

Father Josiah

*Christ is risen!
Truly He is risen!*



We all have the English response to the Paschal greeting memorized. We may also know a few more. Now let's see how many more of the languages to the right we can memorize. Maybe

before the Paschal season is over we can respond to every language Fr. Josiah challenges us with!

Albanian:	Khrishti unjal! Vertet unjal!
Aleut:	Khristus anahgrecum! Alhecum anahgrecum!
Amharic:	Kristos tenestwal! Bergit tenestwal!
Anglo-Saxon:	Crist aras! Crist sodhlice aras!
Arabic:	Al Messieh kahn! Hakken kahn!
Armenian:	Kristos haryav ee merelotz! Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
Bulgarian:	Hristos voskrese! Vo istina voskrese!
Chinese:	Helisituosi fuhuole! Queshi fuhuole!
Coptic:	Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Czech:	Kristus vstal a mrtvych! Opravdi vstoupil!
Danish:	Kristus er opstanden! I sandhed Han er Opstanden!
Dutch:	Christus is opgestaan! Ja, hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
Eritrean-Tigre:	Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou!
Esperanto:	Kristo levigis! Vere levigis!
Estonian:	Kristus on oolestoosunt! Toayestee on oolestoosunt!
Ethiopian:	Christos t'ensah em' muhtan! Exai' ab-her eokala!
Finnish:	Kristus nousi kuolleista! Totisesti nousi!
French:	Le Christ est ressuscite! En verite il est ressuscite!
Gaelic:	Kriost eirgim! Eirgim!
Georgian:	Kriste ahzdkhah! Chezdmaridet!
German:	Christus ist erstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig erstanden!
Greek:	Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Hawaiian:	Ua ala hou `o Kristo! Ua ala `I `o no `oia!
Hebrew:	Ha Masheeha houh kam! A ken kam! (or Be emet quam!)
Icelandic:	Kristur er upprisinn! Hann er vissulega upprisinn!
Indonesian:	Kristus telah bangkit! Benar dia telah bangkit!
Italian:	Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e' risorto!
Japanese:	Harisutosu Fukkatsu! Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
Javanese:	Kristus sampun wungu! Saesto panjene ganipun sampun wungu!
Korean:	Kristo gesso! Buhar ha sho nay!
Latin:	Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!
Latvian:	Kristus ir augsham sales! Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch!
Malayalam:	Christu uyirthezhunnettu! Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu!
Nigerian:	Jesu Kristi ebiliwo! Ezia o' biliwo!
Norwegian:	Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!
Polish:	Khristus zmartvikstau! Zaiste zmartvikstau!
Portuguese:	Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou!
Romanian:	Cristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Serbian:	Cristos vaskres! Vaistinu vaskres!
Slovak:	Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutoc ne vstal!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!
Swahili:	Kristo amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!
Swedish:	Christus ar uppstanden! Han ar verkliggen uppstanden!
Syriac:	M'shee ho dkom! Ha koo qam!
Turkish:	Hristos diril-di! Hakikaten diril-di!
Ugandan:	Kristo ajukkide! Kweli ajukkide!
Ukrainian:	Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!
Welsh:	Atgyfododd Crist! Atgyfododd yn wir!
Yupik:	Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq! Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!
Zulu:	Ukristu uvukile! Uvukile kuphela!

Glory be to God! We are now worshipping in our new temple!

As of Palm Sunday, on April 17, 2011 we have begun worshipping in our new beautiful temple built in honor of our Patron Saint, Andrew the First-Called. For years we have labored but the Lord has built His house. To Him belong all glory, honor and worship.



It was early Sunday morning, April 17. The air was crisp, the skies clear blue and the faint breeze barely moving the trees. The bright sun shone majestically on the domes of St. Andrew Church temple reflecting the Light of the world, Christ our God to all of Riverside and to the world.

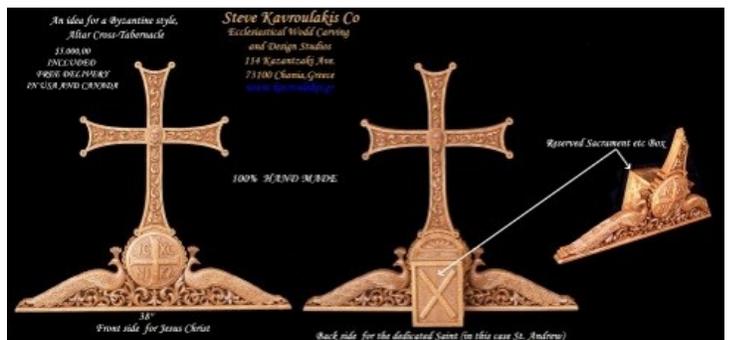
Walking into the church after capturing this magnificence on the outside, I was taken aback with the magnificence of the inside. Even though I had been inside many times before and was there the day before on Lazarus Saturday to help clean the inside, I was struck by the awe-inspiring beauty and quietness. No more noisy construction or people cleaning and talking. Only our Lord, His Holy Mother and the Saints hovering through their holy images all around. It was an unforgettable moment!

For those of you receiving this newsletter who have not seen the new church yet, you will see some pictures from Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Holy Saturday and Pascha in the next few pages.

You may notice that we have a temporary iconostasis and altar table. Our new marble iconostasis and the altar with kivorion have arrived to the US from Syria and will be

installed as soon as they are released from customs and delivered.

In the meantime, the temporary altar is vested with the beautiful cover made by our own Sophia Griffin to fit the permanent table. Sitting on the eastern edge of the holy altar is a beautiful Justinianic Cross designed by St. Andrew Church. The face of our Lord Jesus Christ is between the cross beams on one side and the face of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle on the rear side. The box on the rear of the cross at its base is designed to hold the sacred chrism, holy unction, etc. The Cross rests on two peacocks, and will be transferred onto the permanent altar.



Palm Sunday to Pascha in pictures...



The Children's Choir sang the responses on Palm Sunday.



Palm Sunday



Reader Elie was recognized on Palm Sunday for 60 years as a dedicated Reader.



An amazing light shining into the church on Holy Wednesday morning.



Holy Thursday morning...



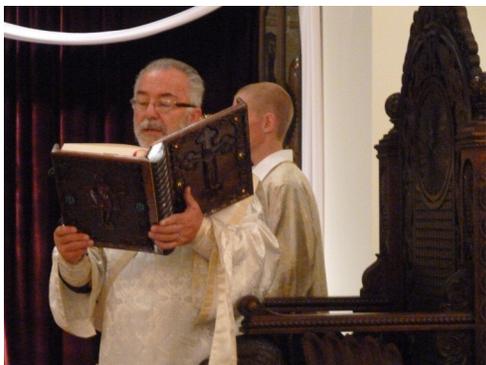
Great and Holy Friday



28 people were received into the Church on Holy Saturday by Baptism and/or Chrismation. See page 7 for a listing of their names.



Holy Pascha



St. Andrew Community News...



St. Andrew babies 18 months and younger on March 6, 2011

The babies are identified here left to right by names of parents then baby:

1. Brian and Shawna Jackson—John
2. Phanourios and Sophia Griffin—Joshua (up high)
3. Bob and Karen Watcher—Grace
4. T.C. and Brandi Hernandez—Isabella Anna
5. Jordan and Bettina Beck—Luke
6. Michael and Jenny Baker—Audrey
7. Danny and Giovanna Gougeon—Anastasia
8. Thomas and Maria Ham— Emmelia
9. Jason and Lauren Coverubias—Sophia
10. Rdr. Patrick and Xenia Enke—Dmitri
11. Michael and Mary Bussey—Seraphim



The Myrrhbearers held their 13th Annual Annunciation Tea on March 26. Fr. John Angelis was guest speaker.



On March 27, the Feast of the Cross, George & Sonia Ruben celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Many Years.



Removal of the crowns for the newlyweds Christian & Anastasia Alcalá, May 1st.

RECENT BIRTHS...



Luke, son of Jordan & Bettina Beck, was baptized on March 5th.



Matthew (Kyle) & Rachel Royce rejoicing in the birth of their new son, Nathaniel.



Sophie, daughter of Simon & Jozian Saiid, born May 2.

Jesse & Tayde Guiles rejoice in the birth of their new daughter, Alexandra.



Saba and Shirley Saba have a new grandson born on April 19 in Miami, FL. Elias Saba weighed 6 lbs, 13 ozs,

Congratulations and Many Years to the 28 newly-illuminated of St. Andrew who were received into Holy Orthodoxy on Great and Holy Saturday:

Mr. Joshua Bowman

Mrs. Alison Ruth Defrese

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Giovanna Escobar-Gougeon and Anastasia

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse and Tayde Guiles

Mr. and Mrs. John & Amanda Gullett

Mr. and Mrs. Tomas and Brandi Hernandez- children Ezekiel, Mary Noel, Natalie and Anna

Mr. Christopher Kassaseya

Mr. Paul Lewis

Mr. Basil Franco Martinelli

Mr. Bill Nelson

Mrs. Magdalena Marlene Pryts

Mr. Matthew Kyle Royce

Mr. John Stanley Scrocki

Miss Elizabeth Lyra Stoyas

Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Karen Wachter, daughters Lily and Grace

Mr. Matthew Yocum

The following people have been enrolled in the catechumenate:

Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Paula Castleman

Mrs. Maria Palos-Newton

Mr. Douglas Schumway

St. Andrew Monthly Income and Expense Report for January & February 2011

<u>Jan. General Fund</u>		<u>Jan. Building Fund</u>		<u>Feb. General Fund</u>		<u>Feb. Building Fund</u>	
Income	\$25,986.20	Income	\$21,647.30	Income	\$20,151.70	Income	\$10,815.22
Expense	\$32,429.36	Expense	\$122,230.60	Expense	\$23,150.11	Expense	\$211,956.93



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