

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Sat. April 25	8AM-1PM 5 pm	ASONA MARKET Great Vespers
Sun. April 26	9 am	Divine Liturgy

*And to us He has given Eternal Life!
Let us worship His Resurrection on the Third Day!*

REMEMBER, PRAY FOR PEACE,
AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

RUSSIAN: KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!

ARABIC: EL MESSIEH KAHM! HAKKEN KAHM!

GREEK: CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!

ROMANIAN: HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVĂRAT A ÎNVIAT!

SPANISH: CRISTO HA RESUCITADO! EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO!

YUPIK: KRISTUSAQ UNGUIXTUQ! ILUUMUN UNGUIXTUQ!



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NORTH AMERICA
CHURCH

SUN. APRIL 19, 2026

ANTIPASCHA

TONE 1

CHRIST IS RISEN!



TRULY HE IS RISEN!



The Paschal season services begin:

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

And finally,

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,

People: **And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**



Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone (Ps 147)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

EPISTLE: ACTS 5:12-20

IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."+

Alleluia in Tone 8 (Ps 95)

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

IN THE EVENING OF THAT DAY, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, **He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."** Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.+



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Just go to Google.com and type in "ASONA Orthodox" and you'll see links to our page. You'll also see reviews. Click on those and add your own, and please make it as high octane as you can.

OR

See the plaque (above), on the left side of the entrance into Church. Scan that QR Code, and leave your review.

It's that easy. This makes it easier for others to find us, and to read what you, actual visitors and members, have to say about ASONA. This is no small thing.

Every one of these reviews is genuine. They boost our appearance in mapping software, the search engine algorithm, and just popping up more often when someone mentions they are seeking. It makes is far more easy to find for those who are looking.

This costs nothing, but helps us immeasurably!

Please be generous. Take a moment this week and help ASONA reach others powerfully as they seek a spiritual home and the Truth of the Gospel of Christ.

PS - there is a Yelp, and TripAdvisor plaque at Church also for reviews on those sites. Again, thank you everyone who has helped us with this now and in the past! Your sharing and caring really helps.

TODAY



ASONA Parish Picnic

Thomas Sunday, April 19

No Coffee Hour/Potluck this day.

Time: 12pm Noon - 4 pm

Gateway Park

(near Northwest Valley YMCA and El Mirage Police Dept)

10100 N. El Mirage Rd., El Mirage, AZ 85335

The park is 20 mins from ASONA.

The Pavilion is booked for ASONA, next to which is a playground, grass, and a Splash Pad (weather permitting)

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, condiments provided

Please bring buns, beverages, side dishes, salads, desserts, and anything else your picnicky heart desires!

THE DAYS BEFORE US

Each Sunday in the Paschal Season is devoted to a particular theme.

**The broad theme of the Paschal season is WATER.
Following the waters of baptism!**

On Bright Monday, for example, it is traditional for Orthodox women to 'sprinkle' the men (especially the priest) with holy water. On Bright Tuesday, the men sprinkle the women.



2ND SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS



This Sunday commemorates the Myrrhbearing woman and Nicodemus and the noble Joseph of Arimathea, and how their tears of sorrow were transformed into tears of joy.

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. They are Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Theotokos, Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany.

3RD SUNDAY

THE SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC



After that, the Sunday of the Paralytic, Jesus heals the paralytic who laid by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Christ is the Source of Living Water.

The Church reminds the faithful that through baptism in the church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to sin no more that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14).

4TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN

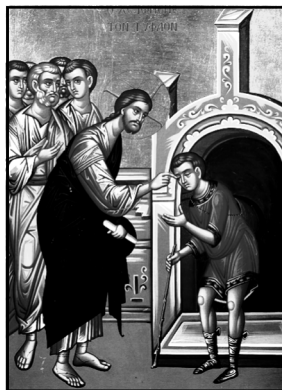


deals with St. Photini with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well from the Gospel of St John. Again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah. She goes forward to proclaim Christ to the Samaritans who acknowledge Christ as the Savior of the World! Powerful witness from a sinner who was illumined (Photini means 'light') by meeting the Source of Living Water.

This is a reminder of new life in Christ, of drinking of the "living water," of true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth" (John 4:23-24). Salvation is offered to all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

5TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN



Finally, on the Sunday of the Blind Man, Jesus takes dirt and spittle and gives sight to a man born blind, after he washes in the pool of Siloam (which means 'sent'). Jesus takes clay and water to heal this man born blind. He is then immediately sent to wash in the pool, and receives his sight.

There is a pattern which we see every week. After the experience of Christ as the fountain of Living Water (the Holy Spirit, that is) we are reminded, like the Apostles, not to try and spread the Word until clothed with power from on high, but having received the Holy Spirit, we must, like them, spread the good news, the Gospel, and give our testimony before all men and all nations.

We have a testimony to give. God has given us eternal life, and freedom from the bondage of our passions.

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