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Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy Pascha at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity



Exclamations of “Christ is Risen!” resounded at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City where His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America joined V. Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostomos Gilbert and the faithful for the Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy Pascha: Orthros and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

In his Encyclical for Holy Pascha 2024, Archbishop remarked, “Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη! Christ is Risen! On Pascha night, the gilded voice of the legendary Archbishop of Constantinople cries out in every church throughout the Orthodox Christian world. In this only sermon ever preached on this “first of Sabbaths” (μία τῶν Σαββάτων) and “feast of feasts” (ἑορτῶν ἑορτή), the Holy Chrysostom invites one and all to partake of “the banquet of faith” (τὸ συμπόσιον τῆς πίστεως). His grand call to everyone to share in the joy of the Resurrection comes without price, like the call of the Prophet who said, Let everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and those who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price (Isaiah 55:1). For as we chant on this Holy Night, “let us all forgive all things in the Resurrection,” from the smallest to the greatest of failings, no price is exacted for the abundance of God’s grace, even grace upon grace (John 1:16).“

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