

The celebration of Easter in the Metropolis of Mexico



“Christ is Risen!” echoed throughout the Metropolis of Mexico on Easter Sunday. His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Mexico presided over the Easter Divine Liturgy at the Holy Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Panama City, Panama.

Before the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, the Metropolitan read the catechetical word of St. John Chrysostom: “Therefore, enter into the joy of your Lord, and receive your reward, both the first and the second; the rich and the poor together, celebrate the feast; the sober and the heedless, honour the day; rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have not fasted”. At the end of the reading, Metropolitan Iakovos said: “If I claimed that these words were mine, perhaps I would be called too flexible with the Church’s doctrine or not strict enough, so I have read to you what the Fathers of our Church say, so that we may all leave behind excuses and simply come and receive the light of the Risen Christ.”

His Grace Bishop Timothy of Assos, Supervisor of the Archdiocese of Colombia and Venezuela, chanted “Christ is Risen!” at the Church of the Archangel Michael in Copacabana, Colombia. At the same time, His Grace Bishop Hesychios of Marcian, Supervisor of the Archdiocese of Macedonia, Bessarabia and Bulgaria, chanted “The Divine Mary, the











