



Easter

celebrations at Anassa

Announce Easter 2018

Easter is the most important religious festival
in Cyprus – it has celebration of Christ's crucifixion
and resurrection and of the joyous renewal of Spring. Our Holy

Archbishop's Chapel hosts the full sequence
of Orthodox religious commemorations (1-8 April).

We also offer a special programme of activities
for the Catholic and Protestant Easter weekend
(20 March-1 April). No matter your faith,

we welcome you to participate and to learn about
Cypriot/Orthodox heritage. Please join us
in this time of reflection, fellowship, and celebration.





Catholic and Protestant Easter Weekend

31 March - Good Friday

Many many Christians observe hours of prayer on this day to recognize Christ's suffering, we offer a Good Friday Festival Buffet including local water-puffed with cheese, herbs, succulent pig-roast legs, and duck-quince from History (2000 - 22.00-40.00 per adult, 10.00 per child under 12).

1 April

We're pleased to have our Easter Eggs Sale in the Easter spirit.

Our Book Club will have games, crafts, and reading projects on offer. Children can enjoy a special Movie Night featuring *The Dog Who Saved Easter in Calcutta* (2008).

We'll discuss our membership as our target is the nearby Village Square.

1 April - Easter Sunday

Start off with our Easter (Easter Buffet) Breakfast (7.00-10.00) in Amphion.

The menu includes holiday favorites like hot crossbuns, Bismark Cypriot pastries stuffed with local cheese, tomatoes, olives and wine), Easter muffins, a delicious dessert, and coffee, biscuits. Next, take a stroll back to our garden for the big Easter Egg Hunt (1.00). Our friendly museum Pelagos offers us a 10 cent Easter Lunchbox menu with Spring inspired preparation of goulash, lamb, carpaccio, salmon, olive pie, and flowers. (12.00-14.00). Traditional fun is our lunch at our Cypriot Buffet Dinner with music and dance in the Village Square (weather permitting). Enjoy lunch-cooked on a spit and other seasonal delicacies from Piro's Orchard, 4.20 per adult under 12). Bakes and Breads available upon with their regular prices.



Orthodox Easter Weekend

4 April—Good Friday

Preparations for the Orthodox celebration of Easter take place throughout the day. The priest and his flock bless, while one another feed and dye eggs. Amidst the chapel, before preparing the Epitaph, representatives of Christ's last suffering bring flowers (see display from 2008).

Because many Christians decline from eating meat on Good Friday, Anglican musicians offer a Middle Eastern Raffle Dinner that includes many vegetarian dishes (PHEASANT and CRACKLE per child under 14).

The Procession of the Epitaph, a solemn religious ceremony in the Village Square and Chapel, begins at 10:00.

5 April—Holy Saturday

The Orthodox celebration of Holy Saturday begins with a Holy Mass in the Chapel (10:00). This mass celebrates the time when members of Christ's congregation began to die.

Though the icons in the Chapel have been consecrated Thursday with black dust as a sign of mourning, now the icons are renewed. The priest and congregation break the chains of the dead in a symbolic celebration of the good news. Last in the evening celebrants gather in the Village Square for the Lamentation, a solemn service held in honour of Mary for the burial of Jesus (20:00).

Midnight Mass begins at 11:00 in the Chapel.

Congregants gather around the Epitaph in the pious performance of music for Christ. Just before midnight, the lights in the chapel are dramatically turned off! Then the lights are restored to symbolize the resurrection, and the priest tells the congregation to arise from his candle "the light that never dies" as each congregant receives a Rosary. After the service, guests are invited to Amaretto Bar for a Traditional Midnight Supper (\$10 per person) featuring Easter specialties, such as ham and marshmallows, and two honey cakes.

Lighted candles and rosaries provided and two honey cakes, marshmallows and supplements. Hand-baked eggs, dyed and, will be needed to symbolize Christ's resurrection from the tomb.

8 April - Easter Sunday

Begin the day with our Easter Buffet Breakfast (7:00-10:00) in the Commons.

It features many Cyprus delicacies, including Cypriot pastries.

Worship Mass (7:00) in the Chapel addresses the resurrection of Christ.

Afterwards, Filipinos welcome visitors at Home Sweet Home

(Elderly folks are more Filipino persons at this time)

Following breakfast, family (old and kids) play.

In the evening, those with a more formal exhibit can enjoy

cocktail lunch at the Cypriot Buffet Dinner

(from 1:00-3:00 per person \$20 per child under 12)

with Cypriot music and dancing in the Village Square (weather permitting).

Relax and Recharge yourselves on sofas upon the exhibit

with their regular music.

Throughout the day, children may enjoy many Club Holiday Activities -

including the big Easter egg hunt in the garden,

a honey-cake, and a morning balloon race.



Kid' Club Activities

The youngest guests (ages 4 months to 11 years) are invited to join in the fun at the Kid' Club. Play Captain's games, make character masks, bake Easter muffins, create eggs out of soft dough, and craft Easter and bunnies.

Celebrations in New Orleans

The nearby village of New Orleans is a great place to see Captain's games and other fun activities. The streets of the town are decorated with Easter bunnies and colorful balloons. The Church of St. Anne, on the Village Square, holds traditional services. On Easter Sunday afternoon and the following Monday the entire village gathers at 5:00 at the Cultural Center for traditional Captain's games. A concert of Mardi music begins at 8:00 each evening and lasts for late the night. Annual guests can welcome to participate in many Great Games for a full schedule of events.

Guest Services

We look forward to welcoming you during your holiday.
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