

March 25th - Feast Day of The Annunciation



Think, for a moment, about the icons you see at the front of an Orthodox Church. Facing the altar, you will see the icon of the Archangel. Michael at the left, and the icon of the Archangel Gabriel at the right.

The Archangel Michael was sent by God to have Adam and Eve leave Paradise. And it was the Archangel Gabriel who was sent by God to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce that she would give Birth to the Christ Child, Who would save the world.

This second event, known as the Annunciation (announcement) took place on March 25th, almost 2000 years ago. The Angel found her and told her she was going to have a child. Naturally, she was alarmed at first and asked many questions.

“Do not be afraid,” said the Angel Gabriel, “the Lord is with you because God has chosen you among all the women in the world and in history.”

Mary could have said “no,” or given a whole list of reasons why she did not wish to accept God’s invitation. But instead, she said, “Let it be according to the will of God.” She allowed herself to be an instrument of God. She did not change nor did she become a robot or a puppet. She let the Holy Spirit come within her and her life. She let God bless her and guide her. She let the baby Jesus be born of her.

The Feast Day of the Annunciation is a very important holiday for all Christians, because the Blessed Virgin Mary said “yes” all of humanity had a chance to be saved.

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A young girl named Mary was busy knitting yarn with a special tool in her hand. She looked up and was very surprised to see the Archangel Gabriel. The angel told her that God wanted her to be the Mother of Jesus Christ because she was such a good and holy person. She told the angel that she only wanted to do what would make God happy. We celebrate the day that the Angel Gabriel came to see Mary on March 25th every year. Will you come to Church on March 25th to celebrate too?