

## Pascha at the headquarters of the Synod's American Exarchate

**PASCHA** was celebrated at the headquarters of the American Exarchate of our Church, in Etna, California, with a quiet but joyful and beautiful week of services, celebrated at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, the Convent of St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess, and the parish Church of Sts. Cyprian and Justina. The Resurrection Liturgy, with a small group of about fifty in total, was especially moving. It was chanted in Greek and English, with several hymns and responses in Slavonic, Romanian, Swedish, French, and native African languages.

One of the married Priests from Etna served at the Protection Convent in Bluffton, with a few visiting faithful (mostly recent immigrants from Russia), and all of the Exarchate parishes reported a good turn-out of faithful for the Feast of Feasts and joyous and spiritually rewarding services.



*Bishop Auxentios,  
Paschal Liturgy*



*Deacon Nectarios*



*Monastery Chapel, Agape Vespers*



*Bishop Auxentios at Paschal Matins*



*Archbishop greets faithful*



*Monastery cemetery on Pascha*