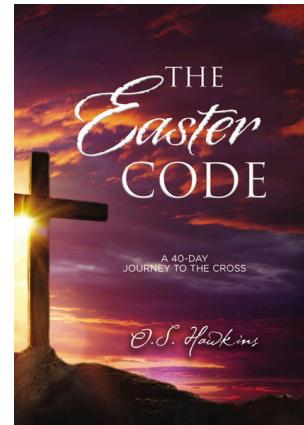




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lenten Series – Unlocking “The Easter Code” – A 40-day Lenten Journey

The Easter Code devotion series has been purchased by ECA for those who wish to participate. The season of Lent is often described as a 40-day journey, Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season for millions of professing Christians around the world. It is marked by a period of self-denial during which adherents, for the forty days leading up to the celebration of Easter, will endeavor to “give up” or “take on” something for God. Many observers believe that “giving something up” or “taking something on” for Lent is the path to pleasing God. But the Bible clearly teaches that grace can never be earned, for it is the “gift of God, not of works” (*Ephesians 2:8–9*). (*Introduction by O.S. Hawkins*)



The Easter Code consists of forty-two devotions, including Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, with its promise of the second chance. Each devotion contains a devotional thought, a “code word” for the day, a Scripture, and a daily prayer. The code word helps unlock the blessing of each day’s reading. Our 4-week Lenten series at ECA will unlock the Easter Code by breaking up the readings each week in 10-day increments and discuss the ways in which we find the code to unlock the paschal mystery of an empty cross which signifies that death and the grave could not hold Jesus down. He arose, the ever-living Lord and Savior. This same code that will hopefully help us unlock our own code and relationship with the Trinity.

Dinner will start at 6:00pm with those who wish to share in our tradition of Soup, Salad, and Bread each Wednesday starting March 1st and ends on March 22nd. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to provide dinner items for each week. The program will begin at 7:00pm for those who wish to participate in the discussion only. We look forward to taking this journey together to unlock the Easter Code.

In Christ, Fr. Paul+