



Welcome to our Visitors: We are honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church rather different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We understand Communion to be an act of the unity of our Faith; however, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist.

Therefore, only baptized Catholics in the State of Grace are permitted to participate in Holy Communion.

DIVINE LITURGY AND PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 25th SUNDAY OF PHARISEE & PUBLICAN

10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Mon. 26th 6:00 pm Blessings on Dennis, Darryl & Sally (Kay Terry)

Tues. 27th No Liturgy

Wed. 28th 6:00 pm Mark, Threse & Julie (Kay Terry)

Thurs. 29th No Liturgy

Fri. 30th No Liturgy

Sat. 31st 9:00 am Blessings to Fr. Gregory Petruska

(Angelica Villarin)

6 pm NO Vespers

Sunday 1st SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Weeklong Candle Intentions

ETERNAL LIGHT: Special Intentions of Fr. James

CHRIST: Stella, Catherine & Julie (Kay Terry)

CHRIST: Carol Pasmant (Ron Pasmant)

THEOTOKOS: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Albuquerque, NM

THEOTOKOS: Fr. Brian and Pani Janet Escobedo

CHRIST NARTHEX: Candle Intentions can be requested by filling out an envelope found in the Narthex. Donation is \$4.00

 Please remember in your prayers: David (brother of Marilyn Cooper), Mons. Vida and Mons. Moran, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Jean Mayo (Rita's Mother), Rita and Robert Pipta, Ron Lowery & Family, Libby Distefano, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Evdokiya Obushko, Robert M. Weil and Kay Weil, Janet Lambert, Dolores Demko, and Ron & Carol and Gilbert & Sally Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. That the Lord have mercy and save His people undergoing persecution in Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt and other lands.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY: Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopec Jr.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS

Erik Cline, Anthony Gath, Greg Gath, Ian, Nigel and Liam Ward, Jonny Weil & Andrew Sarsam

EPISTLE READER / CANTOR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

1/25/2015 REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
Ron Pasmant	2 Timothy 3:10-15
2/1/2015 REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
Marc Brown	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
2/8/2015 REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
Kester Bailey	1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 18 January, 2015

Tithes	\$4,034.50
Youth	7.00
Past Feasts	85.00
Candles	4.00
Gift Shop	74.95
Religious Retirement	15.00
January Luncheon	819.00
Zosi Ibahagon Thanksgiving	100.00
Mortgage Reduction	70.00
Principal Reduction	140.00
Total	\$5,249.45



NEW YEAR LUNCHEON WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!! If my figures are correct we brought in a total of: \$1,273.

Lunches: \$ 975.

Raffles: 247.

Drinks: 51.

Total: \$1,273.

Thanks to the Kopkos and all their helpers!!

A letter was recently received from Bishop Dino regarding the generosity of our Brothers and Sisters at Our Lady of Perpetual Help B.C.C., Albuquerque, NM. Father Escobedo and the Parish Advisory Board graciously offered to forgive their portion of the loan they gave us through the Eparchy. OLPH is one of the smallest parishes of the Eparchy and I was surprised when they offered to loan us money. Now, out of fraternal love, they have reduced our loan by \$3,449.85. Please join me in asking our Lord to generously bless them for their kindness.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

Sunday of Pharisee and Publican

ALL SOULS The first All Souls Liturgy will be offered Saturday, February 7th. Please fill out the front of the envelopes provided in the Narthex or the ones in your offering boxes with the names of your loved ones to be commemorated or include a list of the names on a sheet in the envelope. Remember the lists need to be in by next Sunday if you want your loved ones named Feb 7th.



What does the Bible have to say about praying for the dead?

II Maccabees 12:43-46: "And making a gathering, he [Judas] sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered

for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection, (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead,) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."



SR. VASSA LARIN: World renown scholar coming to Annunciation February 20, 2015, at 7:30 pm. Although Dr. Sister Vassa Larin is one of the foremost scholars of Byzantine Liturgy, she can speak just as easily from one heart to another. Her topic for our talk will be:

Prayer and the Living of Lent: "What's the Point?"

LIVE AT ST. PAUL'S... COFFEE WITH SISTER VASSA!

Saturday, February 21, 2015 • 10am - 2:30pm

Since it is rare that Sister Vassa makes it to the West Coast of America for presentations, you might want to attend two more talks by Sister the next day (February 21st) at St. Paul's Orthodox, Irvine (4949 Alton Parkway). The cost is \$20 per person (that includes a lunch). The program runs from 10 am—2:30pm.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

Pierogi making: Feb 13-14 and Feb. 20-21

Nut Rolls: March 18-19

Paska: March 23-26

PLEASE SET ASIDE AT LEAST A FEW OF THESE DATES TO COME HELP OUR BAKERS.



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Nostra Aetate – Where Are We After 50 Years?

Masorti Olami & Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange invite you to a community wide conversation with Rabbi

Dr. Abraham Skorka and Bishop Kevin W. Vann. Rabbi Dr. Abraham Skorka is a chemist, rabbi and writer. He is the Rector of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer which trains Masorti/Conservative Rabbis, Cantors and educators in the Latin American Jewish Community. In addition, he is the Rabbi of the Masorti Olami Community (Worldwide Conservative Movement) Benei Tikva in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Pope Francis and Rabbi Skorka co-authored a book on interfaith dialogue titled "On Heaven and Earth" that was published in Spanish in 2010 and in English in 2013. It is based on over 30 TV shows they co-hosted in Argentina. In 2012, Pope Francis, who was then the Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, granted Doctor honoris causa to Rabbi Skorka, on behalf of the Catholic University of Argentina. In May 2014, Rabbi Skorka accompanied Pope Francis as part of the Papal entourage to the Middle East.

Bishop Kevin W. Vann earned a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from Millikin University. After working as a medical technologist, he entered the seminary in 1976. After his ordination on May 30, 1981, he was assigned to graduate studies in Canon Law at the Angelicum in Rome.

Event will take place:

Sunday, January 25, 2015 7:00 PM

The Freed Theater at Christ Cathedral Campus
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, CA, 92840

Complimentary Admission. Registration Required. Donations Welcome.

To register online: <https://masortiolami.org/skorka-in-orange-county>

For more information contact Rabbi Randy Brown rabbi-randy@masortiolami.org

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Sunday of Pharisee and Publican



It was not remarkable that the anti-Catholic Ian Paisley once quipped that Catholics, “breed like rabbits and multiply like vermin.” This anti-Catholic slur has been popular for a long time, but it was still shocking when the head of the Catholic Faith used a similar turn of the phrase when speaking about the number of children that some Catholic families have. Of course, His Holiness was encouraging people to look towards Natural Family Planning – a fact lost on the media. Below is a good article from Britain that places the comment in context. Enjoy!

Pope Francis told reporters that Catholics don't have to be 'like rabbits,' by Francis Phillips

Tuesday, 20 Jan 2015 <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2015/01/20/its-hard-not-to-take-the-popes-remarks-about-big-families-personally/>

I confess that when I first heard on the news that Pope Francis, during an in-flight press conference on his way back to Rome from his journey to the Philippines, had stated that good Catholics are not required “to be like rabbits”, I groaned. What would the secular press do with this remark this time, I wondered? How much explaining away would Fr Federico Lombardi, the Pope’s hapless press secretary, have to do now, as he has done on so many occasions? Why couldn’t the Holy Father just have a quiet snooze on aeroplanes, rather than talk off the cuff as he is wont to do? Why do the media always have to misinterpret and distort what he says? And so on.

After all, we Catholics know that Church teaching on birth control, as prophetically stated by Blessed Paul VI in his encyclical Humanae Vitae of 1968 is not going to change. Further, we don’t want the teaching to change, however difficult it might sometimes be in practice. That’s why we are members of the Church: not to obey the Pope like robots, as people used to tactlessly suggest to me when they saw me out with my own large family in the past, but because – among other things – we believe that the ordinary magisterial teachings of the Church are the wise and beautiful teachings of Christ, her founder. Indeed, Pope Francis praised Paul VI’s encyclical during the same press conference and reaffirmed the Church’s rejection of population control programmes as “ideological colonisation” – meaning that poor Third-World populations are constantly pressured by the rich West to control their fertility in ways that are contrary to their traditions and their human dignity.

But while I knew exactly what Pope Francis was actually saying, I still groaned. That unfortunate phrase – his own homely idiom, no doubt – was used by feminists with derision against Catholics during the long and heroic campaign in the 1980s of the courageous Victoria Gillick, the mother of ten children, to stop contraceptives being prescribed to under-age girls without parental consent. Those people who read and listen to the secular press and who already have their own prejudices against Church teaching, will remember and repeat the word “rabbits” like a mantra, while we Catholics will sigh and point out as patiently as possible that that the Church has always taught “responsible parenthood” – and indeed, the Pope mentioned this too, during that hour-long meeting with reporters on his flight home.

What the Holy Father implied was that “responsible parenthood” is what matters, not specific family size. This will be different in each family and with each couple; while the use of artificial contraceptives is intrinsically life-denying it can also be irresponsible to have children thoughtlessly, without regard to issues of health and family circumstances. He cited the case of a woman who became pregnant for the eighth time after seven previous C-sections. “Does she want to leave seven orphans? That is tempting God” he commented.

But the problem with these remarks, unless they are carefully developed and explained within the context of Catholic teaching, is that they might cause confusion, not only outside the Church

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but also inside, among faithful families. Yes – people can have large families from selfish motives, just as they can limit their families from selfish motives. But what about large Catholic families, struggling to do what is right in their circumstances and under the normal pressures and demands of family life? They might, wrongly, take the Pope’s remarks personally and worry that they are being profligate and irresponsible. They have taken the biblical words “Go forth and multiply” seriously, at great personal sacrifice. They have already, in our secular society, been dismissed as “breeding like rabbits”; the Pope’s remarks will seem to undermine them, however much this was not intended...

Finally, my brother has just walked into the room. When I told him what I was writing about and all my misgivings he challenged me: “No, I’m glad that the Pope has spoken. It might start public debate about the Church’s teaching. That’s a good thing.” We’ll see.

2015 Huffington Ecumenical Symposium



Sacred Architecture of East and West: Lessons from History and Contemporary Trends: Feb. 27 - Mar. 1, 2015

Loyola Marymount University,
1LMU Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045

This year’s symposium is the third and final in our series exploring the relationship between tradition and contemporary practice in Catholic and Orthodox liturgy.

Throughout history, Christians have gathered in private rooms, cemetery chapels, basilicas, cathedrals, ships, garages, and buildings of all sizes and shapes to worship the triune God. The buildings accrued symbolic significance to such a degree that all of salvation history could be communicated through the various rooms, vessels, iconographic programs, and liturgical rituals celebrated in the space. As we reflect on architecture in the 21st century, many new questions emerge.

Keynote speaker: the Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, provost, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Other speakers include: Nicholas Denysenko (Loyola Marymount University), Sharon Gerstel (UCLA), Robin Jensen (Vanderbilt University), Jeanne Kilde (University of Minnesota), Tom Lucas (Seattle University), Christina Maranci (Tufts University), Denis McNamara, and Richard Vosko. See links below for speaker bios and information.