



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.

EPISTLE READER / CANTOR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

2/08/2015	3rd Hour Kester Bailey	9:40 am 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
2/15/2015	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Mike Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am Romans 13:11-14:4
2/22/2015	3rd Hour George Petyo	9:40 am Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2
3/01/2015	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Steve Kopko	9:00 - 9:45 am Hebrews 1:10-2:3
3/08/2015	3rd Hour Jon Weil	9:40 am Hebrews 4:14-5:6
3/15/2015	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Ron Pasmant	9:00 - 9:45 am Hebrews 6:13-20

DIVINE LITURGY AND PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 8th SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT

10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Mon. 9th 6:00 pm Blessed Repose + Alejandro Villarín (Angelica Villarín)

Tues. 10th No Liturgy

Wed. 11th 6:00 pm Blessings to Rosario Santos (Angelica Villarín)

Thurs. 12th No Liturgy

Fri. 13th No Liturgy

Sat. 14th 9:00 am Blessed Repose + William & Irene Drexler (Kay Terry)

6:00 pm Vespers for Cheesefare Sunday

Sunday 15th SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 1 February, 2015

Adult Offering	\$3,970.75
Youth Offering	16.10
Candles	48.00
Christmas Concert	86.00
Italian Luncheon	328.00
Gift Shop	40.00
Mortgage Reduction	300.00
<u>Principal Reduction</u>	<u>315.00</u>
Total	\$5,103.85

Weeklong Candle Intentions

ETERNAL LIGHT: Special Intentions of Fr. James

CHRIST: Blessings to Charles Krofchik (Krofchik Family)

CHRIST: Blessings to Jeffrey Krofchik (Krofchik Family)

THEOTOKOS: Blessed Repose + Mary Siviy (Mary Lou Lloyd)

THEOTOKOS: Blessed Repose + Dorothy Greene (Krofchik Family)

CHRIST NARTHEX: Blessings to Theresa Krofchik (Krofchik Family)

Blessings to Melinda Filardo (Krofchik Family)

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 Skopecck Jr.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS

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

ITALIAN STYLE DINNER BENEFIT

Join our parish family for a Family Style Italian Dinner on Feb. 15th immediately after Liturgy. Included in the dinner will be salad, spaghetti & meatballs and garlic bread. All the funds will go to our Principal Reduction fund.

Since July, 2014 we have paid down the principal of the loan by \$65,000—thanks to so many of you and your kindness! Please bring your whole family and neighbors to this delicious celebration of our commitment to one another and our temple dedicated to the Holy Theotokos.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Appointments for the Eparchy of Phoenix

The Most Reverend Gerald N. Dino, Bishop of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, has made the following appointments:

Monsignor Kevin McAuliffe, with the consent of his hierarch, the Most Reverend Jose Pepe, Bishop of Las Vegas, Nevada, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Gabriel Byzantine Catholic Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, effective February 1, 2015.

Reverend James Barrant is relieved of his responsibilities as Administrator of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, in Anaheim, California, and as an Eparchial Consultor in order to pursue ministry as a hospital chaplain, effective March 17, 2015.

Right Reverend Stephen Washko is relieved of his responsibilities as Rector of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona and is assigned as Pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim, California. He is also assigned as Syncellus for the State of California. Both assignments are effective March 17, 2015. He continues to serve the Eparchy as Protosyncellus and in his other current responsibilities for the Eparchy.

Right Reverend Wesley Izer is assigned as Rector of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona, effective March 17, 2015. He continues to served the Eparchy as Syncellus for Eparchial Administration, Eparchial Finance Officer, and Chancellor and in his other current responsibilities for the Eparchy.

Very Reverend Joseph Hutsko is assigned as Vice Rector of St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral effective March 17, 2015. This is in addition to his other responsibilities for the Eparchy.

ALL SOULS The 2nd, 3rd and 4th All Souls Liturgy will be offered on February 28, March 7 and 14. 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 soon—we will continue to add to the list as you turn in your envelopes.



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:

Praying 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.



Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

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February 2, 2015

Very Rev. James Barrant
Church of the Annunciation
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Dear Father James,

With this letter, I hereby release you as the Administrator of the Church of the Annunciation in Anaheim, California so that you can seek priestly ministry as a Hospital Chaplain. This release is effective on Tuesday, March 17th, 2015, the feast of St. Alexis.

I wish to thank you for all of the work that you have done in the Church of the Annunciation in Anaheim. Without your exceptional help in getting the mortgage problem resolved, I fear that we might have lost the Church building.

If you have not obtained a hospital chaplaincy position by March 17th, you are welcome to reside in our Eparchial complex here in Phoenix, Arizona until a position opens up for you.

Praying that God will bless the works of your hands in your priestly ministry, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gerald N. Dino
Bishop of the Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix

POPE FRANCIS: 'FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS A RIGHT AND A DUTY, BUT IT HAS ITS LIMITS'

According to Italian newspaper La Stampa, the Pope was asked regarding the issues of religious freedom and freedom of expression, two issues that have been in the headlines after last week's terrorist attack in Paris.

Commenting on the events in France, the Holy Father denounced the attack, of which Al-Qaeda in Yemen has taken responsibility. "Killing in the name of God is not right, it is an aberration," he exclaimed. "Regarding freedom of expression: not only does each person have the freedom and the right to say what they think for the common good, they have a duty to do so." However, the Pope continued, people must not misuse it to cause offense. "Provoking and insulting other people's faiths is not right," he said.

Suicide attacks: A human imbalance

The method of suicide attacks and using children to murder and destroy was also an issue discussed with the Holy Father. Recently in Nigeria, young girls committed a suicide attack in a crowded area. Young children were also used by the Islamic State to carry out executions, as evidenced by a video that was released. The Pope said that he was inclined to say that "behind every suicide attack there is an element of human imbalance." "There is something that is not quite

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right with that person, that person has an imbalance in their life. They give their life but they do not give it in a good way. There are so many people who work, like the missionaries for example: they give their life, but in order to build something. Suicide killers, on the other hand, give their life in order to destroy."

Church and ecology

"Mankind has gone overboard," the Pope said when asked about climate change. "I don't know if humans who mistreat nature are fully responsible for climate change but they are largely responsible for it," he said. "We have exploited nature too much." The Holy Father recalled the effects of deforestation and the practice of a "one-crop system," which he said was causing the depletion of soil. However, he also expressed relief that others, in particular religious leaders, are speaking about it. The 78-year-old Pontiff said that he has read documents written by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew I, on the subject in preparing his own encyclical on the matter. Regarding the release of that document, the Pope said that it should be ready between June or July of this year.

"Cardinal Turkson and his team have presented the first draft of the new encyclical. I then worked on this and now I have prepared the third draft which I have sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Secretariat of State and the theologian of the Papal Household so that they can make sure I am not talking nonsense," he said.

The Pope also expressed his hope for the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11. "I was disappointed by the last conference held in Peru. Let's hope they are a bit more courageous in Paris," he said.

Sri Lanka and new canonizations

Regarding his visit to Sri Lanka and the country's efforts toward peace and national unity, the Holy Father recalled a conversation with President Sirisena, in which the newly elected head of state emphasized the need not only for peace and reconciliation, but harmony among the people.

Regarding the Sri Lankan committees currently investigating injustices faced by the people during the civil war, the Pope stressed that they are starting to build national unity.

"The investigative committees on the truth are one of the elements that may help, but there are other elements to arrive at peace, reconciliation, harmony, and the heart of the people. I have borrowed the words of the President of Sri Lanka," he said.

Commenting on the canonization of Sri Lanka's first saint, St. Joseph Vaz, Pope Francis said that canonizations are reserved not only for those who have a miracle attributed to their intercession, but also those who are "great evangelizers." After naming several evangelizers from Europe, Canada, and Brazil, the Pope revealed that he will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra in September during his apostolic visit to the United States.

Blessed Serra, a 16th-century Spanish Franciscan who founded the first Catholic missions in Baja California, was beatified by St. John Paul II on Sept. 25, 1998.

Regarding evangelizers, like St. Joseph Vaz and Blessed Junipero Serra, Pope Francis concluded saying: "They are figures who have done a strong evangelization and are in line with Evangelii Gaudium

Cheesefare Week: Transition into Great Lent

In the Orthodox Church, today is the first day of Cheesefare week. It's also called Butter week. What in the world do cheese and butter have to do with Christianity?

Not much, actually. But the week isn't dedicated to cheese, butter, or any other kind of food. Cheesefare week is all about preparing ourselves for Great Lent, which will begin this coming Sunday at Vespers.



When Great Lent arrives, we enter into a strict fast. There's no eating meat or dairy. From what we *are* allowed to eat, there's no indulging—we eat only what we need in order to get through our days. There's no partying. There's no dancing. There's no listening to secular music. On the other hand, there's an increase in the amount of time we spend praying, an increase in the number of church services we attend, and our focus shifts from worldly things to spiritual things as much as possible. In other words, we take our attention off of work, school, and socializing as much as possible, and we redirect it toward God and our spiritual health.

Fasting isn't meant to make us miserable, but the sudden change in diet and lifestyle can be difficult to get used to, especially at first. And that's why we have Cheesefare week ...

Technically, the period of fasting has already begun. We're not in Great Lent yet, but there won't be any more non-fasting days until we celebrate the Resurrection in approximately two months. During Cheesefare week, though, the fast is modified. We can still eat dairy products (hence, the words cheese or butter in the name) and eggs this week, just not meat. Physically speaking, the modified restrictions on food will help us transition into the full fast that's coming next week.

This week's transition is also meant to be spiritual. In church, the services start to resemble Lenten ones. And although Cheesefare week is mostly associated with the idea of getting together with friends and family and eating rich, delicious foods, it's not exactly a party week. It's not meant to be a last hurrah before Great Lent begins. It's an opportunity to repair anything that needs repairing in our relationships, and to ask forgiveness of our friends, our family, and even our enemies.

It's easy to forgive and desire to be forgiven when the atmosphere is friendly and joyous—when people are gathered together, breaking bread, and eating warm, cheese-filled crepes. Cheese aside, Christian love is what this week is *really* supposed to be about.

Are you angry with anyone? If you are, ask God to help you put aside your anger. If possible, let that person know that you forgive and love him or her. Is someone angry with you? Ask God to help you apologize and ask that person for forgiveness. And make sure you're truly sorry for whatever you did or said, or else it doesn't count. Is there someone who died, or moved away, or fell out of touch, someone with whom you wish you could exchange love and forgiveness but you don't know how? Ask God for help. He's very good at getting messages through.

HP Toner Cartages

Does anyone need HP 88 Printer toner cartages? I have several black and color toner cartages that I would love to give away. Please see me after Liturgy or call the office.