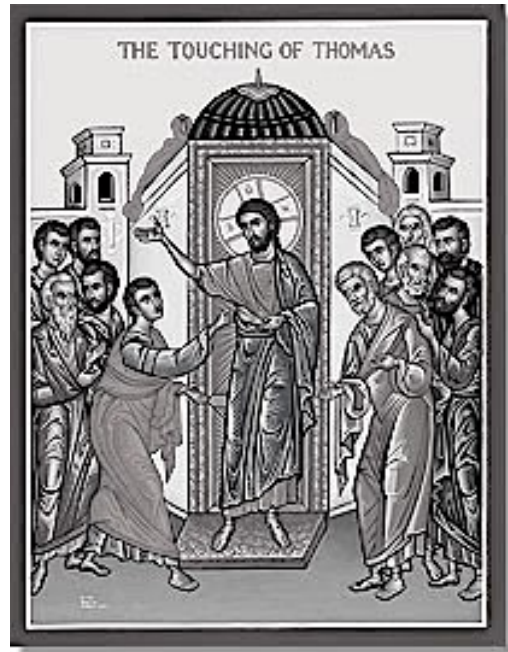


Welcome to our Parish

Our Bishop, clergy and faithful welcome you to Annunciation Parish. We are delighted that you have joined us for our Divine Liturgy. Our Church follows the teaching of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel and passed on to us through the teachings of the Apostle and tradition. If you are looking for a spiritual home, try our parish. If you have questions, feel free to ask any of our clergy. Join us again real soon! God bless you!



DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

11 SATURDAY— NO SERVICES

12 THOMAS SUNDAY Second Paschal Sunday

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am to 9:45 am
Parish Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am
For the members and friends of our parish
\*Blessing and the Breaking of the Artos

THOMAS WEEK

13 Monday Priest-Martyr Artemon & Champions, p. 383
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

14 Tuesday Father Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome, p. 401
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

15 Wednesday Apostles, Aristarchus, Pudens & Trophimus, p. 370
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

16 Thursday No Services—Father is not available

17 Friday Venerable Father Simeon of Persia, p. 383
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

18 Bright Saturday No Services Scheduled

19 SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARERS Third Paschal Sunday, p. 177

THE THIRD HOUR.....9:40 am
For our parish members and friends.....10:00 am

THOMAS WEEK Our Lord took the doubt of his apostle Thomas and turned it into faith, revealing to him the wounds in his side and hands. This week is a feast of our faith in the resurrection, bestowing on us the hope of newness of life and victory, over death, and we join our profession with that of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, "My Lord and my God."

PRAYER REQUESTS Jan Vogel, David, the brother of Marilyn Cooper, Fr. George Vida, Fr. Michael Moran, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Jean Mayo, Rita Pipta's mother, Ron Lowery & Family, Libby Distefano, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Evdokiya Obushko, Kay Weil, Janet Lambert, and Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. Our Christian friends undergoing persecution in Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt and other lands.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopeck, Jr.

THANK YOU for your talents in making our Church a wonderful Holy House for the Lord and for everyone to worship. The Holubcki makers and cooks, the daily liturgy attenders, the people who do jobs around the church without recognition.

## Parish Calendar & Upcoming Events

### TODAY--

### UKRAINIAN LUNCHEON

Immediately following the Thomas Sunday Liturgy.

Sponsored by John & Connie Sheftic

Luncheon Menu

Cucumber Salad, Holubcki (Stuffed Cabbage),

Mash Potatoes, Red Beets with Onions, Rye

Bread/Butter,

Coffee, Soft Drinks & Wine

Adults: \$12.00 & Children (4-12) \$6.00

*Take-outs available, Door Prize & Raffle prizes*

*See Rita Pipta for Tickets and Information. COME AND JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL.*

**FEAST OF ST. GEORGE** simple Holy Day

Apr 23 Thu—Feast day Liturgy.....9:00 am

**CINCO DE MAYO DINNER**—Chicken Enchiladas,

Rice & Refried Beans, Salsa and Chips. See Rita Pipta for tickets.

May 3 Sunday —Next Monthly Dinner

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**-Holyday of Obligation

May 13 Wed—Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm

May 14 Thu—Feast day Liturgy.....9:00 am

**5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY**

May 23 Sat—Liturgy & Panachida.....9:00 am

**MEMORIAL DAY—PENTECOST MONDAY**

May 25 Mon—Liturgy w/ Procession..9:00 am

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR—ANAHEIM**

**CRAFT & VINTAGE FAIR** September 26, 2015

Here at Annunciation from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. Local crafters and artist, food sale, jams, baked goods, raffle, balloon animals, books sale. Open to the Public—Church tours 11am till 2pm.

Contact: Nicole at 714-906-9630

[anaheimcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:anaheimcraftfair@gmail.com)

**LITURGY INTENTION REQUEST** use the envelopes available on the Greeting Shelf in Church or call parish office to reserve your liturgy request.

**CONFESSIONS** ½ hour before all Liturgical Services, on request or by appointment.

### TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

#### Pascha-Easter Sunday

Attendance Sat 4pm Vigil for Easter 54 souls

Sun: 10:00 am 140 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$3,887.93

Youth Tithes: \$5.53

Easter Offerings: \$3,399.00

Easter Youth Offerings: \$49.50

Mortgage Reduction: \$205.00

Holy Days: \$1,561.00

Easter Flowers: \$75.00

Funeral Offering: \$200.00

*Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.*

### NEEDS LIST:

#### FOR OUR JAM MAKING PROJECT



1)Recycle jars by bringing them to the parish hall.

2)Purchase new jars from Smart & Final.

3)Special sales on Sugar.

4)Fruit from your orchard—we will process it.

Contact Betty [bohner-cabohner@aol.com](mailto:bohner-cabohner@aol.com)

### READER / CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

4/12/2015 REHEARSAL 9:00 - 9:45 am

Reader—Steve Kopko Acts 5: 12-20

4/19/2015 THE THIRD HOUR 9:40 am

Reader—Jon Weil Acts 6: 1-7

4/26/2015 REHEARSAL 9:00 - 9:45 am

Reader—Ron Pasmant Acts 9: 32-42

### FOR THOSE WITH GREEN THUMBS

PLUMERIA STARTS, white, pink, red, pink & white, yellow & white. They are available in two large tubs in the parish hall. Donations accepted for kitchen needs. Thank you.

### PARISH BULLETIN PARISH INFORMATION

please e-mail Fr. Stephen at [sgwashko@icloud.com](mailto:sgwashko@icloud.com) with your bulletin announcement by Wednesday.

**THE ARTOS, by Msgr. Ernest Dunda** "Artos" is a Greek word which means bread made with yeast. The Artos is blessed on Easter Sunday after the Ambon Prayer which is said at the end of the Liturgy. Even though this is a custom and an old-world tradition in our Byzantine Church, we find regrettably that only a few churches carry out this practice. This custom still prevails in the Ukrainian and Orthodox churches.

The prayer used in the blessing of the Artos is as follows: "We bless and sanctify this bread on this Paschal day, for the honor, praise and memory of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we are released, freed ... We further ask Almighty God to bless this bread and that all who partake of it may share in His Heavenly gifts and be free of all pain and sickness, and be granted salvation of soul and health of body." ["Trebnik", Žokva, Pp 602-604]

During Easter Week, which is also known as Bright Week, the blessed bread, covered with an icon of the Resurrection, remains on the Tetrapod to be kissed until the Sunday after Easter (St. Thomas Sunday), when the Artos is distributed to the faithful. According to the old custom, the Artos was distributed on the Saturday of Bright Week after the Holy Liturgy with the prayer, "this bread may be for the health and sanctification of the soul of him who eats of it." In the former centuries the faithful would preserve little pieces of bread for those who were seriously ill or in danger of death and unable to receive Holy Communion. They would be given a piece of artos as a substitute for Holy Communion.

The Artos reminds the faithful that Christ came from Heaven to Earth, took on a human body, suffered for us, was crucified, and on the third day arose from the dead to be with us always to the end of the world. Our Lord said of Himself: "I am the living bread who came down from Heaven"(John 6:51).

In the Byzantine Church the Artos was regarded and preserved by the faithful as Sacred Bread. It reminds us of the occasion when our Lord at the Last Supper, on Holy Thursday, with His Disciples present, instituted the Holy Eucharist. It recalls to our minds that He is permanently among us. It also reminds us of His appearance to the Disciples after the Resurrection, when He blessed the food and did eat of it with them. Again we are reminded of His words to Cleophas and Lucas on their way to the village of Emmaus when He interpreted the Scriptures in regard to things referring to Himself, and they did recognize Him when He reclined at the table with them, and He took bread and blessed, and broke and began handing it to them. (Luke 24:27-35)

According to the oldest tradition, the Apostles, after the Ascension of Our Lord, placed bread on the table (altar) each time during the services, for the Divine Master. This they did for their Master, confessing or believing in His invisible presence among them. At the end of the

services they took the bread and lifted it up with the words: "Glory be to You, O Christ, Our God, Glory be to You. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit." The Apostles, after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, went to preach the Gospel throughout the world and, according to tradition, left a loaf of bread on the altar in remembrance of His Glorious Resurrection.

The origin of the blessing of bread can be found in the Old Testament, where we read that on a table set on the right side of the Sanctuary of the Temple were twelve loaves of bread representing the twelve tribes of Israel. This bread was replaced each Saturday (Sabbath) by the celebrating priest, who alone was permitted to eat this bread. The Holy Bible does tell us about the exceptional case when David and his soldiers were permitted to eat the bread because of being near starvation (Matt 12:4).

As the unleavened bread had a great significance to the Jews in the Old Testament, so the Artos has for us in the New Testament. As bishop, St. Cyril, the great writer and preacher in the 12th century writes: "As the Jews in Egypt were preparing unleavened bread for their big journey through the Red Sea, and after crossing the Sea they did eat the bread, so we, Christians, saved through the Resurrection of our Savior from sin, lift up the Artos, which is exposed on the table during Bright Week and eat it on Saturday, the last day of Bright Week. As the unleavened bread was eaten for the health of the people who ate it, so is this bread given for the health and sanctification of our soul and body."

This example which was set by the Apostles is still followed in many monasteries and some parishes today. After the Holy Liturgy during Bright Week, with the singing of "Christ is Risen," the celebrant elevates the Artos and carries it from the church to the monastery dining room. After dinner, he again elevates the Bread and welcomes the brethren with the words, "Christ is Risen," and they respond "Indeed He is Risen." The celebrant then takes the Artos Bread back into the church as the singing of "Christ is Risen..." continues. May we note that in the Byzantine Church, at the Vespers with the Litija, on the solemn holy days, we have the blessing of five loaves of bread, wheat, wine and oil. The celebrant in prayer asks God to "bless these loaves, wheat, wine and oil" and "multiply them in this city and throughout the world and to sanctify the faithful who partake of them." The blessing of the five loaves brings to mind the miraculous act of Jesus Christ when He blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and thus fed 5,000 men, not counting the women and children (Mt.14:20-21). The Blessed Bread should remind us of the Heavenly Bread -- the Holy Eucharist -- our daily bread, which we need in order to sustain our spiritual life. In the first centuries when Services called for an all-night vigil, this bread was distributed to all participants to give them the strength the body needed to fulfill the all-night vigil.