

Welcome to our Parish

Come and join us daily for the Divine Liturgy in the Chapel located just south of the narthex. Or stop by for a prayer before going to work. The church is open at 7:30 am. Confessions at about 8:30 am.

Come and join our prayer group.

DIVINE LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11/21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS, Solemn Feast Day, p. 268
9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/ Panachida Service
 +Elizabeth Mann
 by Lance & Sylvia Flambures

Sun 11/22 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 1 & Postfestive of the Entrance of the Theotokos p. 125 & 268

Blessing of Children at the Ambon Prayer.

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 am Confessions
 10:00 am For members of our parish family
 Anointing & Blessed Bread commemorating the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Eastern Christian Formation Classes

Mon 11/23 No Daily Liturgy
 (Father will be with his family this week)

Tue 11/24 No Daily Liturgy

THANKSGIVING DAY-CIVIL HOLIDAY, p 271

Wed 11/25 Vigil for Thanksgiving
 7:30 pm God's blessing on Bruce, Ruth & the Terry Family by Kay Terry

Thu 11/26 Thanksgiving Day
 9:00 am God's blessing on Dennis & Darryl by Dennis & Sally Rock

Fri 11/27 No Daily Liturgy-Free Fast Day
 granted by our Bishop Gerald Dino

Sat 11/28 No Divine Liturgy
Sun 11/29 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TONE 2, P. 130

9:30 am Confessions
 9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR
 10:00 am For members of our parish

NO Eastern Christian Formation Classes due to Holiday Weekend.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

on this feastday. The prayer used is from the Book of Numbers, chapter 6, vv 24-26, the blessing which God tells Aaron and his successor priests to use on the children. Thus, this is one of the most ancient rituals done from the Bible, and it finds a comfortable home in our Byzantine Catholic Church which is filled with Scripture and rites which are often rooted in Judaism. The fact that the giving of this blessing is restricted to only priests – and not parents - continues the Jewish tradition of it being a part of the Temple ritual celebrated by the priests. At the ambon prayer, the priest reads this blessing, and blesses the children with holy water.



PRAYER REQUESTS Fr. Marcus Gomori, Ruth Terry, Sr. Christopher, OSBM, Adrian Flores & Veronica Navarette, Colton Oschmann, Jessica Kanenbley, Judy Livingston, Bob & Rita Pipta, Marilu Krofchik, Margaret Bevins, Stella Navarette, Nicholas Moyta, Jean Anderson, Betty Belanger, Betty Perebzak, David, the brother of Marilyn Cooper, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Ron Lowery & Family, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin., Kay Weil, Janet Lambert, and Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. For the immigrants escaping the horrors of war in their home country. Please Lord send down the gentle rains we need to end the drought.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

November 15 (last week)

Eternal Light:

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Icon of our Lord:

Special Intention for Kay Terry

Nives Scofill by the Kanenbleys

Icon of the Theotokos:

Helen Bruce by Kay Terry

Ruth Theresa by Danelle

November 22 (This week)

Eternal Light:

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Icon of our Lord:

2 Special Intention for Kay Terry

Icon of the Theotokos

Paul & Molina Miller by Molina

REMINDER: Highly recommended to keep Wednesdays and Fridays meatless along with remembering our special charities in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord.

COFFEE SOCIAL OUR NOVEMBER HOSTS: *Sandy Anchondo & Valarie Babyak* THANK YOU!

READER/CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

TODAY REHEARSAL 9:00 - 9:45 am
 Ron Pasmant Ephesians :5:9-19
 11//29/2015 3rd Hour 9:40 am
 Nick Olszyk Ephesians 6:10-17

**GIFTS FOR SAINT NICHOLAS (Angel Tree)
 FOR PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER and FOR
 THANKSGIVING**

Our parish will be celebrating Thanksgiving and the feast of Saint Nicholas of Myra in a unique way:



“Take a Sack and Bring It Back.”
Sunday November 22 is the deadline for the sacks.

This year as part of our celebration of **St. Nicholas Day** we will bring gifts for the residents of the Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos which provides housing and support for mothers in crisis pregnancies. Everyone is invited to take an angel from the tree and bring the gift listed on St. Nicholas Day.

Please note the following:

- * The gift should be in a bag **UNWRAPPED**
- * Each child should have a gift to give St. Nicholas when they visit with him **DECEMBER 6**

Thank you!

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON REPORT

Sponsored by Helen Bruce & Marilu Krofchik

Dinner tickets: \$997.70

Raffle tickets: \$250.00

Total Profit: \$1,223.50

Thank you to our kitchen workers, raffle ticket sellers, bookkeepers, supporters, sponsors and our response from our parish family. The food was excellent.

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to Him Forever!

NEED REQUEST:

We need for the Christmas Boutique Craft Items and Special Gift items for the Boutique. See Sue Petyo or Carlo.

**Parish Calendar
 & Upcoming Events**

THANKSGIVING DAY-CIVIL HOLIDAY

11/25 Wednesday Vigil Liturgy.....7:30 pm
 11/26 Thursday Thanksgiving Day.....9:00 am

11/29 DEADLINE FOR THE CHRISTMAS ORDERS

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION Sunday Dec 6th

10:00 am Divine Liturgy with Special Program by our ECF children. Pot-luck Supper to follow in the parish hall. Admission: Bring a salad or casserole dish to feed 8 people. Please sign up on the list in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

12/6 & 12/13 For 2 Sundays in the parish hall after the Divine Liturgy for your unique and wonderful gift items for your Christmas shopping.

See Sue or Carol Petyo

MATERNITY OF HOLY ANNA-Solemn Holy Day

12/7 Monday Vigil for the feast 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy
12/8 Tuesday The Feast Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

12/12 Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE last call for bake items

12/13 After the Parish Liturgy

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

November 15

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 103 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$3,871.26

Youth Tithes: \$8.66

Candles: \$10.00

Refurbish Gospel Books: \$900.00

Mortgage Principle: \$20.00

Thanksgiving Luncheon: \$1,074.70

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**THANKSGIVING OLD TESTAMENT STYLE:
DEUTERONOMY 26** by Father Jack Custer, S.T.D.

The Puritan colonists of New England, who rejected all the holy days on the Church's calendar, did keep two special days. Days of Fasting were proclaimed by their leaders in response to calamities, and Days of Thanksgiving were ordered in response to special blessings from God. Both of these observances have their roots in the Old Testament, and our national holiday of Thanksgiving developed directly out of this biblical custom. Beyond the turkey, the football games and the shopping frenzy that have become the hallmark of this day, the original meaning and purpose of Thanksgiving can be found in the fifth book of the Old Testament, in the 26th chapter of Deuteronomy.

Speaking through Moses to the Israelites on the brink of entering the Promised Land, the Lord God reviews the whole experience of the Exodus and exhorts His people, after forty years of rebellion and hardheartedness in the wilderness, to accept His covenant to be His people, living holy lives on the land He would give them. In chapter 26, Moses looks forward to the day when the Israelites will possess the land, cultivate it, and bring forth abundant produce. Some of this produce is commanded to be set aside in sacrifices of two distinct kinds.

The first fruits of the various crops are offered directly to God. This is an act of thanksgiving but also an act of faith: by giving away the first of my produce (rather than eating it myself), I express my trust in God to provide more for me and for my family.

Secondly, God commands a tithe—ten percent-of the entire crop to be shared with the priests (who depended on offerings to eat), the stranger, the orphan and the widow (Deuteronomy 26: 13).

The head of the house, while making this offering, is instructed to recite a prayer that looks back to the times when Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were strangers wandering in the land of Israel and when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The prayer acknowledges how God made Abraham's descendants prosper, and how God led His people out of Egypt to "this land, a land flowing with milk and honey:" The prayer begins: "My father was a wandering Aramean" and concludes "and now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which you, O Lord, have given me" (Deuteronomy 26: 5-10).

Our Church continues the custom of offering baskets of first fruits in the Temple (Deuteronomy 26: 1-4) on the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) which coincides with the beginning of the summer fruit harvest. This custom, symbolic in other ways, does not really impact our faith or our finances the way the biblical thanksgiving sacrifice envisioned. The biblical Thanksgiving sacrifice includes three important features that we would do well to rediscover.

The first is the custom of reserving the first and the best for God. We need only look back two generations in our own families to see how people set aside the first day of the week-Sunday for God, and celebrated it with their best clothes and the best meal their wages allowed. In the cluttered and fast-paced lives we have created or permitted, how often does God get the leftovers and an excuse rather than the first, the best and a prayer of thanksgiving?

The second is tithing. Our magnificent old church buildings are the result of our ancestors' determination to show gratitude to God for the blessings America offered them. The wages of laborers with large families built the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States. Prosperity seems to be shrinking it. Tithing—giving back to God a designated portion of the resources He has given us—allows us to express our faith in real terms and leave God room to work wonders in our lives.

The last lesson to be learned from the Biblical Thanksgiving sacrifice is in the prayer of offering. As our families gather on Thanksgiving, how wonderful it would be to hear our elders, who may have survived immigration, the Depression and several wars along with more personal challenges, to say out loud how God was with them through it all. How wonderful it would be to hear people in the prime of their lives give witness to how God has helped them in their marriages and their careers. People who pray about their lives will have those stories to tell. People who take the risk of letting the Lord be Lord of their time and their resources will have wonders to recount. All of us should have something to return to the Lord for all He has given us. That's what the Bible teaches about Thanksgiving. (*taken from Eastern Catholic Life November 2015*)

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
Wednesday 7:30 pm
Thursday 9:00 am