

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

FOR LITURGY INTENTION REQUEST & CANDLE REQUEST use the envelopes available on the Greeting Shelf in Church or use your own envelope with your request and drop it into the collection basket or hand it to Father.

Sat 8/1 **Procession of the Holy Cross & Lesser Blessing of Water, p. 360**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Carol Pasmant by Ron Pasmant*

Sun 8/2 **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 1, p. 125**

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am *for the members of our parish family and friends*

*Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Robert & Carmelo Yarosik—Many more happy and blessed years!
Be sure to join us in the parish hall for A SPECIAL CAKE and coffee, tea....*

Mon 8/3 **Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dolmatus & Faustus, p. 378**

9:00 am *+Sally Pasmant by Ron Pasmant*

Tue 8/4 **Seven Children of Ephesus, p. 381**

9:00am *+Sally Pasmant by Ron Pasmant*

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Solemn Holy Day with the Blessing of fruit after both Services.

Wed 8/5 **Vigil of the Feast VESPER/LITURGY**

7:30 pm *Paula Kitterman & Family
by Kay Terry*

Thur 8/6 **Feast Day DIVINE LITURGY, p. 346**

9:00 am *Families & Friends of
Dennis & Sally Rock*

Fri 8/7 **Postfestive of the Feast, p. 346**
9:00 am *+Helen Kim by Moon Gilbert*

Sat 8/8 *No Services Scheduled*

Sun 8/9 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 2 & POSTFESTIVE OF TRANSFIGURATION, p. 350 & 130**
9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR
10:00 am *for the members of our parish
Coffee Social in the parish hall*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS Fr. Mel Rybarczyk, Fr. Matthew Alejo, Bob & Rita Pipta, Marilu Krofchik, Margaret Bevins, Stella Navarette, Nicholas Moyta, Jean Anderson, Betty Belanger, Betty Perebzk, Sister Kathy Izer, the sister to Fr. Wes Izer, David, the brother of Marilyn Cooper, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Jean Mayo, Rita Pipta's mother, Ron Lowery & Family, 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. Please Lord send down the gentle rains we need to end the drought.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING AUG 2

Eternal Light:

Intention of Sally Rock

Icon of our Lord:

Intention for Kay Terry

Jeff Krofchik by the Krofchik Family

Icon of the Theotokos

Irene & Angelo Mastroinanni

by Carmela & Robert Yarosik

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST *Thank you!*
AUGUST: The Yarosik Family

GIFT SHOP Open after the Sunday Liturgy. See Sue Petyo for more information.

**Parish Calendar
& Upcoming Events**

THIS WEEKEND

7/30 Friday-8/2 Sunday ALIVE IN CHRIST 2015

Spiritual Retreat for young men and boys.
Palomar Christian Conference Center in
Palomar Mountain, CA.

8/1 Saturday-8/14 Friday-THE DORMITION

FAST a penitential time abstinence from meat
on Fridays and highly encouraged for
Wednesdays

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, Solemn Holy Day

Wed 8/5 Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm
Thu 8/6 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

Sun 8/9 16TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE in
honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at St.
George Parish in Olympia, Washington. For
information www.olphshrine.com

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS,
HolyDay of Obligation Blessing of Flowers**

Fri 8/14 Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm
Sat 8/15 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

**8/29 Saturday Simple Holy for the Beheading of St.
John the Baptist.**

Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

CRAFT FARE—The event is on our church grounds
September 26, Saturday 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

50/50 UPDATE & THANK YOU! \$165.00

Last Sunday, July 26 raffle drawing, Dennis Rock
was our winner. Congratulations, Dennis!

Our next 50/50 raffle starts on Sunday, August 2,
2015 and runs through Sunday, September 27, 2015.
Each ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20; you need not be
present when winner is announced. See Anne Voytilla
in the Parish Hall.

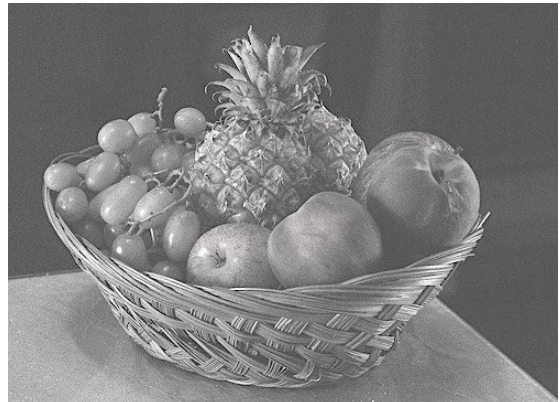
SIX MONTH PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT is
available in the parish hall on the bulletin board.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 26

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 110 Souls
Adult Tithes : \$18,867.00
Youth Tithes: \$10.00
Candles: \$119.00
Recycling: \$12.79
Principle Reduction: \$95.00
Craft Fare: \$35.00

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.

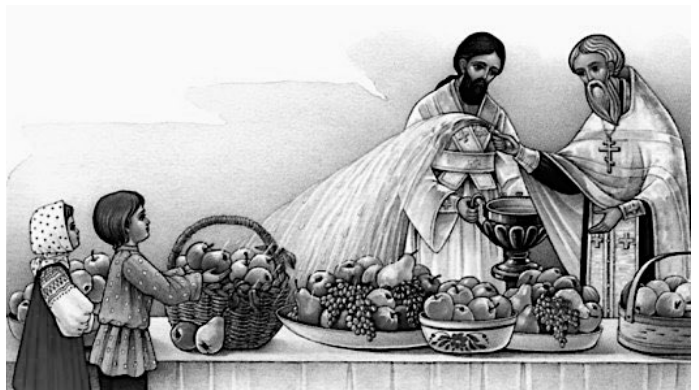


**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A BASKET OF
FRUIT AND BRING IT TO CHURCH FOR THE
SOLEMN BLESSING WEDNESDAY NIGHT OR
THURSDAY MORNING.**

READER/CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

TODAY

8/02 *REHEARSAL* 9:00 - 9:45 am
Mike Petyo 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
8/09 *3rd Hour* 9:40 am
George Petyo 1 Corinthians 9:2-12
8/16 *REHEARSAL* 9:00 - 9:45 am
Steve Kopko 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
8/23 *3rd Hour* 9:40 am
Jon Weil 1 Corinthians 16:13-24



August—A Month Like No Other: by Fr. John Lucas

Were there to be a corollary drawn between a game-changing hat trick, triple play or buzzer-beating three-point basket or field goal, the last month of the liturgical year would be a qualifying contender. In the waning days of the cycle of feasts three supernatural events are strategically placed to set the pace for the pending new year.

Each of these feasts has an element of personal at home involvement attached to it, to emphasize that we are much more than spectators of a thrilling contest. We are invited to be participants, involved in the nitty-gritty everyday aspects that lead us to an eternity of unparalleled existence.

Together these events sum up the message of the whole liturgical year, presented as a recap, revelation or epiphany.

First is the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus, gathered His closest followers to allow them a glimpse of what is in store for all who follow His Way of Truth and enjoy Life as it is meant to be. His entire being glowed with unexcelled brilliance; His garments more dazzling than the sun. His words reassure us of the reality available to everyone. What a climactic way to prod us on to our own betterment! We share in the concept of eventual perfection in a most tangible manner. We bless fruits—especially grapes—as a way of realizing that the process of growth and development, sometimes tedious as it moves on, has fruition in a life-sustaining element, a gift from God. These things have been made perfect for us—we, in turn are encouraged to be true to our purpose, and mature into reflections of the image and likeness of God in which we are created.

Then follows the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. As the Church year draws to a close, the life of the All-Holy Virgin concludes as well—with a special grace that bespeaks her role as the one who bore Christ our God. Again, this is a reflective time. As we see in iconography, her soul is borne in the hands of Christ, a reminder that we, too, may know that caring embrace, should we be shown as God-bearers to all we meet. His life is not just a nice example, but an effective act of salvation when we take it upon ourselves to not only hear the word of God, but be a doer of it. Flowers, herbs and beneficial plants are blessed—elements of creation meant to enhance our lives with their fragrance, colorful beauty and even curative properties. As such, these blessed plants are brought to our homes as a reminder of the goodness and beauty of all of God's works surrounding us.

And, there is the Beheading of John the Baptist. At first glance, it might seem repugnant to “celebrate” this event. But, it is an expressive way to draw attention to another aspect of salvation history. As the old year closes, this death is a poignant reminder that the Old Law is making way for the New Law, which completes and perfects our relationship with God rather than abrogates it. Here, too, special observances may be found, though many may not even be aware of them. Some traditions note a one-day strict fast is kept—and nothing is eaten from a

dish or platter; specifically round food (cabbage, tomato, apple, etc.) in deference to the Forerunner's head being served on a platter.

Overlooked as it may be, there is relevance to the aspect of fasting as a preparation for an upcoming important event: the beginning of the new Church Year, ushered in with the Birth of Mary, Mother of God, followed closely by the Elevation of the Holy Cross—presenting a rationale for the purpose of life: to make Christ known to the world. We hear His message of salvation, and the means to attain it, all the while observing the calendar of feasts and fasts which follow, and present His life, death, resurrection, ascension and sending the Holy Spirit—for us and our salvation.

Fasting is not out of place—but a reminder that some life-altering event is about to occur: appropriate preparation is prescribed. All know the common fasts—Great Lent and Holy Week, before Pascha, and the Phillip's Fast before Christ's Nativity. It is no incidental, haphazard coincidence that the transition between liturgical years has a long-held (yet, unfortunately, long-ignored) regimen of fasting ascribed to it. First is the two-week “Dormition Fast” that at mid-point includes the Feast of the Transfiguration, and is sometimes referred to as the “Savior's Fast”. What could be more life-altering than to receive a transfigured body in a metamorphosis more spectacular than any butterfly, or to be wrapped in the embrace of Christ more resplendently than by any fragrantly-perfumed field of flowers? Even should we endure the fate of martyrdom, as did John the Baptist, eternal benefits far outstrip the loss of any temporal, earthly existence.

Maybe we should adjust our outlook upon fasting, and forgo the quite inadequate concept that fasting is a time of punishment, or deprivation of some enjoyable sustenance or activity in return for what we hope will provide some spiritual gain. Rather, consider fasting, repentance and soul-altering metanoia (changing direction) not as punitive, but curative. Thus we do not simply replace a perceived good—the meat we eschew during Lent—with another apparently inferior or lesser-quality nutritional substitute—broccoli or beans—and follow the “letter of the law” to impress others. Rather, envision fasting as a means of impressing upon your soul the response of one “made in the image and likeness of God” as the opportunity to expand that likeness beyond the confines of your body. Meanwhile we move forward to another year to grow in grace. We are immersed in a continuum—not as a repetitive cycle, but an ever-expanding experience of reality.

Salvation puts to shame the accomplishments of a Stanley Cup, World Series, Super Bowl victory or any other championship. As exciting as any of these may be, they pale in comparison with the glory achieved through victory over sin and death by living life in Jesus Christ and His Church.