

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969 + Church Blessed May 16, 2006



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Located on West Street just south of La Palma

Holy Protection of the Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

HOLY DAYS—Vesper/Liturgy 7:30 PM & Feast Day 9:00 AM

DAILY— Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9:00 AM

FOR LENT Matins/Communion 9:00 am Mon & Tues

Pre sanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Wed

CONFESSIONS Sun 9:30 am,

Daily 8:30 am or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10 am - 4pm

Closed on Thursdays & Holy Days

Please call before coming to the office.

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD

Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko, Marya Weil, Bruce Terry,
Helen Malinick, Nana Erickson, John Sheftic & Beth Gath

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Parish Membership

The Parish Family of Annunciation is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries (Sacraments)
- who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church
- who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love
- who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor
- who will attend Liturgical Services on Saturday or Sunday, and on the Great Holy Days
- who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)
- who will participate in the yearly Bishop's Appeal

For registration information, please contact the Parish Office.

Served by Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

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PASCHA-BRIGHT WEEKEnglish: **Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!**Greek: **Christós anésti! / Alithós anésti!**Slavonic: **Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése!**Hungarian: **Felta'madt Krisztus! Valo'ban felta'madt!**Romanian: **Christós a inviáht! / Adevarát a inviáht!**Arabic: **Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!**

Sat 4/15 VIGIL FOR PASCHA/EASTER
9:00 am Jerusalem Matins
4:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil & Blessing of the Paschal Food Baskets

Sun 4/16 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST—PASCHA
9:00 am Candlelight Procession, Matins, Divine Liturgy and the Blessing the Paschal Foods.

You are invited to stay with us after the blessing of the Foods and BREAK-fast with us. Be sure to bring your own silverware, dishes, linens and of course your basket.

BRIGHT WEEK

Mon 4/17 Solemn Holy Day with Procession and the Reading of the Gospels on the 4 sides of the church. P. 172

+Dennis D. Rock by John & Barbara Fishell

Tue 4/18 Simple Holy Day Liturgy
9:00 am God's blessing on family & friends of Sally Rock

Wed 4/19 No Services—Fr is not available

Thu 4/20 No Services—Fr is not available

Fri 4/21 Bright Friday
9:00 am +Agapito & Leticia by Linda Malinak

Sat 4/22 BRIGHT SATURDAY
Hebrew Readings from Vespers: Exodus 4: 1-9-9;2 Numbers 14: 2-24

Sun 4/23 THOMAS SUNDAY, P. 175
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Members of our Parish & Friends Blessing of the Artos & ANOINTING Mirovnije.

PRAYER REQUESTS Chuck Johnson, Bob & Rita Pipta, Bill Drahusz, Greg Petrosky, Irene Shiring, Fr. Mel Rybarczyk, CR, Don Knapp, Paul & Frances Bisaha, Lenny & Ramona Morris, Jan Vogel, Jerry Aken, Stella Navarette, Stephen Torday, Charles Krofchik, Fr. Gregory Petruska, Chet Vogel, Joseph Moran, Ruth Terry, Adrian

Flores & Veronica Navarette, Jessica Kanenbley, Judy Livingston, Brian Safian, June Yontos, Jean Anderson, Betty Perebzak, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Ron Lowery & Family, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Janet Lambert, and Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant, Ethan McArthur.

For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to annbyzcathchurch@sbcglobal.net

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

+RICHARD DONALD KNAPP fell asleep in the Lord. He and his wife Irene were long time members of Annunciation. They had to move to Turlock, California to be near family. Funeral Services are scheduled for Saturday June 10th at All Saints R. C. Church in Turlock, California. Irene requested no flowers but that donations made to our parish. Kindly remember Don and Irene and the family in your prayers. ETERNAL MEMORY AND BLESSED REPOSE.

BISHOP'S APPEAL- our parish goal is **\$20,900.00**. We have Pledged: **\$7,100.00** that is **34% of our Goal**. Please give what you can to help our Bishop with the needs for our Eparchy. Your gift is appreciated. You may use any envelope or your credit /debit card to make your pledges. Just see one of our ushers. Please tell us your intended pledge. Paid up pledges are automatically sent to the Bishop's Office. Thank you

REMINDER April 15—Holyland Collection.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING IN FRONT OF THE ICONS OF OUR LORD & THEOTOKOS**Eternal Light**

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Our Lord- Available

The Mother of God-Available

READERS & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE for more information or would like to join the choir —contact our Cantor Robert Pipta. Thank you for your dedication.

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| TODAY | Paschal Matins/Liturgy | 9:00 am |
| | Mike Petyo | Acts 1: 1-8 |
| 4/23 | REHEARSAL | 9:00 - 9:45 am |
| | Sherill Franklin | Acts 5: 12-20 |
| 4/30 | 3 rd Hour | 9:40 am |
| | Greg Gath | Acts 6: 1-7 |

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS: Thank you for your love and service to the parish community.

April: Liz Halahan & Becky

Thank you for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 7 UKRAINIAN LUNCHEON, after the Parish Liturgy. Adults: \$14-pre sale & \$12 Children: \$6 See Rita Pipta for tickets & information.

MAY 12, DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR "Alive in Christ Retreat" reservations filling fast!

May 19 & 20 EASTERN CATHOLIC BIBLE CONFERENCE at our Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona. Fr. Stephen and some of our priests and parishioners from California will be driving to Phoenix for the conference.

If you are interested let Father Stephen know. We need to stay over night at the Best Western Inn Suites(602-997-6285) at Northern & 16th Street. Special rate at \$84 —if you mention ECEB.

THEME: Genesis in the Eastern Christian Traditions

Friday May 19th at 6:30 pm till 9:00 pm & Saturday the 20th at 10:00 am till 4:30 pm.

Registration: \$30 includes lunch— pay to "Eparchy of Phoenix" 8105 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020 or online at ECBIBLESPRING2017.eventbrite.com non-refundable.

May 29, DEADLINE FOR THE BISHOP'S APPEAL PLEDGES.

June 19-23 CLERGY CONFERENCE at St. Stephen Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona.

June 23-25, 2017 MYRRH BEARERS RETREAT for mothers and daughters at the Franciscan Renewal enter in Phoenix, Arizona. Mark you calendars. (Information not available at this publication)

July 6-9, ALIVE IN CHRIST: THE HOLY PROTECTION EPARCHY OF PHOENIX VOCATIONS OFFICE ANNOUNCES "ALIVE IN CHRIST 2017." This "ascetical boot camp" retreat is to take place at Prescott Pines Christian Camp, Prescott, AZ. Parish boys from 7 to 17 years of age and their fathers are invited to attend.

Register today—space is limited.

Application forms and further information are now available in the parish office. Applications and tuition are **due by May 12th.**

For further details, please feel free to contact Father Michael O'Loughlin, Eparchial Vocations Director, at 720-254-9219 or michaelpauloloughli@gmail.com. Or, Father Michael Mandelas, Assistant Vocations Director, at 206-329-9219 or mjmandelas@gmail.com

Spanish: **Cristo ha Resucitado!**
En Verdad ha Resucitado!

LEGEND OF THE RED EGG

According to the ancient tradition of the East Mary Magdalene was a wealthy woman from whom Christ expelled seven demons. During the three years of Jesus' ministry she helped support him and his other disciples from her means. When almost everyone else fled, she stayed with him at the cross. On Easter morning she was the first to bear witness to his Resurrection. She is called "Equal to the Apostles."



The Eastern tradition tells us that after the Ascension, she journeyed to Rome where she was admitted to the court of Tiberius Caesar because of her high social standing. After describing how poorly Pilate had administered justice at Jesus' trial, she told Caesar that Jesus had risen from the dead. To help explain his Resurrection she picked up an egg from the dinner table. Caesar responded that a human being could no longer rise for the dead than the egg in her hand turn red. The egg turned red immediately, which is why red eggs have been exchanged at Easter for centuries in the Byzantine East. Mary traveled the Mediterranean preaching the Resurrection. Like Peter and Paul, she died a martyr. She bears witness to the important role women once help in the Church.

German: **Christus ist Auferstanden!**
Wahrhaft auferstanden!

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship April 9

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 155 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$4,097.10

Youth Tithes: \$31.55

Easter Flowers: \$50.00

Candles: \$209.00

Gift Shop: \$150.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$135.00

Fountain Maintenance: \$165.00

T-Mobile: \$2,260.50

Bake Sale: \$2,260.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$1,430.00

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.

Thank you for your generous support and encouragement.

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", Zokva, 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.

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