

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.

DIVINE LITURGY AND PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday 1st SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Mon. 2nd 7:30 pm PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

SOLEMN HOLY DAY

Blessed Repose + George Villarín (Villarín Family)

Tues. 3rd No Liturgy

Wed. 4th 6:00 pm Fr. Gregory Petruska (Angelica Villarín)

Thurs. 5th No Liturgy

Fri. 6th No Liturgy

Sat. 7th 9:00 am First All Souls Saturday

6 pm NO Vespers

Sunday 8th SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

EPISTLE READER / CANTOR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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

Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 25 January, 2015

Adult Offering	\$2,875.00
Youth Offering	7.00
Holy Day	10.00
Candles	79.26
Coffee Social	310.00
Recycling	56.00
Principal Reduction	145.00
Total	\$3,482.26

Weeklong Candle Intentions

ETERNAL LIGHT: Special Intentions of Fr. James

CHRIST: Special Intention (Angelica Villarín)

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THEOTOKOS: Special Intention (Angelica Villarín)

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CHRIST NARTHEX: Special Intention (Angelica Villarín)

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 Pasman, 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.

"To whatever extent a person draws close to God with his intentions, is to what extent God draws close to him with His gifts. St Isaac the Syrian



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.



Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The feast will be celebrated on February 2 at 7:30 pm. Another name for the feast is The Meeting of our Lord. Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians call the feast, The Purification of the Holy Virgin. About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began the custom of

holding lighted candles during the Divine Liturgy of this feast day. Therefore, some churches in the West refer to this holy day as Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation concludes the observances related to the Nativity of Christ, a period that opened on November 15 with the beginning of the Nativity fast.

The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves for the sacrifice .

The words Simeon spoke when he saw the Christ Child are known as "St. Simeon's Prayer." This prayer is sung daily at the evening Vespers services of the Orthodox and some Byzantine Churches.

In the most Eastern Churches, both baby boys and baby girls are taken to the Church on the fortieth day after their birth. This is done in remembrance of the Theotokos and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to the Temple.

ALL SOULS The first All Souls Liturgy will be offered Saturday, February 7th. 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:

Prayer 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.

"Living Christ: Reclaiming the Church in our Homes and Lives," **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This spiritual conference will be held at Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church (451 West Madison Avenue / Placentia, CA / 92801) and presented by Father Mark Melone, Protodeacon Paul Leonarczyk, and Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo. Lunch will be provided.

Details: For too long we have experienced the Church as a place we go to on Sunday. Our Eastern tradition offers us something more. By restoring our lives in Christ we learn to live our Christian calling in our daily lives and renew it when we return to our parish family each week. Join us as we explore possibilities of restoring our lives in Christ and the fullness of our Christian calling. Live broadcast at: www.Melkite.org/Live-Broadcast

Saturday, January 24th at 9:52 AM our **BYZANTINE BROTHER OF SAINT FRANCIS MICHAEL SULLIVAN** feel asleep in the Lord at St. Francis Monastery in Calmesa, California. For many years, both Brother Mike and Brother John served as the ECF Coordinators at St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church in Fontana, California. The last few years, Brother Mike had been in declining health. We extend to Brother John, his monastic companion of many years, our fraternal support and heartfelt condolences.

In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to Your departed servant Michael and remember him forever!

*"Did you commit sin?
Enter the Church and
repent for your sin;
for here is the physi-
cian, not the judge;
here one is not investi-
gated, one receives re-
mission of sins"*
(St. John Chrysostom)

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Californians Against Assisted Suicide

Californians Against Assisted Suicide Coalition Statement On New Senate Bill

There are no assisted suicide “safeguards” that can ever protect those most vulnerable in society, particularly in a state as diverse as California.

Sacramento, CA - A diverse, bipartisan coalition is once again prepared to educate, advocate and defeat legislation that will permit assisted suicide in California. In this state, there is a long history of disability rights, medical professionals, hospitals, faithbased organizations and ethnic communities joining together against assisted suicide. Last year, similar coalitions helped reject bills in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and another is currently stalled, facing bipartisan opposition in New Jersey. Oregon-style assisted suicide bills were defeated in California in 2006 and 2007.

Nothing in the Oregon-style assisted suicide model can protect from the pressures to commit suicide or personal fears of “being a burden.” Further, six-month diagnoses are arbitrary standards; nothing prevents these laws from being expanded to include individuals with longer prognoses or people “suffering” from other illnesses or disability.

“Assisted suicide is a direct threat to those who are viewed as a significant cost liability,” says Catherine Campisi, PhD, former Director of the California Department of Rehabilitation appointed by former Governor Gray Davis, noting some of the reasons disability rights organizations oppose assisted suicide. “By adding assisted suicide to the suite of treatment options available, it becomes the cheapest option available and makes it easier for implicit and explicit pressure to be levied on the most vulnerable.”

There are no assisted suicide “safeguards” that can ever protect those most vulnerable in society, particularly in a state as diverse as California. These are just some reasons why there is such a broad, bipartisan coalition formed to aggressively advocate against this bill.

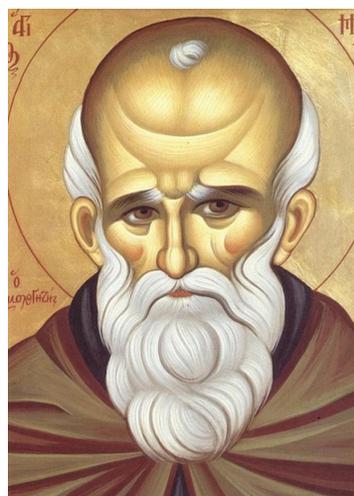
For more information on the coalition please go to: www.NoAssistedSuicideCA.org

Californians Against Assisted Suicide is a coalition of disability rights, healthcare, civil rights and patient advocacy organizations dedicated to preventing legalization of physician assisted suicide in California.

To read more, please pick up a handout in the narthex entitled, **“WHY WE OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW.”** This is published by the Diocese of Orange in order to help people have answers to some of the most misleading “arguments” offered by the advocates for suicide.

As we look toward Lent.....

“People say that it is not a matter of importance if you eat meat during Lent, for Lent does not consist in food; that it is not a matter of importance if you wear costly, fine clothes, frequent theatres, evening parties, masquerades; if you provide yourself with expensive plate, china, furniture, costly equipages, spirited horses; if you amass and hoard money, etc. But what is it that turns away our heart from God, the Source of life; through what do we lose eternal life? Is it not through gluttony, through expensive dress, like the rich man in the Gospel! Is it not through theatres and masquerades? What is it that makes us hard-hearted to the poor, and even to our own relatives? Is it not our attachment to carnal pleasures in general, to our belly, to dress, plate, furniture, carriages, money, etc.? Can a man serve God and mammon; (Matthew 6:24) be a friend of God and a friend of the world, work for Christ and for the Devil? It is impossible. Through what did Adam and Eve lose Paradise, through what did they fall into sin and death? Was it not through food alone? Let us consider well what makes us careless about the salvation of our soul, which cost the Son of God so dear; what makes us add one sin to another; what makes us fall continually into opposition against God, into a life of vanity. Is it not attachment to earthly things, and especially to earthly delights? What makes our heart gross? What makes us become flesh, and not spirit, perverting our moral nature? Is it not attachment to food and drink and other earthly goods? How after this can it be said that to eat meat during Lent is unimportant? To say so is nothing but pride, sophism, disobedience, want of submission to God, and estrangement from Him.” St John of Kronstadt



“There is no hardship more oppressive to the soul than slander, whether one is slandered in his faith or in his conduct. And no one can disdain it except the one who like Susanna looks to God who alone can rescue in need, as he rescued her, and to reassure men, as he did in her case, and to encourage the soul with hope.” St. Maximus the Confessor