

## 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.*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND LITURGY INTENTIONS



Sat 12/19 No Morning Service

Sun 12/20 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF THE ANCESTORS & Tone 5, p. 285 & 146

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Confessions

10:00 am *For members of our parish family*

*\*THREE PRIESTS will be available after the 10:00 am Parish Liturgy for your CHRISTMAS CONFESSION.*

**Mon 12/21 Prefestive of Christmas, Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, p. 283 & 282(prokiemon)**

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

**Tue 12/22 Prefestive of Christmas, Martyr Eleutherius, p. 284 & 282(prokiemon)**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Bruce, Ruth, Sophia Terry by Kay Terry*

**Wed 12/23 Prefestive of Christmas OFFICE OF READINGS WITH COMMUNION**

*(The Third Royal Hour with 4 Hebrew Scripture Readings, 4 Apostolic Readings and 4 Gospels of the Birth of our Lord.) Today is the final time for hearing Confessions.*

## THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST- Holy Day of Obligation

**Thu 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE-Meatless day**

6:30 pm COMPLINE & MATINS WITH CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION WITH THE CHRISTMAS ICON

**Fri 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY p .289 DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN**

10:00 am *Int. for the members & friends of our parish.*

**Sat 12/26 SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS-Solemn Holy Day Divine Liturgy**  
9:00 am +*Helen Kim by Moon Gilbert*

**Sun 12/27 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS & Feast of Saint Stephen, & TONE 6, P. 302, 298 & 152**

9:30 am Confessions  
9:40 am CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
10:00 am *For members of our parish*

**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

### Eternal Light:

*Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock*

**Around the Christmas Icon**

*Special Intention for Kay Terry*

*Christopher Kanenbley by Charlie & Patricia*

*Steven Kanenbley by Charlie & Patricia*

*+Evdokiya Obushko by Charles & Tanya Johnson*

*Donna Safian by Tanya Johnson*

**2016 CHURCH CALENDARS** are available for everyone.

The calendar features the *Wonder-working Icon of Mariapocs*. The history of the icon is located on the back of the calendar. On the back of the month you will find the Synaxarion(a brief description of the saint of the day). An opportunity of learn about the Saints of our Church.

Please take what you need. You may also give the calendars to your friends and people who may want to join our parish or are interested in the Byzantine Catholic Church.

We want to thank **Funerary Del Angel Pierce Brothers Mortuary** for sponsoring our calendars for our parish.

## READER/CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

12/20	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am	
	Sherill Franklin	Hebrews 11: 9-10, 32-40	
12/25	CHRISTMAS	George Petyo	Galatians 4: 4-11
12/27	CHRISTMAS CAROLS	9:40 am	
	Marc Brown	Galatians 1: 11-19	

**Parish Calendar  
& Upcoming Events**

**THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST-  
CHRISTMAS- Holyday of Obligation**

**12/24 Thursday 6:30 pm Compline & Matins** with  
Candlelight Procession with the Icon of the Feast  
& the Blessings of the Loaves, wheat, wine & oil.  
**12/25 Friday Christmas Day 10:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**YOUR 2016 BUDGET ENVELOPE SETS** are available in the Narthex of the church. Be sure to take your box. Please check if your name and address are correct. AND please don't use them till January 2016. Any questions call Fr. Stephen. Thank you for your support.

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**December 13**

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 90 Souls  
Adult Tithes : \$2,571.00  
Youth Tithes: \$6.00  
Candles: \$5.00  
Christmas: \$205.00

Christmas Flowers: \$245.00  
Mortgage Reduction in Memory of Evdokiya: \$50.00  
Pledge on Mortgage: \$205.00

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.  
We accept credit and debit cards by way The Square. Your receipts are e-mailed.

**END OF YEAR** is not too far away. Take a moment and see if you are up-to-date on your pledges and tithings. The books are closed (by law) December 31st

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS, ANAHEIM, CA.** The largest Religious Education Congress will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center from **February 26-28, 2016**. Our Eparchy will have an exhibitors booth in the Convention Center during which Bishop Dino will be present, displaying and distributing materials of our Byzantine Catholic Church. Very Rev. David M. Petras will be a co-presenter with Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith on "The Importance and beauty of the Eastern Catholic Churches". This workshop will be held on Friday, February 26th.

In addition to our presence as Eastern Catholics, on Saturday, February 27th at 5:15pm, Rt. Rev. Aphram Mushe will celebrate the Syriac Divine Liturgy.

Let's make a concerted effort to witness our Byzantine Catholic Church and our Eastern Catholic presence by attending this Religious Education Congress. You can register online: Google: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

**Act of Repentance Using the Beatitudes Matthew 5: 3-12 to help you prepare for your Confession**  
(Green Faithful's Book, page 23) New American Bible

***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."***

Are we preoccupied with money and worldly goods?  
Do we dare try to increase our personal wealth at the expense of justice?

***"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."***

Are we impatient in bearing our own burdens?  
Are we unconcerned about the burdens of others?

***"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."***

Are we at times ruthless with each other?  
Is our personal world full of discord and violence?

***"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."***

Do we thirst for You, O Lord, the fountain of all holiness?  
Are we too slow to spread Your influence in our lives and in our society?

***"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."***

Are we slow to forgive and quick to condemn?

***"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."***

Are we prisoners of our senses and evil desires?  
Are we caught up in our selfish intentions and needs?

***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."***

Do we fail to make peace in our families, in our work, in our Church, in our country and in the world?

***"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."***

Do we prefer to practice injustice rather than suffer for the sake of righteousness?  
Do we discriminate against people and oppress and persecute them?

***"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."***

Have we suffered because of our faith and for following our Lord, Jesus Christ?  
If so, we are on the right road to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, Jesus Christ, son of God have mercy on me a sinner.



**PART OF THE HOMILY FOR CHRISTMAS**  
*By St. John Chrysostom*

Let us then also follow the magi, let us separate ourselves from our barbarian customs, and make our distance from them great, that we may see Christ, since they too, had they not been far from their own country, would have missed seeing Him. Let us depart from the things of earth. For so the wise men, while they were in Persia, saw but the star, but after they had departed from Persia, they beheld the Sun of Righteousness. Or rather, they would not have seen so much as the star, unless they had readily risen up from thence. Let us then also rise up; though all men be troubled, let us run to the house of the young Child; though kings, though nations, though tyrants interrupt this our path, let not our desire pass away. For so shall we thoroughly repel all the dangers that beset us. Since these too, except they had seen the young Child, would not have escaped their danger from the king. Before seeing the young Child, fears and dangers pressed upon them from every side; but after the adoration, it is calm and security; and no longer a star but an angel receives them, having become priests from the act of adoration; for we see that they offered gifts also.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH**

*Chester & Sherill Franklin*  
*Pat Reidy*  
*Lance & Sylvia Flumbuse*  
*Dolores Griffin*

May the Lord grant you many happy and blessed years with us at Annunciation.

**THANK YOU** for your support and dedicated work with our Christmas Bake Sale and the Christmas Boutique. We sold Nut Rolls, Apricot, Poppy Seed, Apple Strudel, Chris & Nina's Homemade Lasagna and the Special Sugar Nut horns. The final report will be in next week's bulletin. Again thank you.

**CHRISTMAS LETTER AND SCHEDULE**

was mailed this week to the members of our parish. If you did not receive one. Let Father know.



ANNUNCIATION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NEW YEAR LUNCHEON**

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

**TIME:** AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY,  
 APPROXIMATELY 11:30AM

**WHERE:** IN THE SOCIAL HALL

**COST:** ADULTS \$12.00, CHILDREN 4-12

TRADITIONAL PORK TENDERLOIN WITH APPLE  
 SAUCE, MASHED POTATOES,  
 APPLE CAKE A LA MODE AND MORE!

ADULTS: \$12.00 & CHILDREN 4-12: \$6.00

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 RITA PIPTA AT 714-838-6067

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 &  
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 AVAILABLE!!**

