

# Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church



**995 N. West Street - Anaheim, CA 92801-4305 - (714) 533.6292**

*Located on N. West Street just south of La Palma and north of Lincoln Avenue*

**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** Mon, Tues, Fri 9:00 am Matins/Communion  
Wed 7:30 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**CONFESSION** Sundays at 9:30 am  
& ½ hour before the Services or by appointment

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm  
Thursdays OFF  
*Please call before coming to the office*

**PARISH ADVISORY BOARD**  
Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko, Marya Weil, Bruce Terry,  
Helen Malinick, Nina Erickson, John Sheftic & Beth Gath

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**  
Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko & Robert Erickson

**BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/HOLY COMMUNION**  
Make arrangement 3 months in advance  
(Preparation classes required)

**MYSTERY OF CROWNING**  
Make arrangements 6 months in advance  
(Preparation classes required)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS**  
Family members must contact the parish office.  
In preparation for surgery anointing may be given  
in church after the Liturgy.

**QUINCANERA**  
Must be a member of the parish and attends our  
Eastern Christian Formation Program

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM**  
September-June on Sunday morning after the  
10:00 am Parish Divine Liturgy

**Served by** Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

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# DIVINE LITURGIES, SERVICES & INTENTIONS

**Sat 3/19  
LAZARUS  
SATURDAY, p. 232**  
9:00 am  
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
*God's blessing on Aubra Rauchwenger by Jessica Hoskinson*



**Sun 3/20  
PALM  
SUNDAY, p. 235**  
9:30 am  
Confessions  
10:00 am  
*Blessing of the Olive Branches & Palms by the Water Fall, Procession into the Church & the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom,*

*For members of our parish (Fr. Stephen) Fr. Harold Drexler by Kay Terry Family (Fr. George)*

*Three Priests will be available for Confessions after the Holy Anointing & Blessed Bread.*

**3/21 Great & Holy Monday**  
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Presancified Gifts  
*God's blessing on Denise by Dennis & Sally Rock*

**3/22 Great & Holy Tuesday**  
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Presancified Gifts  
*God's blessing on the Priests & Religious by Dennis & Sally Rock*

**3/23 Great & Holy Wednesday meatless day**  
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Presancified Gifts & Anointing of the Sick  
*Families & Friends of Dennis & Sally Rock*

**3/24 Great & Holy Thursday & Vigil for the Annunciation Solemn Holy Day**  
7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
*God's blessing on Bernard Stoffel by Jessica Hoskinson*

**3/25 Good Friday & Feast of the Annunciation *Strict fast***

12 Noon Matins with The Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels  
7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom & the Candlelight Procession with The Holy Shroud of our Lord.  
*+Evelyn Fishell by John & Barbara Fishell*  
*Last Call for Confessions*

**3/26 Great & Holy Saturday & Vigil for Easter**

9:00 am Jerusalem Matins  
4:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great  
*+John V. Kacarab by John & Barbara Fishell*

**Sun 3/27 THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST**

9:00 am Candlelight Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.  
*Blessing of the Paschal Foods in the Parish Hall & Breakfast—Stay and join us.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Lance Flambures, Catherine Terry, Sister Kathy Izer, Charles Krofchik, Fr. Gregory Petruska, Chet Vogel, Joseph Moran, Fr. Marcus Gomori, Ruth Terry, Adrian Flores & Veronica Navarette, Jessica Kanenbley, Judy Livingston, Bob & Rita Pipta, Margaret Bevins, Nicholas Moyta, Jean Anderson, 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.

## 7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

### Eternal Light:

*Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock*

### Icon of our Lord:

*+Evdokiya Obushko by Charles & Tanya Johnson*

*+Janene Braley by Jill Morse*

### Icon of the Theotokos

*Thanksgiving by Betty Bohner*

*Special Intention for Jill Morse*

**READERS & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE** for more information contact Robert Pipta.

### TODAY

3/20 *Blessing of Palms at Waterfall* 10:00 am  
Steve Kopko Philippians 4: 4-9

3/27 *The Resurrection of our Lord*  
Mike Petyo Acts 1: 1-8

**COFFEE SOCIAL HOST FOR MARCH** our appreciation to Liz & Becky Halahan.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO** our Holy Rollers and Bakers. The Parish Center smelled like home all week with the baking of the Paska. We have the BEST. To our the kind ladies who prepared the Palms and Olive Branches for this mornings celebration. To the gentleman who arranges the special altar decorations for Palm Sunday. "Blessed those who love the beauty of your House, O Lord."

## Parish Calendar & Upcoming Events

**TODAY—EASTER BAKE SALE AND  
EASTER BOUTIQUE**

**EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27TH 9:00 AM**

Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy. *Plan on staying after the Easter Services to enjoy your Blessed Easter Foods with our parish family.*

**NEXT MONTHLY LUNCHEON** Sunday April 10th—  
Ukrainian Lunch. See Stephen Kopko for your reservation and dinner tickets.

**ALIVE IN CHRIST 2016** – an "Ascetical Boot Camp" Retreat for Byzantine Catholic Young Men. July 14-17. See Father Stephen for registration forms and information. *May 11 deadline for registration.*

**50/50 RAFFLE** Drawings on the 1st of the following month at \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets. The only exception is that 50/50 tickets will not be sold during fundraising luncheons. See *Jennifer Washicko* for your tickets for our April 3 drawing.

### HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE

**MUSIC WORKROOM** the project for organizing the books and pamphlets are laid out on a table in the choir loft. Just sort and pile, that's all that is needed. Give Bob Pipta or Stephen Kopko a call.

**WE NEED YOU** to invite your friends, neighbors, people you met in line at Coscos or at the super market to our Easter Celebration. Easter Sunday at 9:00 am. We have plenty of room for most of Anaheim.

### BISHOP'S APPEAL 2016

Our Bishop has been very good to our parish and helped us to manage our Mortgage. Now, it's our turn to help our Eparchy and our Church. He is asking a pledge of \$200 from each household of our parish. Give what you can and help our Eparchy.

**Our goal for our parish is \$13,200.00**

**If we make our goal our 30% rebate: \$3,960.00**

**35% of our members have responded!**

Be sure to fill out the pledge card or let us know what you plan to pledge and make your checks out to  
**"ANNUNCIATION CHURCH."**

We accept Credit Cards/Debit Cards through the Square just see one of our ushers. Or you may want to consider a payment schedule to pay off your pledge for the next few months. Just fill out your pledge form and drop it into the collection basket on Sunday. *Only the paid up pledges will be sent to the Chancery.* Bishop Gerald will respond with an acknowledgement and card.

### BISHOP'S HONOR ROLL— THANK YOU.

Stephen & JoAnne Kopko, Francine Kanenbley, George & Jan Washicko, Coquita Guerra & Donna Safian.

### TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

**March 12 5th Sunday the Great Fast**

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 100 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$2,924.80

Youth Tithes: \$11.40

Bishop's Appeal: \$1,020.00

Easter Flowers: \$95.00

Candles: \$175.00

Principle Pledge Reduction: \$300.00

Jam: \$49.00

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish. Especially for those who use E-CHECKS or mail into the parish office their tithings.

We accept credit and debit cards by way The Square. Your receipts are e-mailed. We appreciate your comments.

### Meaning of "Hosanna"

The Greek form of the Hebrew phrase hoshana, "hosanna" was the term used by the people to acclaim Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. In Psalm 118:25. The word is translated "save now" and, as in the gospels, is followed by the phrase "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Psalm 118 was used liturgically at the Feast of Tabernacles, and verse 25 was the cue for the waving of the palm branches. In the NT and later rabbinic Judaism, the

phrase no longer denoted a prayer for safety and success but rather a proclamation of religious enthusiasm coupled with the waving of palm branches. By the end of the 1st century A.D. the term had become merely an utterance of praise and exaltation in the Christian liturgy.

### **About the Donkey (Are you carrying the message of our Lord?)**

People often speak of donkeys in belittling terms. You may have heard the expression, "I'm just someone who has to do all the donkey work." Or "So-and-so is as stubborn as a mule" (a mule is part donkey).

These sayings overlook the contributions of a truly valuable animal. Donkeys have served the human race for thousands of years. They were once prized as symbols of humility, gentleness, and peace.

In Bible days, donkeys that had never been ridden were regarded as especially suitable for religious purposes. So it was most fitting that Jesus sent for a colt to perform the royal task of carrying Him into Jerusalem. How enviable was that donkey's mission! How like our mission as Jesus' followers!

A missionary in China calls herself "the Lord's donkey." She's a humble believer, "carrying" her Lord faithfully into town after town and training others to do likewise. The Lord has need of many such "donkeys" in today's world, humble people who will carry Him into their Jerusalem and make Him known.

The donkey had to be untied before Jesus could use it. We too must be released from worldly attachments if we are to serve Christ. Are we willing to be the Lord's donkey?

## **PALM SUNDAY**

### **By St. Andrew of Crete**

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority

and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem.

He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity. Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish.

Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, who no limits can contain, will be within us. In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens—the proof, surely, of his power and godhead—his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments of soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR** We want to encourage all Faithful Believers to try to attend some if not all the Holy Services for this Great & Holy Week. This week is the central core of our Lord's message of Hope and Salvation. See you in church.