

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church



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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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Greetings and Responses for Pascha

English: **Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!**

Arabic: **Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!**

Greek: **Christós anésti! / Alithós anésti!**

Slavonic: **Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése!**

Romanian: **Christós a inviáht! / Adevarát a inviáht!**

Hebrew: **Ha Mashiyach qam! Ken hoo qam!**

Hungarian: **Felta'madt Krisztus! Valo'ban felta'madt!**

*UKRAINIAN LUNCHEON IN THE PARISH HALL
ECF Classes continue.*

ARTOS

Question:

Why does the Easter bread get cut up and distributed the Sunday after Easter? (D.S., Hillside, NJ)

Answer:

On Thomas Sunday (i.e. the Sunday after Easter), the Artos (i.e. the bread blessed on Easter Sunday morning) is distributed after the Liturgy. The bread symbolizes our unity in the Resurrected Christ as we share in the same loaf of bread.

PRAYER REQUESTS Lauren Hlywa & Elijah, 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.

DIVINE LITURGIES, SERVICES

INTENTIONS

Sat 4/2 BRIGHT SATURDAY
NO MORNING SERVICES

Sun 4/3 SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY, p. 175

9:30 am Confessions

9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR

10:00 am *For members of our parish*

Easter Egg Hunt—for our youth

Thomas Week *Our Lord took the doubt of his apostle Thomas and turned it into faith, revealing to him the wounds in his side and hands. This week is a feast of our faith in the resurrection, bestowing on us the hope of newness of life and victory over death and we join our profession with that of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, "My Lord and my God."*

Mon 4/4 Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer, p. 175
9:00 am *God's blessing on Annabelle Rock by Dennis & Sally Rock*

Tue 4/5 Martyrs Theodulus/Agathopdes, p. 175
9:00 am *God's blessing on Carol Pasmant by Ron Pasmant*

Wed 4/6 Father Methodius, teacher of the Slavs,
9:00 am *+Cesar Bercasio Banares, by Sabinian Ranares*

Thu 4/7 NO DIVINE SERVICES
Father is not available.

Fri 4/8 Apostles Herodian, Agabus, Rufus p.175
9:00 am *+Priests and religious by Dennis & Sally Rock*

Sat 4/9 No Services

Sun 4/10 MYRRH-BEARERS, TONE 2, P. 177
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Confessions
10:00 am *For the members of our parish*

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

Eternal Light:

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Icon of our Lord:

+Evdokiya Obushko by Charles & Tanya Johnson

Special intention for Angelica Villarin

Icon of the Theotokos

+Simon Shrum by Angelica Villain

Thanksgiving of Fr. Gregory Petruska

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

TODAY

4/3/2016	3rd Hour Sherril Franklin	9:40 am Acts 5: 12-20
4/10/2016	REHEARSAL George Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am Acts 6: 1-7
4/17/2016	3rd Hour Marc Brown	9:40 am Acts 9: 32-42
4/24/2016	REHEARSAL Greg Gath	9:00 - 9:45 am Acts 11: 19-26, 29-30

BE SURE TO SIGN THE CARD thanking Fr. Robert Rankin and Saint Melany's Parish for writing off the loan of \$9,000.00. St. Melanys was one of the many parish of our Eparchy that gave monies to cover our loan and reduce the interest rate. Kindly remember them in your prayers. See Beth Gath in the narthex of the church.

930 AM CATHOLIC RADIO STATION for those who love to listen to talk radio and learn about our Catholic Faith. Immaculate Heart Catholic Radio, www.ihradio.com & 1-888-887-7120

LETTER FROM MARYLU KROFCHIK

Thank you to everyone for your prayers for Chuck and our family. They are so appreciated and welcomed. Chuck is improving and that is thanks to good friends and wonderful prayers.

God bless you all.

Chuck went into the hospital with a heart attack at UC Irvine a few weeks ago and is in Kaiser Sunset in Los Angeles.

**Parish Calendar
& Upcoming Events**

4/3 TODAY Sunday of ST. THOMAS Easter egg hunt for our youth after the Divine Liturgy.

4/10 Next Sunday MONTHLY LUNCHEON
Ukrainian Lunch. See Stephen Kopko for your reservation and dinner tickets.

4/12 Tuesday Ecumenical Meeting at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for finalizing the Special Service.

5/11 Wednesday Deadline for Registration 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.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, Holy day of Obligation

5/4 Wednesday 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy

5/5 Thursday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

5/13 Friday Ecumenical Service 7:00 pm at Saint Pope Kerollos Coptic Orthodox Church, Westminster, CA

5/14 5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY 9:00 Divine Liturgy with the Reading of the Names of our Deceased & First Confessions of our ECF Program

5/15 Sunday CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON

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.

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

52% 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.”

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. Jan Vogel, Greg & Beth Gath, Msgr. Michael Moran, Robert & Carmela Yabosik, Fr. Gregory Petruska, Angelica Villarin, Nicole Perlman, Chester & Sherill Franklin.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

March 27 Easter Sunday

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 150 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$2,442.99

Easter: \$4,126.00

Youth Tithes: \$5.50

Holy Days: \$2,650.42

Bishop's Appeal: \$2,070.00

Gift Shop: \$712.00

Candles: \$213.00

Principle Pledge Reduction: \$25.00

Donation for Baptism: \$200.00

Easter Bake Sale: \$521.00

Recycling: \$16.15

Mortgage Reduction: \$25.00

Final Profit Report on our Easter Bake Sale

\$7,524.00

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

**THE ARTOS, by Msgr. Ernest Dunda
And Mirovanije**

“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.

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", Žokva, 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. We transfer the Anointing with Oil and the Blessed Bread after the Feast Day or Sunday Divine Liturgy which we call Mirovanije. The collection is given to the pastor to use as needed.