

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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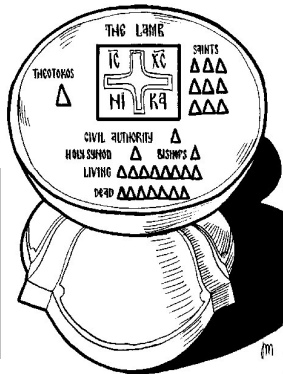
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Divine Liturgies, Services & Intentions

Sat 5/21 No Services

Sun 5/22 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS TONE 8, P. 211

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Confessions
10:00 am *For the members of our parish family & Friends Panachida for +Kay Weil ECF Classes.*



The Apostles Fast begins this evening after Vespers and lasts until June 28th. Our Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast may be observed voluntarily. Abstinence is recommended for Wednesdays and Fridays. Our parish collects food for St. Boniface Food Bank.

Mon 5/23 NO SERVICES

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tue 5/24 Venerable Simeon of the Wondrous Mountain, P. 376

9:00 am *Poor Souls in Purgatory by Dennis & Sally Rock*

Wed 5/25 Finding of the Head of John the Baptist, P. 363

9:00 am *+Petro Budzinsky by Vera Budzinsky*

Thu 5/26 NO SERVICES

Father's Day Off

Fri 5/27 Bishop Martyr Therapont, P. 383

9:00 am *+Peter, Anna, Mary Vislocky, Anna Hlinka, Anna Halama, by Mary Galus*

Sat 5/28

No Service Scheduled

Sun 5/29 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 1, p. 125

9:30 am Confessions
9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR
10:00 am *For members of our parish*
LAST DAY FOR OUR ECF PROGRAM.

PRAYER REQUESTS David Bohner, Stephen Torday, Robert, Margie Mauro, Mary Washko, Joseph Hliviak, Nina Erickson, 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,
Brian Safian, June
Yontos, 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.

HAPPY 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BRIAN & ERICA BRUCE and many more happy and blessed years.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

Eternal Light:

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Icon of our Lord:

+Evdokiya Obushko by Charles & Tanya Johnson

Icon of the Theotokos

God's Blessing on Kay Terry

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

TODAY	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Mike Petyo	Hebrews 11:32-12:2a
5/29	3 rd Hour	9:40 am
	Sherill Franklin	Romans 2:10-16
6/5	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Greg Gath	Romans 5: 1-10
6/12	3 rd Hour	9:40 am
	George Petyo	Romans 6: 18-23
6/19	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Marc Brown	Romans 10: 1-10
6/26	3 rd Hour	9:40 am
	Ron Pasmant	Romans 12: 6-14

Myrrh-Bearers Women's Retreat

June 24 - 26, 2016
Franciscan Renewal Center.
Scottsdale, AZ

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally

July 7 - 10, 2016
<http://www.byzanteen.com/rally.htm>
Notre Dame College,
South Euclid, OH
Ages: 13-18 & Cost: \$300.00

Alive in Christ Camp

July 14 - 17 2016
Camp Brotherhood,
Mount Vernon, WA

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Aug 19 - 21
Olympia, WA
Fr. Stephen has the forms and flyers for the information for the Retreats.

Fundamentalists challenge the Catholic

practice of asking saints and angels to pray for us. But the Bible directs us to invoke those in heaven and ask them to pray with us.

Thus in **Psalm 103**, we pray, "Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!" (**Ps. 103:20-21**). And in **Psalm 148** we pray, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host!" (**Ps. 148:1-2**)

Not only do those in heaven pray with us, they also pray for us. In **Revelation**, John sees that "the twenty-four elders [the leaders of the people of God in heaven] fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" (**Rev. 5:8**). Thus the saints in heaven offer to God the prayers of the saints on earth.

Angels do the same thing: "[An] angel came and stood at the altar [in heaven] with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God" (**Rev. 8:3-4**).

Jesus himself warned us not to harm little children because their guardian angels have guaranteed intercessory access to the Father: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (**Matt. 18:10**).

Because he is the only God-man, Jesus is the only Mediator between man and God (**1 Tim. 2:5**), but this in no way means we cannot or should not ask our fellow Christians to pray with us and for us (**1 Tim. 2:1-4**), including those Christians in heaven, who have already had their sanctification completed, for "[t]he prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" (**Jas. 5:16**).

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth.

They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.).

Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

St Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to St Peter's five categories. The list of St Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...." Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith.

St Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint. The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death. Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand.

The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament. The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example. The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, St John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Sts Joachim and Anna, St Joseph the Betrothed, St Juliana of Lazarevo, and others. The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the

monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of St. Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TALENTS

- To the kind lady who faithfully changes the Altar Coverings for the Feasts of the Church.
- To the 2 gentlemen who cleaned the Bell Tower of the pigeon debris and nests.
- To the kind gentleman who arranged the special greens for Pentecost Sunday.

PARISH CALENDAR AND EVENTS

6/6 Monday-6/10 Friday-Eparchy of Phoenix—Clergy Conference St. Stephen Cathedral Hall Phoenix, AZ

6/11 Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

6/12 Sunday- ITALIAN LUNCHEON

6/18 Saturday at St. John Chrysostom Church in Seattle, Washington 10:00 am Priestly Ordination of Deacon Michael Bezruchka.

BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Solemn Holy Day

6/23 Thursday 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy

6/24 Friday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Holy day of Obligation

6/28 Tuesday 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy

6/29 Wednesday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

6/24 Friday-6/26 Sunday MYRRH-BEARERS

WOMEN RETREAT Franciscan Retreat House in Phoenix, Arizona. *“Journey to Holiness.”*

6/26 Sunday PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION benefit the Holy Father’s Catholic Charities.

ATTENTION WOMEN & YOUNG WOMEN

The Myrrh-Bearers Retreat will be held from Friday, June 24th to Sunday, June 26th at the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ. *Journey to Holiness* is the theme for this Retreat. All girls, 7-11, teens 12-17 and women 18+ are invited to attend this annual Retreat. Fliers are available on the Greeting Shelf in the Narthex for Registrations. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

SPECIAL FUNDS RAISERS & APOSTOLIC WORK

- **50/50 RAFFLE —NEXT DRAWING JUNE 5**
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 drawing.
- **RECYCLING** cans and plastics for CA refund. Just leave them in the barrow in the Parish Hall.
- **JAMS AND HONEY** be sure to pick it up at the parish hall.
- **FOOD BANK** at St. Boniface. Remember the POOR. Leave your non-perishable food in the large orange tub in the parish hall.

BISHOP’S APPEAL 2016

Our goal for our parish is \$13,200.00

Our 30% rebate: \$3,960.00

We made our goal and we are going over our goal. \$14,600 Thank you.

The Appeal continues to next Sunday May 29th. 85% 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. Sandy Anchondo.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship

May 15 Pentecost

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 95 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$2,283.13

Youth Tithes: \$5.75

Home Missions: \$10.00

Ascension Thursday: \$25.00

Pentecost: \$550.00

Principle Pledge Reduction: \$40.00

Sanctuary fund: \$100.00

Cinco de Mayo Luncheon: \$746.00

Craft Fair Deposits: \$280.00

Bishop’s Appeal: \$215.00

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. Let us know if it works well for you.

