

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

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Located on West Street just south of La Palma

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Most Reverend John S. Pazak, C.Ss.R

DIVINE LITURGIES

SUNDAY 10:00 am

HOLY DAYS

Vesper/Liturgy 7:30 pm
& Feast Day 9:00 am

DAILY

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9:00 am
No Liturgy on Thursdays

CONFESSIONS

Sunday 9:30 -9:50 am
Daily 8:30 - 8:50 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
Closed on Thursdays
Give a courtesy call before
coming to the Office.

ADVISORY BOARD

Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko,
Mara Weil, Bruce Terry, Helen
Malinick, Nina Erickson, John
Sheftic & Beth Gath

FINANCE COUNCIL

Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko &
Robert Erickson



BAPTISM/CHRISMATION & COMMUNION Membership & Preparation classes required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS the parish office must be contacted. Anointing of the Sick is available in church after the Liturgy.

CROWNING OF MARRIAGE Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance.

QUINCEANERA available for parish members.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION September - June on Sunday after the Parish Liturgy. Marya Weil Religious Coordinator. Preschool through High School

PARISH CHOIR director Robert Pipta. Rehearsal every other week. Want to join? See our director.

Parish Membership

The Parish Family of Annunciation is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries (Sacraments)
- who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church
- who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love
- who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor
- who will attend Liturgical Services on Saturday or Sunday, and on the Great Holy Days
- who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)
- who will participate in the yearly Bishop's Appeal

For registration information, please contact the Parish Office.

Served by Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

E-mail: abcc72069@gmail.com

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facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine**



DIVINE LITURGIES & ACTIVITIES for this Week

How do we make the world a better place? We are rocked by scandal after scandal these days, yet the answer to the question rests in within us.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:00 AM for the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple and for Thanksgiving Day—a Civil Holiday as we explore how to put the pieces of our world back together in the most unexpected and forgotten of ways.

Sat 11/18 **Saturday No Liturgy scheduled**
Hebrew Readings for Vespers
Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11 & Sirach 11: 10-27

Sun 11/19 **24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,**
TONE 7, p. 156

9:00 am **Choir Rehearsal**
9:30-9:50 am **Confessions**
10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends*
11:45 am **ECF Classes for our youth**
3:00 pm Visiting the Sick and Shut-ins

Solemn Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Mon 11/20 **Vigil for the Feast—Vesper/Liturgy**

7:30 pm

Tue 11/21 **The Feast, p. 268**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Fr. Marcus Gomori on the occasion of his birthday*

Thanksgiving Day—Civil Holiday

Wed 11/22 **Vigil Divine Liturgy**

7:30 pm *For our parishioners and friends*

Thu 11/23 **The Holiday**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Rita Pipta by a friend*

Fri 11/24 **NO DIVINE LITURGY**

Sat 11/25 **SATURDAY No Liturgy**

Hebrew Readings from Vespers
Sirach 18: 1-14 & Isaiah 29: 13-24

Sun 11/26 **25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,**
TONE 8, P. 161

9:40 am **THE THIRD HOUR**
9:30-9:50 am **Confessions**

10:00 am *Baptism/Chrismation of Liam Robert Keigley*

Members of our Parish & Friends.

11:45 am **NO ECF Classes due to Holiday Weekend**

LET US JOIN WITH THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Margarette Samul Family	Frank Malinick
Chuck Johnson	Bob & Rita Pipta
Bill Drahusz	Ron & Isabel Christian
Nina Erickson	Irene Shiring
Frances Bisaha	Lenny Morris
Christopher Torday	Stella Navarette
Stephen Torday	Charles & Marilu Krofchik
Fr. Christopher Petruska	Joseph Moran
Ruth Terry	Adrian Flores
Veronica Navarette	Jessica Kanenbley
Judy Livingston	Brian Safian
June Yontos,	Jean Anderson
Betty Perebzk	Richard Sesma
Deanna Keefe	Ron Lowery & Family
Alex Vida	Susan Dovin
Janet Lambert	Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant
Ethan McArthur	Fr Christopher Zuger
Fr Francis Vivona	Fr. Marcus Gomori
Michael Bergeron	

For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to abcc72069@gmail.com

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

Thank you for your love and service to the parish community. November —The Franklin Family

We thank our parishioners for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social.

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING IN FRONT OF THE ICONS OF OUR LORD & THEOTOKOS

The special envelopes are available on the greeting table.

The donation for the Icon Candles are \$5.

Eternal Light-14 Day Candle —\$20

+Kay Terry & +Dennis Rock

by Richard Kaikonapiliani Sesma

Our Lord

Available

Theotokos

Available

Tetrapod

Special Intention for Sally Rock

Web Sites you should visit

[eparchyofphoenix.org/Eparchy of Phoenix](http://eparchyofphoenix.org/Eparchy%20of%20Phoenix)

Resource for our Liturgical Music and Services for our Byzantine Catholic Church

mci.archpitt.org

2017 VOCATION ICON SCHEDULE

Prayer for Vocation Program

Nov 19 *Bob & Nina Erickson*Nov 26 *Jessica Hoskinson*

Please bring the Icon on the following Sunday and leave it on the Tetrapod for the next family. Any question contact our coordinator Sally Rock

READERS & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE for more information or would like to join the choir, visit our choir loft after the Liturgy —contact our Cantor Robert Pipta. Be sure to join us for the Rehearsal, this will give you more confidence when singing. Thank you for your dedication.

11/19	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Steve Kopko	9:00 - 9:45 am Ephesians 2: 14-22
11/26	3 rd Hour Greg Gath	9:00 am Ephesians 4: 1-6

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAKING DAYS for our upcoming Christmas Bake Sale: Wednesday Nov 29 & Thursday Nov 30 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Chance to learn the art of baking our wonderful Nut Rolls. Let Helen Bruce or Nina Erickson know that you are coming.

SAVE THE DATE *Alive in Christ 2018 July 12th - 15th*
The next *Alive in Christ Ascetical Boot Camp*, sponsored by the Eparchy of Phoenix Vocations Office, will take place at Palomar Christian Conference Center, Palomar Mountain California, from *July 12th - 15th*. Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful and action-packed event open to boys ages 7-17 and their dads. Watch for upcoming information in the near future.

Take a Sack and Bring It Back

Our popular Saint Nicholas food drive begins next week and continues through *Sunday, November 19*. It will be taken to the *St. Vincent De Paul Center at St Boniface Catholic Church*. Free sacks will be located in the Narthex of the Church. Simply take a sack, place your donations in it, and bring it back. Our donations support those in need this Penitential Season. Thank you for your donations and prayerful support.

Items Needed: cereal, canned items, dried pasta, dry beans, dry milk, baby food, diapers of all sizes, and travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, and feminine products. *For more information, contact Sue Petyo or Brian Petyo. The box is filling up already. Thank you.*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 LUNCHEON CANCELLED due to the preparations for the Christmas Bake Sale and the Holy Days.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**

11/20 Mon 7:30 pm Vigil—Vesper/Liturgy

11/21 Tues 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the feast

THANKSGIVING DAY CIVIL HOLIDAY

11/22 Wed 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy

11/23 Thurs 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

11/26 Sunday Baptism/Chrismation

of Liam Robert Keigley (No Classes for our ECF Program due to the Holiday Weekend.)

12/3 SAINT NICHOLAS

CELEBRATION & POTLUCK bring your dish to feed 8 adults, please check the sign up sheets for the items to bring.

12/10 & 12/17 CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE- time for your Christmas shopping for that special religious items unique to our Church.

12/10 Sunday-RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

12/17 Sunday Confessions after the Liturgy for Christmas & CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

12/22 Friday Traditionally Strict Abstinence from Meat and Dairy Products.

7:30 pm OFFICE OF READINGS FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD & CONFESSIONS

12/25 Monday CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**Our Stewardship November 12****Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 94 Souls**

Adult Tithes : \$2,831.00

Youth Tithes: \$4.50

Candles: \$65.00

Coffee Social: \$130.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$50.00

Jam Sales: \$53.00

Bake Sale: \$593.00

Recycling: \$50.81

Thank you for your generous support.

When was it the last time you gave a raise in your Sunday tithing? After your last raise in salary? Never too late do it now.

The time of preparation before Christmas is intended to be a time of purposeful asceticism, almsgiving, and learning to say yes to God while saying no to our own desires. But Christmas, and especially in present day America, has become a time of great anxiety and materialism, despite the fact that most every song one hears, most every retail ad one reads, and most every film that is produced—with “Christmas” as a theme—will try to convince us that it’s a time for warmth, joy, spending time with family, and even taking a break from the regular hustle of everyday life. *If only* this were the case.

On the contrary, Christmas — a period of time that seems to grow longer and more arduous by the year — is preceded by ominous social media status updates that lament: “I can’t believe it’s already November ... Christmas is just around the corner,” or “My children won’t stop bothering me about [insert the latest gadget here] ... I can’t wait until Christmas is over,” and so on. Many will also complain: “Wow. I am not ready for Christmas. Where has the time gone?”

This grief and anxiety should not be. No, we have certainly missed the purpose of this feast — and the time of preparation and fasting that precedes it — if all we can do is approach it with stress and sorrow.

As I mentioned above, the time before Nativity — Advent (or “Coming”) in the West, and the Fast of St. Philip the Apostle (due to its beginning on the eve of this Saint’s feast) or simply “the Nativity fast” in the Byzantine Church — is intended to be utilized for one’s Spiritual benefit (and indeed, for the life of the world), not for remorse or regret. The Nativity fast dates to the year 1166 and a synod at Constantinople, where our fathers inaugurated a forty-day period of fasting and preparation before the annual celebration of Christ’s Incarnation. This period of forty days is analogous to the forty days that Moses fasted before receiving the commandments from God. Of this connection, St. Symeon of Thessaloniki (ca. A.D. 1381–1429) writes:

The Nativity Forty-day Fast represents the fast undertaken by Moses, who — having fasted for forty days and forty nights — received the Commandments of God, written on stone tablets. And we, fasting for forty days, will reflect upon and receive from the Virgin the living Word — not written upon stone, but born, incarnate — and we will commune of His Divine Body.

If nothing else, then, the time of prayer and fasting before Nativity reminds us that we, as Byzantine Christians, are given the immense and unthinkable blessing, privilege, and honor of receiving the very Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. But as we say yes to Christ in the holy mysteries, we must also learn to say no to ourselves, making a point to both follow Christ and serve those in need.

It is no coincidence that Christ, in one of the Gospel readings during Nativity exhorts: “Whoever does not bear

his cross” as well as “forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:27,33). While the faithful prepare to receive Christ anew in his Incarnation, we must also be prepared to relinquish whatever it is we possess that keeps us from the glory of his everlasting kingdom. But even as the faithful are called to a period of spiritual quietude and even asceticism during this fasting period, we should not engage in asceticism and bear this cross as an end unto itself. Rather, we learn to say no to ourselves so that we can say yes to God. And in saying yes to the poor and the needy, we are saying yes to Christ, so that we might share in the vision of Cornelius, hearing: “Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God” (Acts 10:4).

An effective remedy for the anxieties and desires of this time of year is found in a concern for our fellow man. Rather than being so caught up in the materialism and “me too” nature of contemporary celebrations, Byzantine Christians should play a pivotal role in showing a wholly better and more noble way forward.

Incidentally, the other Gospel readings throughout the Nativity fast remind us not only why we are participating, but also how we can make the most out of it. For example, we should not lay up treasure for ourselves, while neglecting God (Luke 12:16–21), but should rather be “rich” towards God — and by consequence, towards those who are in need. We should not make excuses when it comes to serving or helping those in distress (Luke 13:10–17). And, of course, we should be willing to “sell all that [we] have and distribute to the poor” (Luke 18:22). It’s in these virtues, and in a genuine concern for others, that we can be released from the empty cares of this world, especially as they are emphasized during the holiday season. If we give to the poor, we are giving to God. If we say no to our own desires, we can fulfill the needs of those who are looking for someone — *anyone* — that is willing to say yes on their behalf.

As families, we can help our children give or donate to a family, friend, or even a complete stranger in need, rather than providing them with more and more stuff. As individuals, we can honor the fast, spend more time in prayer, and make a conscious effort to love our neighbors as ourselves, dedicating this season to be a time for true, spiritual growth. We can practice the religion of St. James that is “pure and undefiled” before God: “... to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:27). Instead of overeating for the next month, spending countless hours at parties and other premature celebrations, we can fast from our regular intake of food so that we have more time and resources to give to those who are truly in need—not to mention more focus and attention for prayer and spiritual growth. Rather than approaching this Nativity season with anxiety and distress, dedicate yourself to the *true* spirit of the season and the greater purpose that lies within: the salvation and healing of the world through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.