

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969 + Church Blessed May 16, 2006
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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. Pazzak, 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

**Website: www.annunciationbyzantine.org
facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine**



Holy Lenten Services & Activities for this Week

Come and Join us for The Lenten Services

Matins with Communion (45 minutes) Mon, Tues & Fri
 Presanctified Liturgy Wednesday 7:30 pm
 Saturday Liturgy 9:00 am

Sat 2/24 Finding of the Head of John the Baptist and the 2nd All Souls Saturday, p. 355

9:00 am *Liturgy with the Panachida Service
with the reading of the names of our
deceased.*

Hebrew Readings for Sunday

Jeremiah 31: 27-34, Jonah 3: 1-10 & Isaiah 49:1-6

Sun 2/25 Second Sunday of the Great Fast & Tone 5, p. 222 & 146

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:30-9:50 am Confessions
 10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends*
 11:45 am Eastern Christian Formation for our youth

Third Week of the Great Fast

Mon 2/26 Holy Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza

9:00 am *Matins with Holy Communion*

Tue 2/27 Venerable Father Procopius

9:00 am *Matins with Holy Communion*
 7:30 pm Bible Studies in the parish hall

Wed 2/28 The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7:30 pm *+Dennis Rock—First Year Anniversary
Panachida by Sally Rock*

Thu 3/1 Parish Office is Closed Father is not available

Fri 3/2 Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene

9:00 am *Matins with Holy Communion*
 Pierogi Workshop

Sat 3/3 Third All Souls Saturday p. 379

9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Panachida Service with
the Reading of the Names

Pierogi Workshop

Hebrew Readings from Vespers for Sunday

Sirach 2: 1-9 & Isaiah 50: 4-9

Sun 3/4 Veneration of the Holy Cross Tone 6, p. 223 & 152

9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR
 9:30-9:50 am Confessions
 10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends.*
 11:45 am ECF Classes

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

Margarette Samul Family	Frank Malinick
Chuck Johnson	Sister Chris Malcovsky
Bill Drahusz	Ron & Isabel Christian
Nina Erickson	Joel Rivera
Frances Bisaha	Fr Milan & Maria Kasperek
Christopher Torday	Stella Navarette
Stephen Torday	Fr. Christopher Petruska
Joseph Moran	Bob & Rita Pipta
Ruth Terry	Adrian Flores
Veronica Navarette	Jessica Kanenbley
Judy Livingston	Brian Safian
June Yontos,	Lauren Harnett
Betty Perebzk	Richard Sesma
Deanna Keefe	Ron Lowery & Family
Alex Vida	Susan Dovin
Janet Lambert	Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant
Ethan McArthur	Fr Christopher Zuggar

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

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-Candle

For those near & far

by Richard Kaikonapiliani Sesma

Our Lord

Special Intention by Helen Bruce

Theotokos

Cherie Loewe by Mary Washko

Tetrapod

Special Intention for Sally Rock

Schedule of Readers

2/25	REHEARSAL Steve Kopko	9:00 - 9:45 am Hebrews 1:10-2:3
3/04	3rd Hour Greg Gath	9:00 am Hebrews 4:14-5:6
3/11	REHEARSAL Mike Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am Hebrews 6:13-20

2018 VOCATION ICON SCHEDULE

Feb 25	Frank & Linda Malinick
Mar 4	Chuck & Tanya Johnson
Mar 11	Sally Rock
Mar 18	Ann Caldryn

Gift Shop is Open Sue & Carol have updated the shop and added a few new items. Be sure to stop in after the Liturgy for a browse. The shop is only available on Sunday after the Liturgy

LORD, JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you from Father Stephen for the wonderful Birthday celebration last Sunday for the cake, cards and gifts. There were only 3 other birthdays for the month of February. Andy Spisak, Even Paige and Father Stephen Casmus (at St. Nicholas Parish in Fontana). God Grant You Many Happy and Blessed Years. Thank you.

Pierogi & Baking Workshops— here is an opportunity to do something special for the Great Fast. Come and join us in preparing the special foods for the Pascha Celebration/Fund Raiser. A good way to meet other parishioners of our parish.

Bibles Studies every Tuesday evenings at 7:30
Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Upcoming Session Dates and Reading Assignment.

Feb 27 Rev 12-13 The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

Mar 6 Rev 14-15 Praising the Lamb

Mar 13 Rev 16-18– 7 Bowls of Judgment & Fall of Babylon

Mar 20 Rev 19-20 The Marriage Supper & Judgment

Mar 27 Rev 21-22 New Heaven & New Earth

Bishop's Appeal 2018—The chancery mailed out Bishop John's letter and the Donation/Pledge for this year's Bishop's Appeal. *All payments and administration of the appeal is handled directly in Phoenix instead of the parishes.*

Please return your pledges, payments and forms directly to the Eparchy of Phoenix.

- Checks and Money Orders made out to **EPARCHY OF PHOENIX**. Be sure to note Annunciation in the memo line for credit to our parish.
- Credit/Debit Cards may be used for payments—Please do not send cash.

Payments/Correspondence to:

**Eparchy of Phoenix
Bishop's Appeal
8105 N. 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85020**

11 Total Pledges as of 2/16/18: \$2,875.00

120 Households X \$275 = \$33,000.00—Our Goal

50/50 RAFFLE a big thank you to *Joanne Kopko*, she will be selling the tickets for the **Sanctuary Fund**. The sale of the tickets will take place in the parish hall.
\$5 per ticket \$20 per five tickets.

The drawing will take place at the end of the month. Need not be present to win.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

*Thank you for your love
and service to the parish community.*

February Host: Jean Berardi & Albert & Margaret Hatton

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays Bible Studies The Book of Revelation-

The Kingdom Yet to Come. 7:30 pm in the parish hall Session. Final Session March 20

Save these dates:

3/2 Friday & 3/3 Saturday—Pierogi Workshop

3/7 Wednesday & 3/8 Thursday—Nut Rolls Baking

3/20 Tuesday & 3/21 Wednesday—Paska Baking

Do you want to do something extra special for the Great Fast? Come and join us in making the Pascha Foods.

Give us about 2 hours of your TIME.

Contact Nina at 714-904-4603 or Helen at 714-778-4722

3/16, 17, 18 Los Angeles Catechetical Congress at the Convention Center, Anaheim.

3/16 Friday We will host a Lenten dinner for the Bishops and Priests attending the Convention

3/18 Sunday Bishop & the Priests from the Convention will join us for the Sunday Divine Liturgy

July 12 to 15 Alive in Christ 2018 The next Alive in Christ Ascetic 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.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship February 18

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 91 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$2,838.00

Youth Tithes: \$7.50

Mortgage Reduction: \$75.00

Bake Sale: \$621.00

Mortgage Balance 1/10/18 \$954,558.98

Please remember our parish in your **Will & Bequests**. Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord's Holy House



LENT 2 – PALAMAS

By Fr. Stavros

No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known. John 1:18

On the second Sunday of Lent, we commemorate St. Gregory Palamas, who lived from 1296-1359, and was the Archbishop of Thessalonika in Greece. He wrote about the difference between the “essence” and the “energies” of God. As you know, I am not a theologian, and I try to write “common stuff for the common person.” The theology of St. Gregory Palamas is so deep and so rich that it is hard for me to understand, let alone extrapolate on.

However, his writings are important, and his thoughts on essence and energy are important because they have a pragmatic component.

No one can know the essence of God. No one has seen God. At a certain period of time, many people saw Christ. Even those who didn't believe He was the Messiah acknowledged that He was a teacher, a miracle worker, some even called Him a prophet. There is no question that He was crucified on a particular date, in a particular place. History affirms this. So, for those who criticize the followers of Christ, we are not following a fictitious person. History affirms the humanity of Christ. What is the matter of faith and subject of debate is the Resurrection. The Gospels tell us that Christ was seen on many occasions and by many people after the Resurrection. This is the evidence that He rose from the dead. As further evidence, people have for two thousand years believed this, have passed it down from generation to generation, have lived and have died for Christ and for Christianity.

So, going on the belief that Christ is our Savior and all that we have heard about Him is true, how do we know Christ, as well as God the Father and the Holy Spirit? We know them not in essence, but we know them through their energies. This was the main contribution of St. Gregory Palamas to the Christian world.

So, what are the energies of God that we can know? Let me offer a few examples. We know God through the created world. We may not know the essence of God, and how He created. But we know what He created. The sun, the wind, the clouds and the stars—these are energies of God.

We don't know the essence of love. We can't hold love in our hands or put it in our pockets. But we know how it feels to love and to be loved. This is the energy of love. We know that God is the author and creator of love, so in loving one another, we also come to know the love of God.

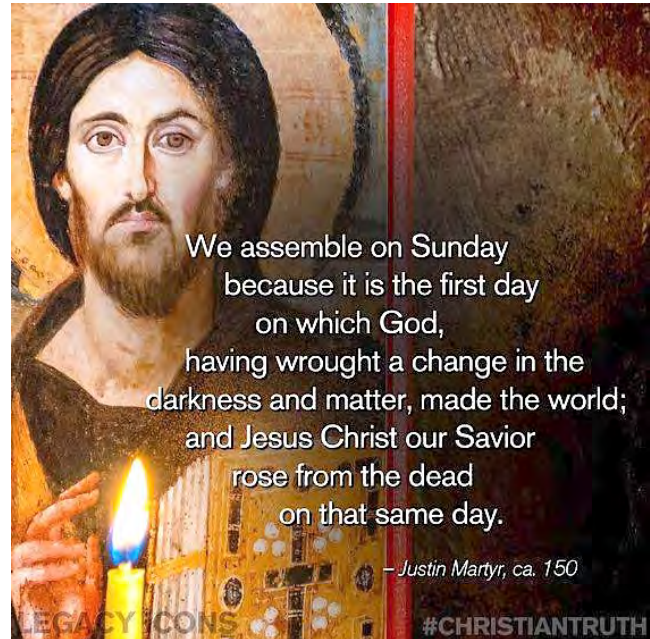
Grace is an energy of God. We know what it feels like to be forgiven, to feel that a prayer is heard, to experience Holy Communion, after the gifts of bread and wine have been transformed by the Grace of the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Christ. This is another example of the energy of God.

When we are surrounded by nature, by love and by grace, then we are experiencing the energies of God and are surrounded by Him. We can never know God in essence until we see Him face to face in heaven, but we can know Him by His energies. They are all around us.

Beacon of True Believers, the strong support of the Church and her teacher inspired by God, you are the ornament of monks, the unassailable champion of theologians. O Gregory the Wonder-worker and boast of Thessalonica, the messenger of grace. Forever earnestly entreat for the

salvation of our souls. (Apolytikion of St. Gregory Palamas, Trans. by Fr. Seraphim Dedes)

Feel God's energies through the grace that comes through prayer, worship, love, and nature!



Prayer from the Angel Peace Litany from Saint Basil the Great Divine Liturgy

God, the God of our salvation, teach us to give you worthy thanks for the bounties you have bestowed and continue to bestow on us. As you have accepted these gifts, O our God, purify us from every defilement of flesh and spirit. Teach us to grow perfect in holiness through fear of you so that, with a pure testimony of our conscience, we may receive a portion of your holy gifts and be united to the holy body and blood of your Christ. Receiving them worthily, may we have Christ living in our hearts and become temples of your Holy Spirit.

Especially, O our God, let none of us become guilty nor weakened in soul or body by partaking of these awesome and heavenly mysteries of yours unworthily. Rather, grant, O Lord, that even until our last breath, we may worthily receive a portion of your holy Gifts as a provision for the journey to eternal life, and for an acceptable defense before the fearsome judgement seat of your Christ. Then together with all the saints who have pleased you since time began, may we become partakers of the eternal blessings which you have prepared for those who love you, O Lord. And make us worthy, O Lord God of heaven, that we may with confidence and without condemnation dare call you "Father."

Please use the Special White Books for the Liturgy of St. Basil. It contains the special music and the words and prayers for you to follow. This may be helpful for those who have difficulty in hearing. Be sure to present this book to our visitors and to those who may not be familiar with the Divine Liturgy.