

# 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**

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**Website: [www.annunciationbyzantine.org](http://www.annunciationbyzantine.org)  
[facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine](https://facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine)**





### Holy Services for The Week of Saint Thomas Second Paschal Sunday

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."

**4/7 Bright Saturday** *No Services*

#### Hebrew Readings for Sunday

Exodus 4: 1-9 & Numbers 14: 2-24

**4/8 Thomas Sunday & the Breaking of the Artos**

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:30-9:50 am Confessions  
10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends*

**4/9 Thomas Monday Martyr Euphychius**

9:00 am *+Families & Friends of Sally Rock*

**4/10 Thomas Tuesday Martyrs Terence, Pompey**

9:00 am *for all married couples by Ron Pasmant*

**4/11 Thomas Wednesday Martyr Antipas**

9:00 am *+Dixie Petties by Jessica Hoskinson*

**4/12 Thomas Thursday**

**No Liturgy Father is not available**

**4/13 Thomas Friday Priest-Martyr Artemon**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Sharon Inada  
by Moon Gilbert*

**4/14 Thomas Saturday**

#### Hebrew Reading for Sunday

Exodus 40: 1-15 and Samuel 16: 1-13

**4/15 Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, p 177**

10:00 am *for our parish member and friends*  
9:40 am The Third Hour

*For our parish members and friends*

Chinese: **Helisituosi fuhuole. Queshi fuhuole.**

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

Hungarian: **Felta'madt Krisztus!**

**Valo'ban felta'madt!**

### 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 Perezbak	Richard Sesma
Deanna Keefe	Ron Lowery & Family
Johnny Dushanko	Susan Dovin
Janet Lambert	Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant
Ethan McArthur	Fr Christopher Zugger
Kutzner & McCalse Families	Michael Bergeron

*For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to*

[abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)

### 7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING 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

*Helen Bruce by Bob and Nina Erickson*

#### Tetrapod

*Special Intention for Sally Rock*

### Schedule of Readers

4/08	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Sherill Franklin	Acts 5:12-20
4/15	3rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	Acts 6: 1-7

### COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

Thank you for your love  
and service to the parish community.  
*April—Liz & Becky Halahan*

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

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

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

Spanish: **Cristo ha Resucitado!**

**En Verdad ha Resucitado!**

Italian: **Cristo e' Risorto! Veramente e' Risorto!**

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

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* **WOMEN’S RETREAT** for mothers and daughters and girls accompanied by a designated adult. *Sponsored by our Eparchy of Phoenix.* June 22-24 in Scottsdale, AZ. See the pamphlet located on the Greeting Shelf in the narthex of the church. Deadline for registration June 1, 2018. (highly recommend)
- \* **April 15 after the Sunday Liturgy Meeting with the Bereaved who lost their spouse.** Purpose of the meeting is for support, encouragement and help for those in need. Special table will be set up in the hall. Contact Sally Rock for information.
- \* **April 15**— we will be celebrating our March and April Birthdays after the Divine liturgy.
- \* **April 20 10:00 am Funeral Services** for +*Jean Anderson* and her daughter +*Gail Strachan*, Luncheon to follow and Interment Service at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.
- \* **April 22 50th Anniversary Meeting after the Liturgy.**
- \* **Bishop’s Appeal 2018** —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**  
**30 Total Pledges as of 3/31: \$7,585.00**  
**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.

**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

*Now this I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully, Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP**

**APRIL**

- 10 Tuesday 11:30 am** at St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox Church meeting of the Orthodox, Catholic and Eastern Catholics for Ecumenical Service.
- 15 Sunday after Liturgy meeting** with those who lost a loved one. Contact Sally Rock for information.
- 20 Friday 10:00 am Funeral Services** for +Jean Anderson & Gail Strachan
- 23-27 Monday-Friday Clergy Days** in Phoenix, Arizona for all the priests and religious of our Eparchy. *No Daily Services at Annunciation.*

**28 Saturday All American Boy’s Chorus** Luncheon for the parents in our parish hall. 12:30 pm.

**MAY**

- ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Holy day of Obligation**  
 9 Wednesday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm  
 10 Thursday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
- 12 Saturday STEAK BAKE DINNER** 5:00 pm-8:00 pm  
 Grilled steak, baked potato bar, make your own salad from the salad bar, vegetable and dessert.  
 \$12 per person, \$6.00 children under 12 yrs and \$36 for parish member family

**18 Friday 7:00 pm ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ANNUNCIATION** with the Orthodox, Catholic and Eastern Catholic Churches. A reception will follow the event. We are hosting the event.

- 20 Sunday—The Feast of Pentecost**
- 28 Monday—Memorial Day Civil Holiday**

**June 22-24 [MYRRH-BEARERS.COM](http://MYRRH-BEARERS.COM) RETREAT** for mothers and daughters and young girls accompanied by a designated adult. At the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ—Contact Kris Forbes at [kris@myrrh-bearers.com](mailto:kris@myrrh-bearers.com) or 480-747-8954 Pamphlets are available at greeting table.

**September 22 Saturday Anaheim Craft & Vintage Fair**

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Our Stewardship**

**Attendance: Sat: 4:00 pm 50 Souls**  
**Sun: 9:00 am 170 Souls**

Adult Tithes : \$3,713.00  
 Easter: \$4,630.00  
 Holy Wednesday: \$115.00  
 Holy Thursday: \$280.00  
 Holyland: \$395.00  
 Holy Saturday: \$215.00  
 Youth Tithes: \$56.00





### THOMAS SUNDAY: Doubting Thomas

Fr. Alexander  
Schmemmann

#### Blessing & Breaking of the Artos

"Unless I see ... I will not believe" (Jn 20:25). So said Thomas, one of Christ's twelve disciples, in response to the joyful news of those who had seen their crucified and buried Teacher risen from the dead. Eight days later, as recorded in the gospels, when the disciples once again were all together, Christ appeared and told Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side; be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" Then Christ told him: "You have believed because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe ... " (Jn 20:24-31).

Millions of people today think and speak essentially like Thomas, and assume that this is the only correct approach worthy of any thinking person. "Unless I see, I will not believe ... " In our contemporary speech isn't this the "scientific approach"? But Christ says: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This means that there is, and was, another approach, another standard, another possibility. True, others may say, but that approach is naive and not rational; it's unscientific; it's for people who are backward; and since I'm a person of the modern world, "Unless I see, I will not believe."

We live in a world of great oversimplification and therefore spiritual poverty. "Scientific" or "Unscientific." People use words like these all the time as if they were self-evident and self-explanatory, and they use them because everyone else also uses them, without reflection, without debate. In fact, they themselves believe these reductions blindly and simplistically, and so any other approach appears to them as neither serious nor worthy of attention. The question is already decided. But is that really true? I just said that we live in a world of great spiritual poverty. And indeed, if the end result of humanity's interminable development boils down to this pronouncement, "I won't believe it till I see it"; if the human race looks upon this as the height of wisdom and reason's greatest victory, then our world truly is poor, superficial, and most all, incredibly boring. If I only know what I see, touch, measure and analyze, then how little I really know! The whole world of the human spirit falls by the wayside, all the intuition and profound knowledge that flows not from "I see" or "I touch," but from "I think" and, most importantly, "I contemplate."

What falls away is that realm of knowledge which for centuries was rooted not in external, observable experience, but in another human faculty, an amazing and perhaps inexplicable ability that sets human beings apart from everything else and makes them truly unique. Even robots, machines and computers can now touch, handle and manipulate objects; they can make accurate observations, and even make predictions. We know that they actually perform better than human beings in measuring, comparing, making exact observations flawlessly; they are more accurate, more "scientific." But here is what no robot, under any circumstances, will ever be able to do: to be filled with wonder, to be awed, to have feelings, to be moved by tenderness, to rejoice, to see what can't be seen by measurement or analysis of any kind. No robot will hear those unheard sounds that give birth to music and poetry; no robot will ever cry, or trust. But without all this doesn't our world become colorless, boring and, I would say, unnecessary? Oh yes, planes and spaceships will fly ever farther and faster. But where to and what for? Oh yes, laboratories will conduct their analyses with ever increasing accuracy. But to what end? "For the good of humanity," I'm told. I understand, so this means that one day we will have a healthy, well fed, self-satisfied human being walking about, who will be totally blind, totally deaf and totally unaware of his deafness and blindness.

"Unless I see I will not believe." Clearly, however, observable experience, empirical data, is just one form of knowledge, the most elementary, and therefore the lowest, form. Empirical analysis is useful and necessary, but to reduce all human knowledge to this level is like trying to comprehend the beauty of a painting by a chemical analysis of its paint. What we call faith is at a second and higher level of human knowledge, without which, it can be claimed, man would be unable to live even a single day. Every person believes in something or someone, so the only question is whose faith, whose vision, whose knowledge of the world corresponds more accurately and more completely to the richness and complexity of life. Some say that the resurrection of Christ must be a fabrication since the dead do not rise. True, if there is no God. But if God exists, then death must be overthrown, since God cannot be a God of decay and death. Others will then say: but there is no God, since no one has seen him. But how then do you account for the experience of millions of people who joyfully affirm that they have seen, not with their physical eyes, but with a profound and certain inner sight? Two thousand years have passed, but when the joyful proclamation "Christ is risen!" descends as if from heaven, all still send out the same triumphant response, "Truly He is risen!"

Is it really true that you neither see nor hear? Is it really true that in the deepest part of your consciousness, away from all analysis, measurements and palpation, you neither see nor feel an undying, radiant light, you do not hear the sounds of an eternal voice: "I am the way, the resurrection and the life ... "? Is it really true that in the depth of your soul you do not recognize Christ within us, within me, answering Doubting Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe"?