

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969 + Church Blessed May 16, 2006
995 N. West Street - Anaheim, CA 92801-4305 - (714) 533.6292

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**



Schedule of Holy Services

Be sure to put your cell phone on "airplane mode" and join us for the celebration of God's Holy Mysteries.

Sat 5/12
Vesper/Liturgy...4:00 pm
God's blessing on Fr Marcus Gomori
Hebrew Reading for Sunday
 Genesis 14: 14-20 & Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17
Steak Bake in Parish Hall (*Reservations a must*)



Sun 5/13 Sun of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council & Post-festive of Ascension, p. 191 & 196 MOTHER'S DAY
 9:30- 9:50 am Confessions
 9:40 am The Third Hour
 10:00 am *for our parish member and friends Anointing and distribution of Blessed Bread in commemoration of the Ascension of our Lord*

ECF Classes for our youth

Mon 5/14 Post-festive of the Ascension, p. 191
 9:00 am *God's blessing on Helen Bruce by Mary Washko*

Tue 5/15 Post-festive of the Ascension, p. 191
 9:00 am *God's blessing on Bob & Nina Erickson by Mary Washko*

Wed 5/16 Post-festive of the Ascension, p. 191
 9:00 am *+Bernard Potter by Geri Gutowski*

Thu 5/17 Parish Office is Closed
No morning liturgy

Fri 5/18 12th Annual Roman & Eastern Catholic & Orthodox Christian Ecumenical Service for Unity OCTOC.ORG

Sat 5/19 5th All Souls
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy with the Reading of the Names of our beloved deceased

Sun 5/20 PENTECOST, p. 203
 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:30-9:50 am Confessions
 10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends*
ECF Classes

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

Margarette Samul Family	Frank Malinick
Chuck Johnson	Fr. Marcus Gomori
Bill Drahusz	Ron & Isabel Christian
Nina Erickson	Joel Rivera
Frances Bisaha	Fr Milan & Maria Kasperek
Christopher Torday	Stella Navarette
Stephen Torday	Fr. Christopher Petruska
Andy Spisak	Bob & Rita Pipta
Ruth Terry	Adrian Flores
Veronica Navarette	Jessica Kanenbley
Judy Livingston	Brian Safian
June Yontos,	Lauren Harnett
Betty Perebzak	Richard Sesma
Deanna Keefe	Ron Lowery & Family
Johnny Dushanko	Susan Dovin
Janet Lambert	Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasant
Ethan McArthur	Henry Zugger
Kutzner & McCalse Families	Michael Bergeron

For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to 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
+Kay Terry by Richard Sesma
Tetrapod
Special Intention for Sally Rock
Our Lord
Thanksgiving by Salvador & Gloria Solis
The Mother of God
+Alex Vida by Fr. Stephen

Memorial Donation-Sanctuary Fund

*In Memory of +Alex Vida by Susan Dovin \$50
 by Joanne Chontos \$50
 by John & Edith Putavko \$50*

Schedule of Readers

5/13	3 rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	Acts 20: 16-18, 28-38
5/20	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Steve Kopko	Acts 2: 1-11

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **OUR PARISH IS HOSTING** the special Ecumenical Service prayer for unity between Catholics & Orthodox this Friday at 7:00 pm. We need our parishioners to attend and wear a special badge welcoming our guests to our church. Our kitchen staff will be calling for helpers and our ushers will need our members to help welcome and make our guest comfortable to celebrate this Wonderful Service. You

won't have to make supper. We will have some Middle Eastern Foods provided by a caterer.

- * **PARISH DIRECTORY FOR OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY** see the special insert in this week's bulletin for information on the schedule for pictures.
- * **PICTURES FROM THE PAST** Stephen Kopko is collecting old photos of past events at Annunciation parish. Special Liturgical celebrations, events, commemorations, etc. Be sure to identify the photos, events and people in the photos and your name, so we can return the photos. Use post-sticks. Do not write on the back of the photos. We want to create a DVD or Flashdrive.
- * **Deadlines for Registration for Retreats**
 Alive in Christ Men's & Boy's Retreat—**May 18**
 Myrrh-bearers Women's & Girl's Retreat—**June 1**
- * **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.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship May 6

Attendance: Sun: 110 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$3,429.00

Youth Tithes: \$25.20

Mortgage Reduction: \$4950.00

Ascension Holy Day: \$65.00

Craft Fair: \$200.00

Mother's Day Weekend Steak Bake: \$174.00

T-Mobile: \$2,645.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$200.00

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

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

Thank you for your love and service to the parish community.
May—Ingrid Spisak and Tanya Johnson
 We thank our parishioners for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP

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.

19 Saturday Fifth All Souls
 Liturgy with the reading of the names.....9:00 am

20 Sunday—The Feast of Pentecost

28 Monday—Memorial Day Civil Holiday

June 10 Sunday ITALIAN LUNCHEON

June 22-24 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 or 480-747-8954 Pamphlets are available at greeting table. Registration deadline: June 1.

July 12-15 ALIVE IN CHRIST 2018 “An Ascetical Boot Camp” Retreat for Byzantine Catholic Young Men. Palomar Christian Conference Center, 34764 Doane Valley Road, Palomar Mountain CA 92060 Registration deadline: May 18 www.pccc.org

September 22 Saturday Anaheim Craft & Vintage Fair

Question: "What occurred at the Council of Nicea?"

Answer: The Council of Nicea took place in AD 325 by order of the Roman Emperor Caesar Flavius Constantine. Nicea was located in Asia Minor, east of Constantinople. At the Council of Nicea, Emperor Constantine presided over a group of church bishops and other leaders with the purpose of defining the nature of God for all of Christianity and eliminating confusion, controversy, and contention within the church. The Council of Nicea overwhelmingly affirmed the deity and eternity of Jesus Christ and defined the relationship between the Father and the Son as “of one substance.” It also affirmed the Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were listed as three co-equal and co-eternal Persons.

Constantine, who claimed conversion to Christianity, called for a meeting of bishops to be held in Nicea to resolve some escalating controversies among the church leadership. The issues being debated included the

nature of Jesus Christ, the proper date to celebrate Easter, and other matters. The failing Roman Empire, now under Constantine's rule, could not withstand the division caused by years of hard-fought, "out of hand" arguing over doctrinal differences. The emperor saw the quarrels within the church not only as a threat to Christianity but as a threat to society as well. Therefore, at the Council of Nicea, Constantine encouraged the church leaders to settle their internal disagreements and become Christlike agents who could bring new life to a troubled empire. Constantine felt "called" to use his authority to help bring about unity, peace, and love within the church.

The main theological issue had always been about Christ. Since the end of the apostolic age, Christians had begun debating these questions: Who is the Christ? Is He more divine than human or more human than divine? Was Jesus created or begotten? Being the Son of God, is He co-equal and co-eternal with the Father, or is He lower in status than the Father? Is the Father the one true God, or are the Father, Son, and Spirit the one true God?

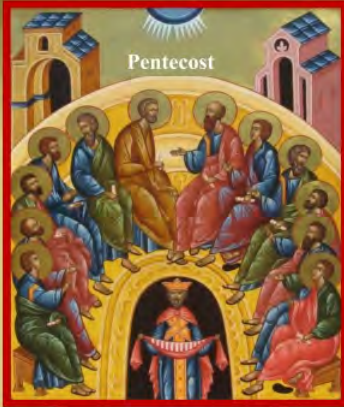
A priest named Arius presented his argument that Jesus Christ was not an eternal being, that He was created at a certain point in time by the Father. Bishops such as Alexander and the deacon Athanasius argued the opposite position: that Jesus Christ is eternal, just like the Father is. It was an argument pitting trinitarianism against monarchianism.

Constantine prodded the 300 bishops in the council make a decision by majority vote defining who Jesus Christ is. The statement of doctrine they produced was one that all of Christianity would follow and obey, called the "Nicene Creed." This creed was upheld by the church and enforced by the Emperor. The bishops at Nicea voted to make the full deity of Christ the accepted position of the church. The Council of Nicea upheld the doctrine of Christ's true divinity, rejecting Arius's heresy. The council did not invent this doctrine. Rather, it only recognized what the Bible already taught.

The New Testament teaches that Jesus the Messiah should be worshipped, which is to say He is co-equal with God. The New Testament forbids the worship of angels (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8, 9) but commands worship of Jesus. The apostle Paul tells us that "in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9; 1:19). Paul declares Jesus as Lord and the One to whom a person must pray for salvation (Romans 10:9-13; cf. Joel 2:32). "Jesus is God overall" (Romans 9:5) and our God and Savior (Titus 2:13). Faith in Jesus' deity is basic to Paul's theology.

John's Gospel declares Jesus to be the divine, eternal Logos, the agent of creation and source of life and light (John 1:1-5,9); "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6); our advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1-2); the Sovereign (Revelation 1:5); and the Son of God from the beginning to the end (Revelation 22:13). The author of Hebrews reveals the deity of Jesus through His perfection as the most high priest (Hebrews 1; Hebrews 7:1-3). The divine-human Savior is the Christian's object of faith, hope, and love.

That they may all be one as You Father are in Me and I in You.
- John 17:20



**The 12th Annual Roman & Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christian
Ecumenical Service of Prayer
for Christian Unity at Pentecost**
will be held at
The Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church
995 N. West Street Anaheim, CA 92801
on
Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7PM
Featured speaker: **Father Francois Beyrouti**
Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church
A reception will follow the Service

Featuring choirs from St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church;
the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church; St. Paul's Assyrian Church of the East;
St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church; and the Coptic Youth Singers

Orthodox and Catholics Together/Orange County OCOTOC.org

The Council of Nicea did not invent the doctrine of the deity of Christ. Rather, the Council of Nicea affirmed the apostles' teaching of who Christ is—the one true God and the Second Person of the Trinity, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Recommended Resource: Christianity Through the Centuries by Earle Cairns

Eparchial Appointments

His Grace, Bishop John S. Pazak, C.Ss.R., has made the following appointments:

Rev. Milan Kasperek is appointed Parochial Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic parish of Our Lady of Wisdom, in Las Vegas, Nevada, effective 1 June 2018, for a term of one year.

Rev. Michael Bezruchka is appointed Pastor of the Byzantine Catholic parish of Saint Anne, in San Luis Obispo, California, effective 1 June 2018.

Rev. Michael Sidun is appointed Parochial Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle, in Gilbert, Arizona, effective 20 July 2018, for a term of one year.

Rev. Joseph Wargacki is appointed Pastor of the Byzantine Catholic parish of Saint Nicholas of Myra, Anchorage, Alaska, effective 20 July 2018.