

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 the Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

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 Matins/Communion 9:00 am Mon & Tues

Pre sanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Wed

CONFESSIONS Sun 9:30 am,

Daily 8:30 am or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10 am - 4pm

Closed on Thursdays & Holy Days

Please call before coming to the office.

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD

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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko & Robert Erickson

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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DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

Come early to church, put your cell phone on "Airplane Mode," settle down in a quiet prayer before the Holy Services, light a candle recite the prayers before the Divine Liturgy located in the front of the Green Books and make a good confession.



Sat 5/20 SATURDAY

Hebrew Readings from Vespers:
Isaiah 42: 5-18 & Isaiah 29: 13-19

NO LITURGY

Sun 5/21 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

9:00 am **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 am *Baptism/Chrismation of Dominik Jimenez. Members of our Parish & Friends*

Sunday of the Man Born Blind. Jesus anointed the eyes of the Man Born Blind, and he was enlightened, professing Jesus to be his Lord. He is an image of our baptisms, when we are enlightened out of darkness by the anointing of the chrism of the Holy Spirit. We remember the salvation of the Man Born Blind and our own enlightenment as we close the Feast of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mon 5/22 Martyr Basiliscus, p. 379

9:00 am *+Souls in Purgatory by Sally Rock*

Tue 5/23 NO LITURGY

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD- Holy day of Obligation

Wed 5/24 Vesper/Liturgy
7:30 pm *+Larry and Margaret Bivens by Family*

Thu 5/25 Feast Day p. 191
9:00 am *+Lucie Pony by Sally Rock*

Fri 5/26 Martyr Patrick Bishop of Prusa, p. 191
9:00 am *+Agapita & Leticia by Linda Malinick*

Sat 5/27 SATURDAY

Hebrew Readings from Vespers
Genesis 14: 14-20 & Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17

NO LITURGY

Sun 5/28 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL, & POST FESTIVE OF THE ASCENSION, P. 196

9:40 am **THE THIRD HOUR**
9:30 am **Confessions**
10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends Holy Anointing (Mirovanije) and Blessed Bread honoring the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. ECF Classes after the Liturgy*

PRAYER REQUESTS Fr. Joseph Hutsko, Mary Washko, Margarette Samul Family, Frank Melinick, Chuck Johnson, Bob & Rita Pipta, Bill Drahusz, Ron & Isabel Christian, Greg Petrosky, Irene Shiring, Paul & Frances Bisaha, Lenny & Ramona Morris, Jan Vogel, Jerry Aken, Stella Navarette, Stephen Torday, Charles & Marilu Krofchik, Fr. Gregory Petruska, Chet Vogel, Joseph Moran, Ruth Terry, Adrian Flores & Veronica Navarette, Jessica Kanenbley, Judy Livingston, Brian Safian, June Yontos, Jean Anderson, Betty Perebzak, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Ron Lowery & Family, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Janet Lambert, and Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant, Ethan McArthur.

For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to annbyzcathchurch@sbcglobal.net

MEMORIALS

Donations given to the Sanctuary Fund in place of flowers

In memory of +Donald Knapp —\$200

The Perlman Family
Emory & Deborah Dilmore
Tade & Carolyn Valeniann

In Memory of +Dennis Rock —\$405

Larry J. Salmen David Salmen
Chris Lynch Muecke Kathy Lynch
David S. Olson John F. Scalmanini
Bruce & Pleasant Jochim Joann M. McGuire
Judith Tierney

THANK YOU for supporting and maintaining our parish for future generations.

Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose!

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 Candles are \$5.

Eternal Light

Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock

Our Lord
AVAILABLE
Theotokos
AVAILABLE

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

5/14	3rd Hour Ron Pasmant	9:40 am Acts 11: 19-26, 29-30
5/21	REHEARSAL Marc Brown	9:00 - 9:45 am Acts 16: 16-34
5/28	3rd Hour Nick Olszyk	9:40 am Acts 20: 16-18, 28-38

**HONORING THE MONTH OF MAY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Angelique Brown—5-9 | Gabrielle Sheftic—5-13 |
| John Sheftic—5-14 | Cherie Loewe—5-15 |
| Barbara Bivens—5-16 | Helen Bruce—5/19 |
| Rita Pipta—5-20 | Chance Hamaker—5/20 |
| Ingrid Spisak—5/21 | Marya Weil—5-21 |
| Jennifer Washicko —5-21 | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Robert & Carmela Yarosik—5-1
 Bruce & Ruth Terry—5-12
 Fr. Stephen Washko—5-14
 Msgr George N. Vida—5-19
 Albert & Margaret Hatton—5-23

Many more happy and blessed years!
 God Bless you.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship 5/14

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 107 Souls

- Adult Tithes : \$3,089.00
 Youth Tithes: \$4.50
 Fatima Donation: \$50.00
 Bishop's Appeal: \$605.00

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish. We thank the people who send their tithings to the parish office by electronic checks. Thank you for your support.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2017 REPORT

Our parish goal is \$20,900.00.

We have Pledged: \$16,050

We Need \$4,850.00

48 households have responded

30% REBATE COMES BACK TO OUR PARISH!

We need everyone to contribute.

Please give what you can to help our Bishop with the needs for our Eparchy. Your gift is appreciated. You may use any envelope or your credit /debit card to make your pledges. Just see one of our ushers. Please tell us your intended pledge. Paid up pledges are automatically sent to the Bishop's Office. **DEADLINE MAY 29**-Thank you



+SISTER JEAN MARIE CIHOTA OSBM fell asleep in the Lord. She is at St. Stephen Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona and served in the Bishop's Office for many years. We will all miss her very much.

Christ is Risen from the dead, by death he has trampled death and to those in the tombs, he granted life!

In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant Sister Jean Marie and remember her forever.

"Eternal memory, eternal memory, blessed repose and eternal memory."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY BAPTISM/CHRISMATION for Dominik Jimenez, the son of Juan & Sarah.

ASCENSION THURSDAY-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

24 Wednesday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm

24 Thursday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

29 DEADLINE FOR THE BISHOP'S APPEAL PLEDGES.

JUNE

4 Sunday —ITALIAN LUNCHEON

19-23 Monday to Friday CLERGY CONFERENCE at St. Stephen Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona. No daily Liturgies at Annunciation.

23-25 Friday-Sunday MYRRH BEARERS RETREAT

for mothers and daughters at the Franciscan Renewal enter in Phoenix, Arizona. Mark you calendars. **WOMEN OF FAITH**, ages 7-18 and the mothers or caregivers. **Deadline for Registration: June 1.** Pamphlets with information available on the Greeting Shelf in the Natrix of the church.

July 6-9, ALIVE IN CHRIST: This “ascetical boot camp” retreat is to take place at Prescott Pines Christian Camp, Prescott, AZ. Parish boys from 7 to 17 years of age and their fathers are invited to attend.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS: Thank you for your love and service to the parish community.

May —Jean Berardi, Albert & Margaret Hatton

Thank you for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social.

ASCENSION:

By Fr. Thomas Loya

In the icon and liturgical texts of the Byzantine celebration of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven we are presented with what I believe is the singular genius of Eastern Christian spirituality. It is something that alone can fill a deep hole in the soul of modern western civilization.

This singular genius is the ability to live in the “both/and.” This means that two seemingly opposite or complimentary realities can co-exist at the same time and the secret to a balanced, integrated life is simply to live in the meeting point of these complimentary realities. Never try to fully understand this or separate it apart. Just live it and apply it to everyday life. This is called ‘mystery’ or the ‘mystical.’

The mystical is challenging for our western minds because by nature the western mind tends to define things through categories, contrasts, methodical reasoning processes. It is a markedly rational approach. While this is indeed part of the genius of the western mind and western spirituality it can struggle to accept how something can possibly be this and that at the same time. The entire ethos of modern western civilization and even in our approach to Faith and Church exists in dualisms.

We have become essentially bi-polar: Church vs. State, soul versus body, spirit versus matter, liberal versus conservative, action versus contemplation, play versus work, spiritual matters versus temporal matters, clergy versus laity and in my area of town perhaps the most frightful dualism of them all: Are you a Chicago Cubs baseball fan or a Chicago White Sox baseball fan? Believe me, it seems that never shall these two ever live in the “both/and.”

Living in dualisms accounts for much of the neurosis of our time (and perhaps why the Cubs never make it to the World Series?) In contrast, as G.K. Chesterton wrote in his classic work, *Orthodoxy*: “Mysticism keeps men sane. As long as you have mystery, you have health; when you destroy mystery you create morbidity.” The Byzantine icon of the Ascension depicts beautifully the “both/and,” mystical spirituality reflected in the texts for the Feast of the Ascension: “Earth exalts in festive joy, and heaven also rejoices on this day: it is the holy Ascension of the Creator of the world; for He brings together that which had been separated.”

The Kontakion for the Feast says, “When you fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present...” The texts also present the remarkable fact that through Christ’s Ascension into Heaven human nature has been mounted on the very throne of God. Human nature is both lower than the angels and higher than the angels all at the same time.

The event of the Ascension gives us a whole new transcendent view of who we are as human persons. The both/and genius of the Christian East can take things like the Church’s moral teaching on the hot button issues of human sexuality and return it to its proper context in Liturgy. It shows labor to be both drudgery and sacrificial, suffering to be both painful and redemptive. It shows monasticism to be both celibate and spousal and sacramental marriage to be both conjugal and celibate. It shows all choices to be both toward and away from something. It connects both Liturgy and everyday life. Sin is both social and personal. Through the priesthood we reconcile to both God and the community in Confession. And yes, it is possible to be both a Cubs fan and a White Sox fan.

ASCENSION THURSDAY The feast of the Lord’s Ascension always falls on a Thursday, on the fortieth day after Christ’s resurrection. This is one of the principal feast days of our Lord and therefore, has a post-feast of nine days. It celebrates the memory of Christ’s Ascension into heaven and underscores its significance for Christ and for us. St. John Chrysostom, in his homily on the Ascension says: Today the human race is completely reconciled with God. The ancient battle and enmity have disappeared. We, who were unworthy to live even on earth — are now lifted up to heaven. Today we become heirs to the kingdom of heaven, we, who do not even deserve earth, we ascend to heaven and inherit the throne of the King and Lord. Human nature, against which the cherubim guarded paradise, is now raised up above all the cherubim.”

Sources of the first three centuries do not speak of this feast. Not even the writer Origen (t251) mentions it, although he lists the Christian feasts in the eighth book of his work *Against Celsus*. Liturgical experts are of the opinion that in the first three centuries the celebration of this feast was combined with that of the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). Silvia Egerla does not call this feast the Ascension, but only “the fortieth day after the resurrection of Christ.”

In the fourth century the feast of the Lord’s Ascension became a universal feast, celebrated everywhere. The Historian Socrates (.440) calls it a “general feast”. (*History of the Church*, 7,26)

The feast of the Ascension was highly extolled in the sermons of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Epiphany of Cyprus, Leo the Great and others. In the fourth century, Queen Helena erected a church at the place of Christ’s Ascension in honor of this feast.

The spirit of the services of this feast, as a whole, is uplifting and joyful. The Church rejoices at the glory of Christ (God and Man), who is now seated at the right hand of the Father. He ascended into heaven, in order to send us the Comforter — the Holy Spirit — and to “prepare a place for us,” (John 14,2) as he promised.

“The Lord ascended into heaven,” we sing in the first stichera of the Great Vespers service of the feast of the Ascension, “in order to send the Comforter to the world. Therefore, heaven prepared a throne for him and the clouds assisted him in his ascent. The angels wonder as they see a man more exalted than they. The Father receives into his bosom him, who is eternally with him. The Holy Spirit commands all his angels: “Lift up your gates’ lintels, O princes; all you nations clap your hands; for Christ has ascended whither He was before.”