

# 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 the Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix**

## **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)

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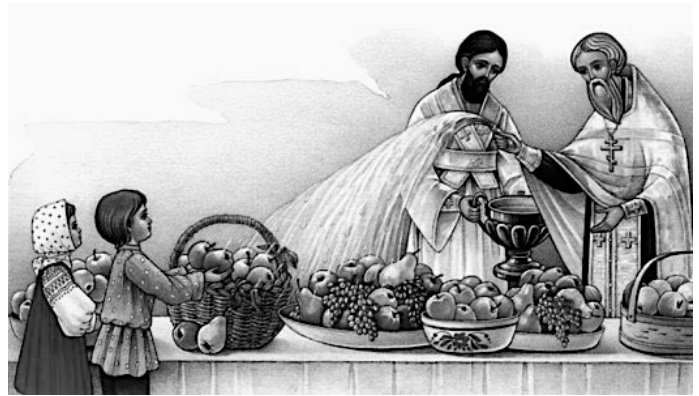


## DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS



Come early to church.  
Put your cell phone on "Airplane Mode"  
Light a Candle  
Settle down in quiet prayer & reflection  
Recite the prayers before the Divine Liturgy  
Make a good confession.  
Thank you for honoring God's Temple with your  
Sunday Best!

Sat 7/29	No Liturgy Hebrew Readings from Vespers 2 Kings 4: 38-44 & Isaiah 40: 1-11
Sun 7/30	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 7, P. 156</b> 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30-9:50 am Confessions 10:00 am Members of our Parish & Friends
Mon 7/31	Procession of the Wood of the Cross & the Small blessing of Water ( <i>change in schedule due to Funeral Service for Jan</i> ) 9:00 am +Dennis Rock by Sally  5:00 PM VISITATION FOR +JAN VOGEL 7:30 PM THE GREAT PARASTAS SERVICE
Tue 8/1	<b>FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JAN VOGEL</b> 8:00 am VISITATION 10:00 am OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL LUNCHEON IN THE PARISH HALL INTERMENT SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN PENNSYLVANIA Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose!
Wed 8/2	Translation of the Relics of First Martyr Stephen , p. 298 9:00 am God's blessing on the family and friends of Sally Rock
Thu 8/3	<b>NO HOLY SERVICES</b> Parish office is closed
Fri 8/4	Venerable Martyr Eudoxia, P. 393 9:00 am God's blessing on Helen and Nina by Mary Washko
Sat 8/5	<b>SATURDAY No Liturgy</b> Hebrew Readings from Vespers Exodus 24: 12-18 ,Exodus 33: 11-23 & 3 Kings 19: 3-9, 11-13, 15-16.



### Sun 8/6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ON MOUNT TABOR, Page 346

9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR  
9:30-9:50 am Confessions  
10:00 am Members of our Parish & Friends.  
Blessing of the baskets of fruit and Holy Anointing &  
Blessed Bread (Mirovanje)

*Don't forget to bring your baskets of fruit, especially  
grapes to church next Sunday for the Blessing.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Msgr George N. Vida, 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, Jerry Aken, Stella Navarette, Stephen Torday, Charles & Marilu Krofchik, Fr. Gregory Petruska, Fr. Christopher Petruska, Chet Vogel, Joseph Moran, Ruth Terry, Adrian Flores & Veronica Navarette, Jessica Kanenbley, Judy Livingston, Brian Safian, June Yontos, Jean Anderson, Betty Perezbak, 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](mailto:annbyzcathchurch@sbcglobal.net)*

### 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-14 day candle

*Intention for Dennis & Sally Rock*

#### Our Lord

*God's blessing on Helen Bruce & Nina Erickson  
by Ingrid Spisak*

*Special Intention by Richard Kaikonapiliahi Sesma  
Theotokos*

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God's blessing on John & Linda Crans*

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**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.

7/30	REHEARSAL Steve Kopko	9:00 - 9:45 am 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
8/06	3rd Hour Greg Gath	9:00 am 2 Peter 1: 10-19

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

+**JAN VOGEL** fell asleep in the Lord last Tuesday night. What a joy to find familiar faces from church filling her hospital room and offering prayers. What a parish family! Thank you. See the Liturgy Schedule for Services.

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH** thank you for dressing properly when attending the Holy Services in our parish. What a joy it is for the pastor to see the faithful honor God's Holy Temple as well as for the Holy Services with their "Sunday Best." We have the **BEST DRESSED CONGREGATION**.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH** Irene Lovas. She just moved into our area from Sherman Oaks and St. Mary's Proto-Cathedral where Fr. Mel is the pastor. God Bless you Irene.

**TILE ROOF ON HALL**, the membrane under the tile roof on the parish hall was replaced this week. Cost: \$12,883.00. The tiles were removed, the damage plywood sections under and tiles were replaced and a new membrane laid.

Part 2—The insurance company would not honor the damages done to the classrooms and parish hall. Cost: \$13,000. We will start this as soon as possible in time the beginning of the Eastern Christian Formation Classes will begin in September. Thank you for your support and tithing.

**PETITIONS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD AUGUST** are special month of prayer to the Mother of God—The Theotokos. A special box is located on the Greeting Shelf in the Narthex of the church for your special petitions and needs. Use the Red Slips of paper to write your petition and drop it into the box.

**The second set of petitions will be sent the week of the 7th of August** to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage in Olympia, Washington. August 18-20.

The third set of petitions will be sent to Saint Macrina's Monastery in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. September 2-4.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT RESPONSE.

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

*August—Gath Family*

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

## TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Our Stewardship July 23

**Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 117 Souls**

Adult Tithes : \$2,140.00

Youth Tithes: \$13.00

Candles: \$5.00

Craft Fair: \$105.00

Dividend: \$353.49

Mortgage Reduction: \$60.00

48th Anniversary Memorial: \$50.00

**Summer time is here**, enjoy the wonders of our magnificent country but don't forget to send in your tithing to the parish office.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**7/31 Monday PROCESSION WITH THE HOLY CROSS & SMALL BLESSING OF WATER (due to funeral) 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy. You may bring your own special bottles of water for he blessing. Place your bottles around the font. **August 1st BEGINS THE DORMITION FAST** penitential season, observance of the fast is voluntary—abstinence from meat on Wednesdays & Fridays recommended.

**8/6 Sunday BLESSING OF FRUIT Aug 6th** after the Divine Liturgy. Bring your basket of fruit to church and leave it at the special table set up for the blessing.

**SLOVAK LUNCHEON**— sponsored and prepared by Fr. Milan & Maria Kasperek from St. Anne's Parish in San Luis Obispo. Our staff will served the Luncheon while Father & Maria return to their parish for the Sunday Liturgy.

**9/18-20 Friday-Sunday EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.** at St. George's parish in Olympia, Washington. [www.olph-shrine.org](http://www.olph-shrine.org) Pamphlets are available on the Greeting Shelf in the Narthex of the Church.

**9/23 Saturday CRAFT FAIR NEWS:** We are accepting vendors for the Anaheim Craft & Vintage Fair. The cost is \$35 for a space. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact Nicole at [Anaheimcraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:Anaheimcraftfair@gmail.com)

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD***Given by Msgr. George Appleyard*

On August 6th each year, the Byzantine Church celebrates the Transfiguration, a most significant event in the life of Jesus and one of the twelve major festivals in the Church. It is a harvest festival, on which we bless produce and fruit, as well as honey. There is also a special blessing for grapes.

Reported by Matthew and Mark, Jesus ascended a mountain accompanied by his closest three disciples, Peter, James and John, and went through a marvelous transformation. His face began to shine like the sun and his clothing became as white as snow. The ancient prophets Moses and Elias appeared and conversed with Christ. Finally, a cloud enveloped them all and a voice was heard declaring "This is my beloved Son." This overwhelming epiphany caused the disciples to collapse. Jesus approached them and raised them to their feet and everything was as it was before.

This event is the very cornerstone of Byzantine spirituality. Its importance is rooted in the fact that the clothing of Jesus, as well as his body, was transformed, indicating that the material cosmos, as well as the individual person, is being transformed by the presence of God. The material world, therefore, must be brought into the program of salvation, which is really a program of transformation: the mortal must be vested with immortality and the corruptible must be vested with incorruption, as St. Paul tells us near the end of his first letter to the Church in Corinth.

As a demonstration of this phenomenon, let's return to the example of the fruit, which we bless on this occasion. We don't much like fruit that is not ripe. Even if a piece of fruit looks good, but is not juicy or tasty, we are disappointed with it. The ripening of the fruit brings it to its peak of perfection. So also the world and every individual in it. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit ripens us and the material world in which we come in contact. This process is called theosis in the Byzantine Church, divinization, becoming god. We do not claim that we become divine by nature, but rather, by being permeated by God's uncreated energy, we are transfigured, somewhat like iron heated in a smelter.

Some will scoff that this is so much pious flimflam; hardly more than fairy tales or pie in the sky since we cannot see any "physical" evidence for it. But that is precisely the point. Christians believe in a world to come, and it's real. Because humans strand in the flow of time they cannot possibly see the end of the process. Because within the limits of this world's mechanisms we have seen fruit sprout, ripen and then fall from the tree, we

think we know how the universe as a whole is going. But we can only guess, and poorly at that. Based on the experience of the first disciples who say what happened to Jesus, and accepting their testimony, we put our trust in what Christ called the "Renovation" in the gospel of Mark. The whole world, then, is something like a Christmas gift all wrapped up in paper and ribbons. It is a surprise waiting to be unwrapped. Consider this: St. Paul said (in his letter to the Corinthians) that if it is only for this world we put our hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than anyone else. But, perhaps more to the point, John (in his first letter, chapter 3) says "we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is." Just as the chosen disciples got a glimpse of a process at work in this world that we cannot see now, we trust that that same process is still at work and we celebrate our transformation in Christ.

## Slovakian Luncheon

Sponsored by Mary and Father Milan &amp; Presbytera Maria

- When:** Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017  
**Time:** After the Divine Liturgy,  
approximately 11:30am  
**Where:** In the Social Hall  
**Cost:** Adults \$12.00, Children 4-12 \$6.00  
 Day of the luncheon: \$14.00



Traditional Slovakian Segedinsky Gulas (Goulash), traditional fresh steamed bread, letne salat (fresh Summer salad, with cucumbers) and homemade Dobos Torte !

For Tickets: call 714-533-6292, or see Rita

Credit cards accepted

Raffle

Luncheon location:  
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Take Out Meals  
Available