

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

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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DIVINE LITURGIES

& INTENTIONS

**Come early to church, park under a shade tree
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 Holy Temple with your
Sunday Best Dress!**

Sat 8/5 SATURDAY No Liturgy
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)*

Mon 8/7 Postfestive of Transfiguration, p 346
9:00 am *God's blessing on Paul Gabriel
by Erik M. Cline*

Tue 8/8 Postfestive of Transfiguration, p 346
9:00 am *+Family & Friends of Sally Rock*

Wed 8/9 Postfestive of Transfiguration, p 346
9:00 am

Thu 8/10 NO HOLY SERVICES
Parish office is closed

Fri 8/11 Postfestive of Transfiguration, p 346
9:00 am

Sat 8/12 No Liturgy
Hebrew Readings from Vespers
2 Kings 4: 38-44 & Isaiah 40: 1-11

**Sun 8/13 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST, TONE 1 & LEAVE-
TAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURARION, P. 346 & 125**
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30-9:50 am Confessions
10:00 am *Members of our Parish & Friends*

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

**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 Bob & Rita Pipta

by Bob & Nina Erickson

Special Needs for friends by Richard Kaikonapiliahi Sesma

Theotokos

God's blessing on Jon Weil

by Richard Kaikonapiliahi Sesma

Rose Lavenia by Charles Lavenia

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.

8/06	3rd Hour Greg Gath	9:00 am 2 Peter 1: 10-19
8/13	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Mike Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16
8/20	3rd Hour Nick Olszyk	9:40 am 1 Corinthians 9:2-12
8/27	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Greg Gath	9:00 - 9:45 am 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
9/03	3rd Hour Sherill Franklin	9:40 am 1 Corinthians 16: 13-24

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY—AUGUST ETHNIC LUNCHEON BENEFIT
 —**SLOVAK** sponsored by our priest Father Milan and his wife, Maria from St. Anne’s Parish in San Luis Obispo, CA Join us in the parish hall. We thank them and St. Anne parish for the wonderful Luncheon benefit for our parish.

MORTGAGE FALLS UNDER 1 MILLION! As of July 20, 2017 our mortgage is **\$997,416.00**. From 1.4 million to under a million. We are getting there thanks to the generosity and commitment of our parishioners. Every little bit helps.

INPUT NEEDED FOR PREPARATION FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY one of our members suggested burning our mortgage for our 50th Anniversary. Another suggested a pectoral directory of the members of our parish.

INFORMATION BOX INSTALLED next to the parish mailbox and office doorbell. The box will provide the weekly parish bulletin for visitors who come after business hours to visit our church. Thank you Bob for installing the box.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES will be celebrated next Sunday after the Parish Liturgy.

BEST DRESSED CONGREGATION. 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.” If you are going to the beach, you may change clothes in the church restrooms.

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 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 30

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 112 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$2,877.00

Youth Tithes: \$7.50

Candles: \$242.00

Craft Fair: \$95.00

Slovak Luncheon: \$564.00*

Kitchen: \$63.00

Jelly Sales: \$22.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$50.00

Memorial : \$50.00

*The report does not show the Luncheon Tickets purchased with Credit Cards. We haven’t figure out how to report credit card tithings and luncheon transactions. Only cash and checks are shown in this report.

CORRECTION ON LAST WEEK’S TITHING: It should read \$3,140.00 not \$2,140.00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

8/14 Monday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm

8/15 Tuesday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

Blessing of Herbs and Flowers after the Services

EASTERN CATHOLIC PASTORAL ASSOCIATION AT HOLY CROSS MELKITE CHURCH

8/17 Thursday Prayer Meeting10:30 am

8/18-20 Friday-Sunday EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP. at St. George’s parish in Olympia, Washington.

www.olph-shrine.org Pamphlets are available on the Greeting Shelf in the Narthex of the Church.

9/3 SUNDAY-LABOR DAY WEEKEND AND PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC be sure to check the sign up list for the needed items for the potluck. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. We are looking for salads and desserts. See Stephen Kopko for information.

SOLEMN HOLY DAY FOR THE BIRTH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

9/7 Thursday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm

9/8 Friday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

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

The Blessing of Fruit for the Feast of the Transfiguration

It is an ancient custom in Byzantine churches to bless fruits and vegetables on the feast of Transfiguration. This prompts us to ask ourselves: what is the meaning of this ancient rite, and of blessing, sanctification in general, since the blessing of fruit on Transfiguration is only one of many such rites? If we open the liturgical service book where all these rites are collected, the so-called "Book of Needs," we find special services such as blessings for a new home, a field, a garden, a well. It is as if the Church addresses itself to the entire world, as if God's right hand of blessing were being extended over all through these rites of blessing and sanctification. Why have people from time immemorial felt the need for blessings?

We must say immediately that proponents of anti-religious propaganda unquestioningly regard all these rites as superstition which, in their view, is the whole content of religion. They argue that superstition is a product of fear: a person is afraid of being poisoned, afraid of a bad harvest, afraid that his house will burn down, afraid of other people. Religion purveys deliverance from fear: sprinkle the fruit or the garden or the home with holy water and God will protect both them and you. "So you see, it's all crude ignorance, superstition and ... deception." However, in presenting the issue this way, atheist propaganda does not mention any of the prayers or rites involved with these supposed superstitions. They make it sound as if priests, the clergy, are a cadre of swindlers who exploit fear and ignorance by using incomprehensible magical incantations. But if one actually listens to these prayers and looks closely at these rites, if only once in a lifetime one experiences the joy of that radiant and sunlit Transfiguration noonday blessing, then it becomes clear that the deception is not coming from the Church, but from ill-willed atheist propaganda. It is precisely this propaganda, and not the Church's prayer, which is permeated with fear, mistrust, and a need to denounce anything more elevated, more pure, more profound than its own simplistic, mundane, and materialistic approach to the world and to life. For what we see and hear and experience above all in these rites and prayers is joy and thanksgiving. But if fear were present, there could be no joy and no thanksgiving; and conversely, if joy is present, there can be no fear. Fear produces misery and mistrust, but there is none of this in transfiguration's light. But what is the source of this joy and thanksgiving?

One of Osip Mandelstam's poems, devoted to the eucharistic liturgy, the main service of Christian worship, includes this wonderful verse: "Take into your hands the whole world, as if it were a simple apple ... " Perhaps here, because it is so simple and childlike, we see better than anywhere else the source of joy and thanksgiving that permeate Christian faith. In an apple, and in everything within the world, faith sees, recognizes, and accepts God's gift, filled with love, beauty and wisdom. Faith hears the apple and the world speaking of that boundless love that created the world and life and gave them to us as our life. The world itself is the fruit of God's love for humanity, and only through the world can human beings recognize God and love him in return... And only in truly loving his own life, can a person thereby accept the life of the world as God's gift. Our fall, our sin, is that we take everything for granted—and therefore everything, including ourselves, becomes routine, depressing, empty. The apple becomes just an apple. Bread is just bread. A human being is just a human being. We know their weight, their appearance, their activities, we know everything about them, but we no longer know them, because we do not see the light that shines through them. The eternal task of faith and of the Church is to overcome this sinful, monotonous habituation; to enable us to see once again what we have forgotten how to see; to feel what we no longer feel; to experience what we are no longer capable of experiencing. Thus, the priest blesses bread and wine, lifting them up to heaven, but faith sees the bread of life, it sees sacrifice and gift, it sees communion with life eternal.

So, on Transfiguration we bring to church apples, pears, grapes, vegetables, and suddenly the church itself is transformed anew into that mystical garden, into that blessed paradise where man's life and his encounter with God began. And just as that first man rejoiced and gave thanks to God as he opened his eyes for the first time and saw this world where everything, by God's own word, was "very good," so in this rite of blessing we see the world as if for the first time, as the reflection of God's wisdom and love, and we rejoice and give thanks. And through this joy and thanksgiving our life is purified, renewed and reborn. No, we do not negate the material world, as atheist propaganda falsely claims, nor do we repudiate it; on the contrary, we sanctify and bless it, for in it we joyfully and with thanksgiving see and feel the gift of God. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," we sing in church. The significance of blessing is that through it, this glory breaks into our drowsy consciousness, opens our ears, opens our eyes, and life itself becomes praise, joy and thanksgiving.

But what about evil, people ask me. What about suffering, what about death? To this we answer: if we are filled to the brim with this light, if we genuinely accept this blessing and sanctification and bring them within, then we ourselves become the place where the victory over evil begins. And death will be swallowed up in victory, for we live in a world where Christ lived and continues forever to be present. And if in everything and everyone in the world we see him, love him, give ourselves to him; if in all, we see the light of his presence, his love, and his victory—then nothing can separate us from him.