

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

Bishop John S. Pazzak, C.Ss.R

DIVINE LITURGIES

SUNDAY 10 am

HOLY DAYS

Vesper/Liturgy
7:30 pm
Feast Day 9 am

DAILY LITURGIES

Mon, Tues, Wed &
Fri 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Sun 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. Use the
doorbell.*

BAPTISM/ CHRISMATION & COMMUNION

Membership &
Preparation Classes
required.



**ANOINTING OF
THE SICK & SHUT-
INS** the parish office
must be contacted.

**CROWNING OF
MARRIAGE**
Arrangements must be
made 6 months in
advance.

**EASTERN
CHRISTIAN
FORMATION**
September - June on
Sunday after the
Parish Liturgy. Marya
Weil Religious
Coordinator.
Preschool through
High School

PARISH CHOIR
Cantor Robert Pipta.
Rehearsal every other
week. Want to join? See
our Cantor.

QUINCEANERA
available for parish
members.

Welcome to our Parish

*Be sure to put your cell phone on "Airplane Mode"
and join us for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy
and God's Holy Mysteries of our Faith*

Let your time with God be Uninterrupted and Sacred.

***For Registration Information,
See one of our Ushers or Fr. Stephen.
You may contact the Parish Office.***

Served by Father Stephen G Washko, pastor

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Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!

Schedule of Holy Services

Holy Days of Obligation

22 Saturday No Services Scheduled
Hebrew Reading for Sunday
 Sirach 4: 1-15 & Isaiah 11: 1-9

23 Sunday before Christmas of the Ancestors, Tone 6, p. 152 & 285

Confessions.....9:30 - 9:50 am
 Third Hour.....9:40 am
 Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am
For our parish family and friends.
Three priests will be available for you to make your Christmas Confession—after the Divine Liturgy. No Confessions are heard on Christmas Day.
ECF Classes

24 Monday-Christmas Eve (Day of Abstinence)
 Office of Readings.....9:00 am
 Compline & Matins.....6:00 pm

25 Tuesday The Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ Holy Day of Obligation, p. 289
 Christmas Carols.....9:30 am
 Christmas Liturgy.....10:00 am
For our parish family and friends.

26 Wednesday The Synaxis of the Theotokos, p. 294 Solemn Holy Day
 Divine Liturgy.....7:30 pm
+John V. Kacarab by John & Barbara Fishell

27 Thursday Feast of the Protomartyr Stephen, p. 298
 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
Tish Ramirez by Ron Pasmant

28 Friday 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, p. 289
 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Belev & Bill Schuman
by Angelica Villarin

29 Saturday after Christmas No Liturgy Scheduled
 Hebrew Readings for Sunday
 Hosea 11: 1-4, 8-11 & Jeremiah 31: 15-20

30 Sunday after Christmas Memory of the Holy & Just Joseph Husband of Mary, of David the Prophet & King and of James, the brother of our Lord. Tone 7
 Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am
 Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am
For our parish family and friends.

Circumcision of our Lord & The Feast of St Basil the Great Solemn Holy Day

31 Monday Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil.....7:30 pm
1 Tuesday Liturgy of St Basil the Great..... 9:00 am

4 Friday Office of Readings (No Fasting).....7:30 pm

Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ in the River Jordan Holy Day of Obligation

5 Saturday Liturgy of St John.....9:00 am
 6 Sunday The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the Solemn Blessing of Water.....10:00 am

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



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| Frank Malinick | Chuck Johnson |
| Robby Dugan | Stella Navarette |
| Libby Distefano | Fr. Christopher Petruska |
| Juana Cordova | Bob & Rita Pipta |
| Fr. Marcus Gomori | Adrian Flores |
| Cherie Loewe | Jessica Kanenbley |
| Ron Lowery & Family | Brian Safian |
| Joel Rivera | Lauren Harnett |
| Johnny Dushanko | Elaine Nale |
| Janet Lambert | Ron & Isabel Christian |
| Frances Bisaha | |
| Christopher Torday | |
| Kutzner & McCalse Families | |
| Margarette Samul Family | |
| Ruth Terry | |
| Veronica Navarette | |
| Judy Livingston | |
| Bill Drahusz | |
| Betty Perebzk | |
| Deanna Keefe | |

For the families and migrants fleeing violence, abuse, deprivation, hunger, and misery in Central America and Africa that they may be protected from further oppression and receive mercy and compassion in body and soul, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy

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

Blessed Christmas by Richard Sesma

Christmas Icon

Special Intention by Sally Rock

The Dang Family by David & Catherine Majors

Our Lord

Tish Ramirez by Ron Pasmant

Thanksgiving by Helen Bruce

The Mother of God

Decd. Family Members by Fr. George

Dr. Lilia Villarin by Angelica Villarin

READER'S SCHEDULE

12/23	3rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	Hebrews 11:9,10,32-40
12/30	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Steve Kopko	Galatians 1: 11-19
01/6	3rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
01/13	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Ron Pasmant	Ephesians 4: 7-13
01/20	3rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	Colossians 3:12-16

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 16

Attendance: Sun—10 am 125 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$4,639.10
 Youth Tithes: \$7.00
 Christmas: \$1,300.00

Jelly Sales: \$98.00
 Principle Reduction: \$100.00
 Bake Sale: \$2,091.50

Thank you for the donations.

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 12-10-18
\$875,274.79

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

ARE YOU UP TO DATE—check your Tithing and Contribution schedule. End of the year is coming and our parish books are closed on December 31st for 2018.
Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

UKRAINIAN LUNCHEON PROFIT \$957.33

Thank you to the Sheftic Family for sponsoring the event and to the response of our parishioners.



DECEMBER 25

By Pope Saint Leo the Great

Although the state of infancy, which the majesty of the Son of God did not disdain to assume, developed with the passage of time into the maturity of manhood, and although after the triumph of the passion and the resurrection all his lowly acts undertaken on our behalf belong to the past, nevertheless today's feast of Christmas renews for us the sacred beginning of Jesus' life, his birth from the Virgin Mary. In the very act in which we are reverencing the birth of our Savior, we are also celebrating our own new birth. For the birth of Christ is the origin of the Christian people; and the birthday of the head is also the birthday of the body.

Though each and every individual occupies a definite place in this body to which he has been called, and though all the progeny of the church are differentiated and marked with the passage of time, nevertheless as the whole community of the faithful, once begotten in the baptismal font, was crucified with Christ in the passion, raised up with him in the resurrection and at the ascension placed at the right hand of the Father, so too it is born with him at this Nativity, which we are celebrating today. For every believer regenerated in Christ, no matter in what part of the whole world he may be, breaks with that ancient way of life that derived from original sin, and by rebirth is transformed into a new man.

Henceforth, he is reckoned to be of the stock, not of his earthly father, but of Christ, who became Son of Man precisely that men could become sons of God; for unless in humility he had come down from us, none of us by our own merits could ever go up to him. Therefore, the greatness of the gift which he has bestowed on us demands an appreciation proportioned to its excellence; for blessed Paul the Apostle truly teaches: We have received not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. The only way that he can be worthily honored by us is by the presentation to him of that which he has already given to us. But what can we find in the treasure of the Lord's bounty more in keeping with the glory of this feast than that peace which was first announced by the angelic choir on the day of his birth? For that peace, from which the Sons of God spring, sustains love and mothers unity; it refreshes the blessed and shelters eternity; its characteristic function and special blessing is to join to God those whom it separates from this world.

Therefore, may those who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God, offer to the Father their harmony as sons and daughters united in peace; and may all those whom he has adopted as his members meet in the firstborn of the new creation, [in him] who came not to do his own will but the will of the one who sent him; for the grace of the Father has adopted as heirs neither the contentious nor the

CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP

2019 Mark your calendars for next year's big events.

- ✠ **February 19, 20 & 21 Conference at the Cathedral in Phoenix**— Safe Environment, Accounting & Evangelization
- ✠ **March 22, 2019 Friday 5:15 pm Byzantine Liturgy** with our choir and servers at LA Catechetical Congress Anaheim Convention
- ✠ **July 20, 2019 50TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY**

dissident, but those who are one in thought and love. The hearts and minds of those who have been reformed according to one and the same image should be in harmony with one another. The birthday of the Lord is the birthday of peace, as Paul the Apostle says: For he is our peace, who has made us both one; for whether we be Jew or Gentile, through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.

(Sermon 6, On the Lord's Nativity) 12

DECEMBER 25

Commentary: by St. Basil the Great

The star came to rest above the place where the child was. At the sight of it the wise men were filled with great joy and that great joy should fill our hearts as well. It is the same as the joy the shepherds received from the glad tidings brought by the angels. Let us join the wise men in worship and the shepherds in giving glory to God. Let us dance with the angels and sing: To us is born this day a savior who is Christ the Lord. The Lord is God and he has appeared to us, not as God which would have terrified us in our weakness, but as a slave in order to free those living in slavery. Could anyone be so lacking in sensibility and so ungrateful as not to join us all in our gladness, exultation, and radiant joy? This feast belongs to the whole universe. It gives heavenly gifts to the earth, it sends archangels to Zechariah and to Mary, it assembles a choir of angels to sing. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Stars cross the sky, wise men journey from pagan lands, earth receives its savior in a cave. Let there be no one without a gift to offer, no one without gratitude as we celebrate the salvation of the world, the birthday of the human race. Now it is no longer. Dust you are and to dust you shall return, but "You are joined to heaven and into heaven you shall be taken up." It is no longer, In sorrow you shall bring forth children, but, "Blessed is she who has borne Emmanuel and blessed the breast that nursed him." For a child is born to us, a son is given to us, and dominion is laid upon his shoulder. Come, join the company of those who merrily welcome the Lord from heaven. Think of shepherds receiving wisdom, of priests prophesying, of women who are glad of heart, as Mary was when told by the angel to rejoice and as Elizabeth was when John leapt in her womb. Anna announced the good news; Simeon took the child in his arms. They worshiped the mighty God in a tiny baby, not despising what they beheld but praising his divine majesty. Like light through clear glass the power of the Godhead shone through that human body for those whose inner eye was pure. Among such may we also be numbered, so that beholding his radiance with unveiled face we too may be transformed from glory to glory by the grace and loving kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and power for endless ages. Amen.
(Homily 2 on Christ's Origin, PG 31, 1472-1476)

What is Pro Life? Are we sure we are 100% Pro Life?

The Church teaches that all life is sacred and must be cherished and protected from conception to natural death. By keeping this guiding principle in mind in reviewing all the following moral issues of today, we can quickly see what it means to be 100% Pro Life, no exceptions.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

This is performed by obtaining stem cells from a developing embryo and involves killing the embryo to do that.

Once again the difficult question, the possible exception: can we destroy an unborn embryo in order to save another person living in a grave terminal medical situation that could maybe be saved by embryonic stem cells?

No, we can never take one life in order to save another. And in the case of embryonic stem cells, so far that has not been possible anyway. No embryonic stem cell research to date has been successful in developing any therapeutic treatments.

However, the removing of adult stem cells, which does not harm or cause the death of the person, has shown great promise for treating a variety of conditions and diseases.

If you believe that killing the embryo in order to obtain the embryonic stem cells is wrong, then you are Pro Life on this issue.

Joan Murray Lucas Texas

Sponsored by the Kopko Family

New Year Luncheon

**Purchase your tickets now for this
homemade traditional lunch**

**Roast Pork Tenderloin with Apple Sauce,
Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit and Dessert**

When: Sunday, Jan. 13th, 2019

Time: After Sunday Liturgy, approx. 11:45am

Where: Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church,
995 N. West St., Anaheim, CA 92801

Cost: Adults: \$12.00

Children (4-12): \$6.00

Purchase tickets: At church office and Rita