

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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Schedule for this Week

Sat 12-15 No Service Scheduled

Hebrew Scriptures Preparation for Sunday Reading
Judges 13: 1-5, 24-25, 14: 1-20 and Isaiah 25: 1-9

Sun 12-16 Sunday of the Forefathers & Tone 5, p. 281 & 146

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30-9:50 am Confessions
10:00 am *for members of our Parish & Friends*
ECF Classes—very important.

Mon 12-17 Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Children, Hananiah, Azariah and Misheal, p. 381

9:00 am +*The Priest Gregory Petruska*
by Angelica Villarín

Tue 12-18 Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions, p. 381

9:00 am +*Norma Beasca* by Jeff Beasca

Wed 12-19 Holy Martyr Boniface, p. 379

9:00 am *God's blessing on Mary Washko*
by Fr Stephen

Thu 12-20 NO SERVICES SCHEDULED

Parish Office is Closed for the Day

Fri 12-21 Prefestive Day of Christmas & Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, p. 391

9:00 am +*The Priest Francis Vivona*

Sat 12-22 No Services Scheduled

Hebrew Reading for Sunday
Sirach 4: 1-15 & Isaiah 11: 1-9

Sun 12-23 Sunday before Christmas of the Ancestors, Tone 6, p. 152 & 285

9:30- 9:50 am Confessions
9:40 am Third Hour
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

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23RD 3 Priests will be available for Confessions after the 10am Divine Liturgy. No Confessions will be heard before the Christmas Liturgy. Father is available before the daily Liturgies.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na Viki!
¡Gloria a Jesucristo! ¡Gloria por siempre!

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

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

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

Special Intention by Sally Rock

Tetrapod

Special intention for Salvador & Gloria Solis

Frank Melinick by Mary Washko

Our Lord

Available

The Mother of God

Available

READER'S SCHEDULE

12/16	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Marc Brown	Colossians 3:4-11
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

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

Thank you for your love and service to the parish community.
Hosts for December John Kopko & The Terrys
We thank our parishioners for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social.

THANK YOU

- To the men and women who baked up a storm in our parish kitchen for our Christmas Orders.
- To the Church Decorators preparing our Temple for the Christmas Celebration.
- To your generous donations for the Christmas Decorations and Flowers.



Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 9
Attendance: Sun—10 am 97 Souls

- Adult Tithes : \$6,090.00
- Youth Tithes: \$26.25
- Christmas: \$455.00
- Retired Religious Collection: \$455.00
- Luncheon: \$200.00
- Principle Reduction: \$270.00
- Bake Sale: \$200.00

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.

SOMETHING NEW your budget envelope tithing for 2019 will be delivered to your home in place of using **The Box Sets**. The first set for *January, February and March 2019* was sent out from Cathedral Envelope Company.

****If you are sending your tithes by way of E-checks or Auto-checks, you will not receive an envelope set but you will have a number.**

****If you are in a habit of making your donations by dropping a check into the collection baskets without the envelopes, you will not receive an envelope set but you will have a number.**

****If you make your Tithe once a month, you will not receive an envelope set but you will have a number.** We have a little savings mailing the envelopes to your home, which is a friendly reminder, plus returned envelopes let us know if you had moved.



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**

Christmas and
 Theophany
 Schedule of Holy
 Services
 Holy Days of
 Obligation



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

- Christmas Carols.....9:30 am
- Christmas Liturgy.....10:00 am

26 Wednesday The Synaxis of the Theotokos,
Solemn Holy Day

- Divine Liturgy.....7:30 pm

27 Thursday Feast of the Protomartyr Stephen

- Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

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

Wisdom from St Seraphim Sarov:

“Prayer, fasting, vigils and all other Christian acts, however good they may be in themselves, certainly do not constitute the aim of our Christian life; they are but the indispensable means of attaining that aim. For the true aim of the Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God. As for fasts, vigils prayer and almsgiving, and other good works done in the name of Jesus, they are only the means of acquiring the Holy Spirit of God. Prayer is always possible for everyone, rich and poor, righteous and sinful, noble and simple, strong and weak, healthy and suffering. Great is the power of prayer; most of all it brings the Spirit of God and easiest of all is it to exercise.”

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS AS BYZANTINE CATHOLICS *(taken from the Cathedral bulletin)*

1. Go to Church

One simple yet profound way to keep the focus on the Nativity this year is to attend church together as a family. You can attend the Compline Service with the blessing of the Loaves, Wheat, Wine and Oil on Christmas Eve or the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. There is something simultaneously solemn and joyful about the Byzantine Nativity liturgy. At the Great Incensation the priest will intone from the Compline Service—“God Is with Us.”

2. Read the Christmas Story

Reading the Christmas story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke is another simple way to remember the reason for the holy day. Our family reads the story from both gospels and from a children’s Bible. We sit around the fireplace and revel in this moment of quiet, pondering the deep mystery of our faith: God himself became man and dwelt among us.

3. Pray Together as a Family

Taking the time to pray together as a family in your icon corner sends a powerful message to your children. You could pause and say the Morning Prayers before or after you open presents. Or, you can come together for Evening Prayers before you have pie and coffee and play games at night. Each child can hold an icon (making sure that one holds the Nativity icon) for the adults to venerate. Whatever you do, be sure to lead your family in praying to the God who became flesh for us.

4. Greet Each Other in English with “Christ is Born!” (Or “Christos Razdajetsja!” in Rusyn or “!Cristo ha nacido!” in Spanish)

In the Byzantine Catholic Church, we have responsive greetings for most feast days. Most people know the greeting for Pascha where one person says, “Christ is risen!” and the other responds, “Indeed he is risen!” There

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

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is a similar greeting for Nativity. One person will say, “Christ is born!” and the other will respond, “Glorify Him!” (or in Rusyn, “Slavite Jeho!”, or in Spanish, “!Glorifiquemosle!”). We taught our children this response at a very early age, and they love saying it over and over on Christmas. We can be opening presents, eating dinner, or playing with toys and someone will cry, “Christ is born!” Everyone else joyfully calls, “Glorify Him!” What a beautiful, and enthusiastic, way to remember the birth of Christ on Christmas.

5. Create a Nativity Scene

Many families also have a nativity scene (preferably an icon) in their homes throughout the festal season. Why not consider letting the children make their own nativity scene. This could be a simple paper scene where children draw and then cut out each figure and place it on a poster of a cave. What a wonderful family project for the 12 days of Christmas!

6. Research a person from the Nativity story

Older children can study the life and story of one person from the Nativity narrative and then share their findings with the family. They could research Caesar Augustus, St. Joseph, the wise men, etc. to find out more about them. This may include looking at Scriptures, at church tradition, and on the Internet.