

# 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 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!**  
**Χριστος γεννται! Δοξασατε!**  
**Christus natus est! Gaudete!**  
**Христос раждается! Славите jeho!**  
**Krisztus született! Dicsőítsd meg őt!**  
**¡Gloria a Jesucristo! ¡Gloria por siempre!**

Schedule of Holy Services

Holy Days of Obligation

**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.*

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

**31 Monday** Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil.....7:30 pm  
*For our parish family and friends*

**1 Tuesday** Liturgy of St Basil the Great..... 9:00 am  
*God's blessing on Diane Leoncio by Angelica Villarín*

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**2 Wednesday Pre-festive Day of Theophany, p.**  
 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am  
*God's blessing on Jean Washicko by George & Jan Washicko*

**3 Thursday NO SERVICES SCHEDULED**  
*Office is Closed*

**4 Friday Pre-festive of Theophany (no strict fast)**  
 Office of Readings.....7:30 pm

**5 Saturday Liturgy of St. John .....9:00 am**  
*God's blessing on Miles Jordan by Phil Jordan*

**6 Sunday THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD & SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, with the Solemn blessing of Water**

Confessions.....9:30 - 9:50 am  
 Third Hour.....9:40 am  
 Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great .....10:00 am  
*For our parish family and friends*  
*\*Be sure to bring your bottles for the Jordan Holy Water.*  
*\*Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the parish hall.*

**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](mailto: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**

*Happy New Year by Richard Sesma*

**Christmas Icon**

*Special Intention by Sally Rock*

*Special Intention by Salvador & Gloria Solis*

**Our Lord**

*Jamie Lavenia by Charles Levenia*

*Thanksgiving by Helen Bruce*

**The Mother of God**

*Sister Christopher by Mary Washko*

*Mast Sisters by Angelica Villarín*

**READER'S SCHEDULE**

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

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. 13<sup>th</sup>, 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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### MORTGAGE BALANCE 12-10-18

**\$867,728.59**

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GENEROSITY!**

*Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.*

### 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

### Helper of Mothers Icon

by Fr Chrisotpher Zuger

Feast day is December 26, the Synaxis of the Mother of God.

It is not known when the icon *The Helper of Mothers* was originally made. It is also called *Helper in Childbirth*, or the *Mother of God the Word Made Flesh*. Sources agree that it is ancient both in origin and in devotion by the people to Our Lady under these titles. It probably originated in medieval Russia.

One icon was enshrined in the little town of Albazin on the Amur River, in the Russian Far East. It was the patronal icon of the church. Chinese attacks against the town were repulsed repeatedly in 1685-1690 and the settlers attributed their survival, and the Manchus granting their safe departure afterward, to the intercession of Our Lady. Thus, the icon is sometimes referred to as the Albazinskaya Mother of God, in which case the feast day is March 9. The Orthodox Church in China is descended from Russian colonists and their native wives who were brought into Beijing from the Amur valley. To this day these descendants are known as Albazinsky, and they have great devotion to this icon.

In 1900 China was torn by the Boxer Rebellion, during which thousands of Christians were slain. When these Boxers invaded the Amur valley, the people and army invoked the help of the Albazin Mother of God. The Boxers withdrew after a 19 day siege, stating that they saw a radiant lady appear in

### TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

#### Our Stewardship December 23 & Christmas

Attendance: Sun—10 am 109 Souls

Christmas Compline & Matins 6:00 pm 40 Souls

Christmas Day 10 am—138 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$3,859.00

Youth Tithes: \$34.94

Christmas: \$7,642.08

Christmas flowers: \$50.00

Jelly Sales: \$30.00

Retired Religious Col. \$160.00

Principle Reduction: \$235.00

Bake Sale: \$240.00

Raffle: \$236.00

Gift Shop: \$183.00

Jelly Sales: \$60.00

Relocating Raccoons & other 4 legged creatures from  
Rectory Attic: \$380.00

\$100 Memorial for +Chuck Krofchick

\$100 Thanksgiving by Ann Dugan

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.

the smoke over the town. In recent years the Orthodox eparchy of Blagoveshchensk in Siberia, where this old icon is kept, has been recording cases of women cured of various cancers after praying to Our Lady under this title.

The icon is unusual in that the Virgin Mary is shown either with a white veil, or with her hair loose and uncovered. The Child Jesus is shown in her womb as a perfect Man, holding a scroll to show that He is the Word of God. He is surrounded by a mandorla, which emphasizes Jesus' divinity and majesty. Mary looks directly at the viewer, with her arms extended in the orans position, leading us directly to her Son inside her womb. An alternate style has Our Lady with her head inclined, but gazing at us, and her hands folded over the mandorla surrounding Christ in her womb. Mary's face is serene and calm, giving confidence to the person praying before the image.

Since she conceived the God-Man through the power of the Holy Spirit, she is also invoked for aid by parents who have difficulty conceiving. Our Lady is the New Eve and free from original sin, so the Tradition of the Church is that she gave birth to Christ without pain. She is invoked for help by women who are facing difficult or dangerous childbirth. The icon would actually be carried from the church to the home at times of childbirth to help the mother and baby by being placed on the woman's stomach.

An early 19th century icon of *Helper of Mothers* was enshrined in Albuquerque in 1997. Her arrival came about in a unique way. The parishioners wanted four old icons for the first row of icons on the iconostas, and donated toward this. When Father Zuger when to collect the icons in New York, the dealer brought out *The Helper of Mothers*, and said that he set it aside specifically for the parish. Father left the store, but was drawn to go back in and purchased it. As it turned out, at that exact time, a parishioner in Albuquerque who was pregnant had collapsed. She had had several miscarriages, and the paramedics told her that she was going to lose this baby also. She cried out, "Mother of God, help me!" and her



condition stabilized, to the surprise of all, and the baby was saved. When Father heard this, he was amazed and decided that the icon was destined for our parish. Two months later, this same woman came into the church in distress. The doctor had told her that the baby had died in her womb. She took the icon off the wall, pressed it to her stomach, and announced that she was not leaving until the baby kicked her six times. "Why six?" she was asked. "I don't know why but with six I feel like the baby will make it for sure." The baby kicked exactly six times in the span of a half hour, after not moving for two days. He was safely born, with no problems.

Over forty couples who were told that they would never have a child had successful pregnancies. One woman was in her forties and was told it was simply impossible, only to conceive twins. Numerous women have come to ask Our Lady's help in difficult pregnancies, with successful births.

The gold-covered, life-sized icon was purchased from Sofrino in Moscow by Father Kurt Burnette in 2008. The painting under the gold and silver riza (cover) is oil on wood. Only the face and hands of Our Lady are visible; the rest is concealed under the sculpted riza made to resemble her robes. The riza is to protect the icon from candle smoke and overzealous pilgrims. The face and hands are considered to be the most important parts of a saint's body: the face shows where divine grace has its effect, and the hands are used in prayer. The Child Jesus is shown naked except for a loincloth, as He will be on the Cross. His right hand is raised in blessing, spelling out His Name IC XC. In His left He holds the scroll to show that He is the Eternal Word of God, in fulfillment of Revelation 5:9. The face of Our Lady is one of absolute peace: those who come to ask her intercession in distress will find comfort and be confident that by her prayers, they will be able to accept the holy will of God in full trust.

This icon is carried in procession at the abortion clinic, to inspire women to give life to their unborn children. It can also be carried in processions for pro-life events.