

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

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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 of Holy Services & Intentions

12 Saturday after Theophany No Liturgy Scheduled

Hebrew Readings for Sunday
*Isaiah 9: 1-7 & Jonah 3: 1-10

(The Hebrew Readings are a contemporary proposal by the Priest Theodore Pulcini, based the Sunday Gospels for Use in the Byzantine Tradition at Great Vespers on Saturday Evenings, 2005) To enhance and deepen our appreciation and knowledge of Sacred Scriptures.

13 Sunday After Theophany, Tone 1, p. 316 & 125

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am

For our parish family and friends.

- * ECF Classes for our children
- * New Year's Special Luncheon in the parish hall after the Liturgy. Do you have your tickets?

14 Monday Leave-taking of Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am Rick Picazo by Ron Pasmant

15 Tuesday Venerables Paul of Thebes & John the Hut dweller, p. 376

9:00 am Special Intention by a friend

16 Wednesday Veneration of the Chains of Apostle Peter, p. 368

9:00 am Special Intention by a friend

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

18 Friday Father Gregory the Theologian, p. 372

9:00 am Special Intention by a friend

**19 Saturday No Service Scheduled
Hebrew Reading in preparation for Sunday Gospel
Deuteronomy 5: 1-22 or Sirach 31: 1-7**

20 Sunday 35th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2 p. 130

9:30 - 9:50 am Confessions
9:40 am The Third Hour
10:00 am Parish Liturgy

For our parish family and friends

*Coffee Social in the parish hall
ECF Classes after the Liturgy*

Frances Bisaha	Chuck Johnson
Christopher Torday	Stella Navarette
Margaret Kessel	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 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

The Bailey Family by Richard Sesma

Christmas Icon

Special Intention by Sally Rock

Tish Ramirez by Ron Pasmant

Our Lord

Marilyn Cothron by Salvador & Gloria Solis

The Mother of God

The Dang Family by David & Catherine Major

READER'S SCHEDULE

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
1/27	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	George Petyo	1 Timothy 1:15-17
2/3	3rd Hour	9:40 am
	Greg Gath	1 Timothy 4:9-15

OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH

John Kopko and the Terry Family
Special thank you for sponsoring our social. We also thank you for keeping our hall clean and neat for others to enjoy.

Don't forget to update your All Souls List

5 DIVINE LITURGIES - Memorial Days-All Souls Saturdays

EXPLANATION: Although the Christian community always maintains its relationship with the deceased, it remembers them in a special way on five days of the liturgical year. On these days the Christian community assembles in their church to pray for the deceased in a special celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Not only should we be mindful of the deceased of our parish family and human family in our prayers, but above all we should receive Holy Communion at this Divine Liturgy. It is through Holy Communion that through Christ we are united with the deceased.

Free Will Offering

The five Memorial Days are the following:
1. Sunday before Meatfare Sunday
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of Lent
3. Saturday before Pentecost

FAMILY NAME: _____ 73

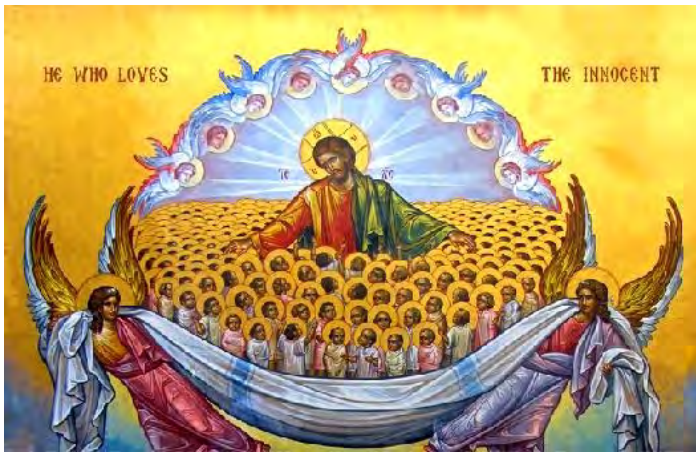
IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS, PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF:

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| 1. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 16. _____ |

PLEASE PRINT FIRST NAMES ONLY

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

Margaret Holston	Frank Malinick
Robby Dugan	Stephen Torday
Libby Distefano	Juana Cordova
Fr. Marcus Gomori	Cherie Loewe
Ron Lowery & Family	Joel Rivera
Johnny Dushanko	Janet Lambert



NOTE FROM FATHER STEPHEN

OUR PRO-LIFE VIGIL HERE AT ANNUNCIATION

This month is the 45th anniversary of the notorious and tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision of the United States Supreme Court, which imposed abortion-on-demand as a constitutional right across the United States.

Each and all of us may imagine to some extent the death and damage not only to pre-born children aborted but also of the grief and wounds in heart, mind, and soul of their mothers, fathers, grandparents, and even siblings, once they discover that a pre-born loved one was killed in an abortion.

On January 22 let us all make prayerful reparation for the almost 60,000,000 children who could not be born for 45 years and for the devaluation of human life from its conception to the well-founded fears of our sick, infirm, disabled, and aged of euthanasia, to say nothing of unjust war and the corruption of medicine, law, public policy, and science. *Lord, have mercy!*

Indeed, may our parish along with other parishes of our Eparchy make our prayers heard on Earth and towards Heaven on January 22. Plan on joining us to pray *The Office of Small Compline for the Sanctity of Life* 7:30 pm Tuesday January 22.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship January 6
Attendance: Sun—10 am 98 Souls
 Adult Tithes : \$2,878.00
 Youth Tithes: \$10.83
 Holydays: \$1,447.00
 Pool Maintenance: \$165.00
 Principle Reduction: \$400.00
 Mortgage Reduction: \$395.00
 T-Mobile: \$2,645.00
 New Year's Luncheon: \$252.00
 Gift Shop: \$183.00

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

\$867,728.59

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
 GENEROSITY!**

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Skunks! Raccoons! Insulation! Leaking Shower! Oh my.....

Relocation Program for the raccoons occupying the rectory attic was successful and the openings in the attic was sealed.

We discovered that the insulation in the attic was the original from 1960 when the house was built and it measured about 4 inches and in some places no insulation. *We need to upgraded it to save on our electric bill.*

We discovered that the skunks had opened up the screen for the crawl space under the rectory. We have very frequent un-holy smells from the skunks in the rectory and usually at 2:00 in the morning. We thought it was outside—all the while it was under the rectory. Our animal trapper is working on the relocating the skunks and sealing up the openings to the crawl space. We got one so far.

The Latest—Upstairs rectory shower is leaking into the guest restroom.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP

- ✠ **17 Thursday 10:30 am Eastern Catholic Pastoral of So Cal Luncheon Meeting** at St. Myron Maronite Church, Orange, Ca
- ✠ **19 Saturday Orthodox and Catholics Together/ Orange County (octoc.org)** will meet at 11:30 am at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church. Planning for May Ecumenical Service.
- ✠ **22 Tuesday 7:30 PM The Office of Small Compline for the Sanctity of Life** 45th anniversary of the notorious and tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision of the United States Supreme Court, which imposed abortion-on-demand as a constitutional right across the United States.
- ✠ **February 17 Sunday FILIPINO LUNCHEON** with special dancers in the parish hall after the parish liturgy. Be sure to let your friends know.
- ✠ **February 19, 20 & 21 Conference at the Cathedral in Phoenix**— Safe Environment, Accounting & Evangelization

- ✠ **February 23 Saturday**—9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Reading of the Names for All Souls
- ✠ **March 4 Monday** First Day of the Great Fast
- ✠ **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**

Sunday After Theophany

St. John as Forerunner: *St. Matthew 4:12-17, especially vs. 12:* "Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee." The Church identifies John, the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, with a variety of names: "Forerunner, Prophet, Baptist, and Servant." The title "Forerunner" is particularly intriguing since Holy Scripture does not apply that specific term to St. John. Of course, when we speak of St. John's as the Forerunner, it is because in the first century, he helped to "prepare" men and women for the Lord's ministry, and he still does so. In that time, two thousand years ago, St. John's preaching and baptizing signaled that the time had come for the Lord to leave His private life in Nazareth and assume a public ministry (Mt. 3:13). In a similar way the death of the Prophet was a sign for the Lord Jesus to go into Galilee and begin preaching, discipling, and healing (Mt. 4:12-17). The title, "Forerunner," is fortuitous several ways. The Baptist's prophecies forecast that the Lord's ministry would illumine men with the Holy Spirit. St. John's message and work foreshadowed Christ's emphasis on repentance, and the Prophet's death forebode the execution of the Savior.

St. John was a forerunner because he "forecast" the dynamic role of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of Christ. When John was questioned about himself and his mission, he stated plainly that he was only a messenger announcing One "coming after me Who is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt. 3:11).

In today's reading, the Evangelist Matthew indicates that the Lord Jesus, being filled with the Spirit (Mt. 3:16), caused "Light" to dawn for "those who sat in the region and shadow of death" (Mt. 4:16). The Spirit

enabled the Lord's preaching to illumine the hearts of His hearers. By the power of God the Holy Spirit, the parables, the healing acts, and the teaching of the Incarnate Word of God were effective in the hearts of those who heard Him. The Lord Jesus declared the presence of the Kingdom, and the Holy Spirit caused Divine "Light" to shine within them, freeing them from the kingdom of sin and death, bringing them to the Kingdom of Light.

St. John was a forerunner because he "foreshadowed" the message of the Lord's preaching and works. St. John warned the people to prepare their hearts for the mighty One from God. Men should change their lives by active repentance before the Messiah's arrival (Mt. 3:2). When Christ began His ministry, as the Gospel shows, He also placed repentance at the center of all He did (Mt. 4:17). At the heart of the Christian Gospel lies repentance, the healing response initiated and made effective by the Lord's saving Death and Resurrection through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Forerunner cast the shadow, but the Lord engendered the saving reality.

Finally, St. John was a forerunner of the saving Passion, for his unjust death served as a type and "foreboding" of the Lord's sacrificial death on the Cross. After the Lord's Baptism, the Prophet was arrested by the Tetrarch (the ruler of a fourth part of a region), Herod Antipas. John had said to him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her' (Mt. 14:4), referring to Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip. St. John, as a faithful Servant of God, never hesitated to speak God's truth honestly against adultery, as the Gospel summary of his preaching shows (Mt. 3:7-10).

John's death, like the Lord's, witnesses to the fact that our race prefers lies and murder to truth, even to the Truth Himself. The Lord Jesus' own preaching was equally forthright (e.g., Mt. 23), and in a short, three years an unusual coalition of religious, economic, and political groups decided on His death and brought about His arrest and crucifixion (Jn. 11:47; Lk. 23:12).

The Master did call you a Prophet, You who are more exalted than the law foretold; and having baptized Him, you appear nobler than all men. Pray for our souls.