

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969

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Located on West Street just south of La Palma

Holy Protection of the Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

SUNDAY LITURGY

10:00 am

Third Hour

9:40 am

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am

HOLYDAYS

Vigil Vesper/Liturgy
7:30 pm
Feast Day
Divine Liturgy
9:00 am



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

On the Feast of Saint
Elijah July 20th, we
will be celebrating 50
years of faithful
Service to the
Catholic Community.

We ask for your
prayers and support
as we look to the
future in our
mandated mission to
bring our Lord, Jesus
Christ to the people
of California.

BAPTISM Membership is required &
preparation class.

CONFESSIONS Sun 9:30-9:50 am,
Daily 8:30-8:50 am or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10 am - 4pm
Closed on Thursdays & Holy Days
Please call before coming to the office.

PARISH ADVISORY BOARD

Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko, Marya Weil, Bruce Terry,
Helen Malinick, Nina Erickson, John Sheftic & Beth Gath

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko & Robert Erickson

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Family members must contact the parish
office. Anointing of the Sick is
given in church after the Liturgy.

MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Arrangements must be made 6 months in
advance.

QUINCEANERA

Member of the parish and attends our
Eastern Christian Formation Program.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION

September- June on Sunday after the
Parish Liturgy Marya Weil Coordinator

For registration information, please contact the Parish Office.
Served by Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

E-mail: abcc72069@gmail.com

Website: www.annunciationbyzantine.org

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Schedule of Divine Liturgies & Intentions

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship

9 Saturday *No Divine Services Scheduled*
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday's Readings
Leviticus 19: 13-18 & Proverbs 3: 21-35

10 22nd SUN AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 5, P. 146
Confessions.....9:30-9:50 am
The Third Hour.....9:40 am
Divine Liturgy10:00 am
for our parish members and friends
Holy Anointing commemorating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and All the Bodiless Powers
ECF Classes today

VETERANS DAY—Civil Holiday

11 Monday **Martyrs Menas, Victor & Vincent, p. 381**
9:00 am *God's blessing on Sue Salmen*
by Sally Rock

12 Tuesday **Martyr Archbishop Josaphat of Polotsk, p. 383**
9:00 am *+Forgotten Souls by Sally Rock*

13 Wednesday **Father John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople, p. 372**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Sue Salmen*
by Sally Rock

7:30 pm *Inquiry Session—come and join us.*

14 Thurs FEAST OF SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE
Beginning of the St. Philip's Fast for Christmas
No Services Scheduled

Our Eparchy has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast may be observed voluntary, partially (abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays) or in its entirety. (no meat or dairy products)

15 Friday **Martyrs & Confessors Gurias, Samoans & Habib, p. 401**

9:00 am *God's blessing on Willow Jean Hoskinson*
by Jessica Hoskinson

16 Saturday *No Service Scheduled*
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday
Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11 & Sirach 11: 10-27

17 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
TONE 6, p. 152

Confessions...9:30-9:50 am
The Third Hour9:40 am
Divine Liturgy ...10:00 am

For our members and friends of our parish
ECF classes for our children after the Liturgy

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

Rob Yarosik	Fr Stephen Casmus
Albert Hatton	Gloria Solis
Charles Bivens	Brian Safian
Tom Atwood	Margaret Kessel
Marc & Matt Lowery	Stephen Demora
Carol Petyo	Rosa Navarro
Kathy Mykeloff	John Galamba
Margaret Holston	Frank Malinick
Robby Dugan	Betty Perebzk
Charlotte Marie Moran	Jessica Kanenbley
Cherie Loewe	John Galamba
Joel Rivera	Janet Lambert
Bill Drahusz	Judy Livingston
Deanna Keefe	Chuck Johnson
Elaine Nale	Stella Navarette
Ron & Isabel Christian	Fr. Christopher Petruska
Margarette Samul Family	Bob & Rita Pipta
Ruth Terry	Adrian Flores
Veronica Navarette	Fr. Marcus Gomori
Alex Gomori	Fr. Mel Rybarczyk

Fr John Kovach
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 for Sally Rock

Tetrapod Lamps

available

Our Lord

available

The Mother of God

available

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO THE GREEK CATHOLIC UNION

A check of **\$3,000.00** matching funds toward our Craft Fair arrived this week. God Bless Them.

PRIOHI WORKSHOP Come and join us in making pirogi for our Christmas Bake Sale. Lunch is provided and usually we are done by 2pm. Bring a friend.
Friday November 15—Making the filling
Saturday November 16—Pinching the pirohi

INQUIRY SESSIONS —Class this week Wednesday
November 13 7:30pm in the Chapel

OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH

Chester & Sherill Franklin special thank you
for sponsoring our social.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP

Saint Philip 40 day Fast begins (*Food Collection for the Food Bank & Wednesdays and Fridays Meatless Days*)
Nov 14 Thursday

Entrance of the Theotokos-Solemn Holy Day & Blessing of Children

Nov 20 Wednesday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm
Nov 21 Thursday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

Nov 23 Saturday —*Home Schooler's Fall Dance*

Thanksgiving—Civil Holiday and we Honor it.

Nov 27 Wednesday Divine Liturgy.....7:30 pm
Nov 28 Thursday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

CHRISTMAS NUT ROLL BAKING DAYS

You don't have to be a baker to help make nut rolls. Good company and friends.

Dec 4 Wednesday beginning at 8am till
Dec 5 Thursday

Solemn Feast of Saint Nicholas of Myra Holy Day

Dec 5 Thursday Vesper Liturgy.....7:30 pm
Dec 6 Friday Feast Day.....9:00 am

Saint Nicolas Parish Celebration-December 8 Sunday Pot-Luck and Program by our ECF children

CONSECRATION OF ALTAR & CHURCH Our Lady of Wisdom Italo-Greek Byzantine Church in Las Vegas, NV. Tuesday December 10th at 3pm.

Dec 15 Sunday—**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

2019 ONLINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge.

Register at EasternCatholic.org/events

You may want to save this part of the bulletin & paste it into your calendar.

Unlocking the Mystery by Joshua Mangels
An introduction to Eastern Christian Bible Study
Wednesdays, November 13 @ 5:00-6:00 pm PST

The Gift of God by Rev David Anderson
Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity
Wednesday, December 16 @5:00-6:00 pm PST

Baptized into Christ
The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God
Wednesdays January 8, 15, & 22 @5:00-6:00 pm PST

** REMINDERS **

As the Holy Days Approach

Recycling – ABCC recycles 'CA CRV' beverage

containers from our luncheons and also from parishioner. There are two blue barrels in the hall for those who wish to donate their CRV cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles. Please be sure they are empty. We have collected \$99.23 last week.

Food Bank – We have been collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank located at Saint Boniface Church. There is a bed bucket in the hall for those wishing to donate. This is usually near the bulletin board.

THE AMERICAN SHOPPING SEASON IS AT HAND.

Some people will spend it jostling for bargains; others will pass the time lamenting the commercialization of Christmas. The Eastern Churches, on the other hand, encourage the faithful to prepare for this feast by fasting. Each of these Churches has a pre-Nativity Fast, but each Church observes it to a different degree.

Like the feast of Christ's Nativity itself, this fast originated in the West. In ad 380 the Council of Saragossa in Spain mandated daily church attendance beginning on December 17. Pope St Leo the Great (400-461) described four Fasts, one in each season, "so that over the course of the year we might recognize that we are constantly in need of purification." He indicated that the "winter fast" was to begin when the "ingathering of the crops was complete." In France it was specified in the next century that this Fast begin on November 11, the feast of St Martin; the Fast was called "St Martin's Lent."

The Eastern Churches began observing this Fast between the sixth and eighth centuries. Originally it lasted one week, as in the Armenian Church today. In the eleventh century Pope Christodoulos of Alexandria

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship November 3

Attendance: Sun—80 souls

Solemn Holy Day total 40 souls

Adult Tithes: \$3,458.00

Youth Tithes: \$10.25

Mortgage Reduction: \$315.00

Principle Reduction: \$500.00

Clergy Medical Insurance: \$50.00

Italian Luncheon: \$387.00

Pool Maintenance: \$165.00

Please remember our parish in your **Will & Bequests.**

MORTGAGE BALANCE 10-11-19

\$768,510.26

Thank you for your generous donations *on the principle of* our mortgage. Thank you.

lengthened it to forty days for the Coptic Church. The Byzantine Church followed suit in the next century. The Syriac Churches observe a six week long “Season of the Announcement” recalling the time of preparation for the Nativity. Fasting is not observed for the whole length of this season. The East Syrian Churches (Chaldeans, Indians, etc.) keep it for three to four weeks in December.

Why Do We Fast?

St Simeon of Thessalonika, writing in the fifteenth century, explained the purpose of this Fast in terms of its length. “The Nativity Forty-day Fast represents the fast undertaken by Moses, who— having fasted for forty days and forty nights—received the Commandments of God, written on stone tablets. And we, fasting for forty days, will reflect upon and receive from the Virgin the living Word—not written upon stone, but born, incarnate—and we will commune of His Divine Body.” As Moses received the Law after his forty-day fast, we will receive the living Word incarnate at the end of this Fast.

One thread running through this Fast is the remembrance of the time before the Incarnation. Mankind was in one sense disconnected from God, having lost the intimacy with Him which we were meant to have because we were created in His image. Fasting is our way to express our sorrow at man’s loss of fellowship with God. The process of recovering this intimacy with God climaxed with the Incarnation, but was prepared for centuries by the Old Testament prophets. During the Nativity Fast we commemorate the prophets Nahum (12/1), Habakkuk (12/2), Zephaniah (12/3), Daniel and the Three Young Men in the Furnace (12/17). On the second Sunday before the feast we remember all those in sacred history who came before Christ and prepared the way for Him – His ancestors and ours.

When and How Do We Fast?

Each Patriarchate and other local Byzantine Church has a slightly different way of keeping this Fast. According to one tradition a person should fast from meat and dairy for the forty days, but only need fast from fish after December 17. Another tradition holds that fish may be eaten throughout the Fast, but only on Saturdays and Sundays. In Greece and the Middle East it is customary to limit the fast to Tuesdays and Thursdays until December 12 (Greece) or December 19. In the Melkite Church the fast has been shortened to begin on December 10 but to continue uninterrupted after then.

The number of feast days at the beginning of the forty days may account for these practices. Besides the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the

Temple (November 21 to 25), we observe feasts in honor of these popular saints: the Apostles Matthew (11/16) and Andrew (11/30), Sts Catherine of Alexandria (11/25), Barbara, and John of Damascus (12/4), Sabbas the Sanctified (12/5) Nicholas the Wonder-worker (12/6), the Maternity of St Anne (12/9), and St Spyridon the Wonderworker (12/12). In addition, of course, we in the U.S. also have the national holiday of Thanksgiving during this time. That doesn’t leave much time for fasting! There are no penitential services appointed for this Fast like those we know during the Great Fast. Some Greeks, who do not generally do so otherwise, serve the Divine Liturgy daily during these forty days. This practice echoes the idea that the Nativity Fast is a joyous fast, celebrating the immanent coming of Christ. Other Churches may serve the Akathist or the Paraclisis to the Theotokos during these days.

Character of the Nativity Fast

Many contemporary Eastern writers have encouraged the observance of the Nativity Fast in contrast to the popular secular Western “pre-celebration” of Christmas, which focuses on decorating, spending, and partying. They emphasize preparation for the feast in quietness and a simplified way of life. Instead of a hurried pursuit of gifts and cards for people who will likely “re-gift” them for the next Christmas party, the Fast enables believers to focus on the mystery of the Incarnation, the “reason for the season.” Many see this Fast as essential for us at this time of the year, to shift our focus from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about our appearance, our cuisine and our home decor in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor.

The Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch, John X, emphasized the Nativity as the “feast of almsgiving” in which we celebrate and perpetuate Christ’s love for mankind. “The Nativity of Christ is primarily the feast of divine dispensation – the feast of charity and of almsgiving... Through acts of mercy, extended to one another and to everyone, no matter what race we belong to, we implore the tender mercies of the Divine Child, whose springs of mercies and bounties we will never be able to surpass. As the pious Augustine says, “the lamp of our love toward our neighbors causes the divine compassion to abide in this creation.”