

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

23 Saturday *No Divine Services Scheduled*
 Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday's Readings
 Sirach 18: 1-14 & Isaiah 29: 13-24

24 **24th SUN AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 7 & Postfestive of the Entrance of the Theotokos, P. 156 & 267**

Confessions...9:30-9:50 am
The Third Hour...9:40 am
Divine Liturgy ...10:00 am
for our parish members and friends

Holy Anointing (Mirovanije) & Blessed Bread
ECF Classes today

25 Monday NO DIVINE LITURGY

26 Tuesday NO DIVINE LITURGY

THANKSGIVING —CIVIL HOLIDAY



And we honor it.

27 Wednesday Divine Liturgy Thanksgiving, p. 271
7:30 pm +*Libby Distefano by John & Ann Dugan*
NO Inquiry Session—due to the Holiday

28 Thurs **Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving, p. 271**
 9:00 am *Thanksgiving for 47 years of Marriage*
by M/M Solis

29 Friday **Martyr Paramon & Philomen, p. 381**
 9:00 am +*The Priest Francis Vivona*

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

31 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 8, p. 161

Confessions.....9:30-9:50 am
 The Third Hour9:40 am
Divine Liturgy10:00 am
For our members and friends of our parish
ECF classes for our children after the Liturgy

OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH

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

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

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| 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. Chris Petruska |
| Margarette Samul Family | Bob & Rita Pipta |
| Ruth Terry | Adrian Flores |
| Veronica Navarette | Fr. Marcus Gomori |
| Alex Gomori | Fr. Mel Rybarczyk |
| Fr John Kovach | Mary Washko |
| Msgr George N. Vida | |
- 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

*GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
 GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!*

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.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY—PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

after the Coffee Social in the Lower Level of the Parish Hall.

ANGEL TREE FOR SAINT NICHOLAS This year as part of our celebration of St. Nicholas Day, we will again bring gifts for the residents of the Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos which provides housing and support for mothers in crisis pregnancies. Everyone is invited to take an angel from the tree and bring the gift listed on December 8, the day of our St. Nicholas POTLUCK celebration.

Please note the following:

- * The gift should be in a bag UNWRAPPED
- * Each child should have a gift to give St. Nicholas when they visit with him Please see Beth Gath if you have any questions. Thank you!

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INQUIRY

SESSIONS—No Class this week due to the THANKSGIVING 7:30 PM LITURGY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP

THIS WEEK

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

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship November 17

Attendance: Sun—87 souls

Daily: 5 souls

Adult Tithes: \$3,002.13

Youth Tithes: \$21.00

Flowers: \$25.00

Thanksgiving: \$50.00

Retired Clergy Collection: \$50.00

Principle Reduction: \$500.00

Coffee Social: \$200.00

Jelly Sales: \$24.00

Christmas Presale Bake Sale: \$60.00

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 11-10-19

\$768,510.26

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

** REMINDERS **

FOR OUR PENITENTIAL PREPARATION

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Day

The Spirit of Thanksgiving

By Archbishop David M. Petras

It may be argued that there is a kind of "civil religion" in the United States which emphasizes faith in a Supreme Being that guides the nation's destiny and glory, tolerance for all people, and family moral values. Some Americans hold to a strict separation between church and state and seek to prohibit even this civil religion, but it is a deep-seated part of our culture. However, the civil religion cannot favor any denomination, so doctrine and institutional church teachings cannot form part of public practice of religious faith. In turn, this may at times lead to religious indifferentism, that it doesn't matter what you believe so long as you believe in something. On this point, the civil religion and Christian faith are in direct conflict, for if we truly believe in Christ, we must make a radical commitment to imitate Him and follow Him, keeping all His commandments and accepting all His teachings. Tolerance means accepting others in love, even if they differ from us, but not renouncing the depth of our own commitment to Christ in truth. While atheists and agnostics like to ridicule people of faith for holding what seem to be opposing views about what is true, in reality an ever deepening faith and commitment will eventually bring us to salvation and truth. Pope John Paul II wrote, "The church, precisely because it is catholic, is open to dialogue with all other Christians, with the followers of non-Christian religions, and also with all people of good will, as John XXIII and Paul VI frequently said.... The church wants to preach the Gospel together with all who believe in Christ. It wants to point out to all the path to eternal salvation, the fundamental principles of life in the Spirit and in truth" (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 141). The Second Vatican Council likewise taught, "The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these [non-Christian] religions. She has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, the precepts and doctrines which, though differing in many ways from her own teaching, nevertheless reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men. Yet she proclaims and is in duty; bound to proclaim without fail. Christ who is the way, the truth and the life" (Decree on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, 2).

In our country, therefore, there may be two levels of religious faith: that which is common on the civil level, and the deeper commitment to truth sought by the true follower of Christ. On the civil level, the nation observes certain feasts which have no specific religious content: Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, in September; Martin Luther King Day, in January; Presidents Day, in February; and Memorial Day, in May. Each of these, however, may be said to have some religious content, in that the freedoms that it celebrates and the sacrifices of life made by so many of its citizens (Memorial Day) are a gift of God, and this most Americans believe. We celebrate one feast that is completely religious, the Birth of Christ on

December 25. Even then, many celebrate it as a secular winter feast, and the specifically Christian content of the feast is kept out of the public arena. One other great American feast, Thanksgiving Day, also has a religious meaning, for we remember an event which involves tolerance and gratitude to God for the bounty of his gifts. It also is made into a secular occasion, the official beginning of the Christmas shopping feast, football games and parades, sumptuous feasts on what some call "Turkey Day."

Thanksgiving Day comes from the reform tradition, in which material abundance is seen as a sign of God's love and approval. America, with its opportunities for all and its abundant prosperity, is God's chosen land. In 1795, George Washington wrote, "The happy course of our public affairs in general, the unexampled prosperity of all classes of our citizens, are circumstances which peculiarly mark our situation with indications of the divine beneficence toward us." However, a great abundance of material blessings cannot be the whole story of Thanksgiving. Our Lord consistently pointed out the benefits of poverty, teaching that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" (Mt 19:24). Richness and poverty, of course, are relative terms. We pray "for an abundance of the fruits of the earth" (Litany of Peace). We want no one to be hungry or thirsty or naked or homeless or sick (Mt 25:3-46). The poverty demanded of the Christian must be the desire to seek before all else the Kingdom of God, which is God's will and plan for us, which includes love for all creation, a thirst for righteousness, and mercy. Christ promised, "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things (food and drink and clothing) will be given you besides" (Mt 6:33). Monks are the model for the faithful Christian, for they renounce the riches of the world to seek God and His perfection. While not all are called to a monastic vocation (Mt 19:11), all are called to perfection (Mt 5:48).

Thanksgiving in Christian faith goes much deeper than gratitude for material abundance. Thanksgiving (eucharistia in Greek) is at the center of our worship of God, who has won for us forgiveness of sins and eternal life through His death and Resurrection. Moreover, when we give thanks to God, the mystery of Christ's work of salvation in His crucifixion and Resurrection is present again by way of the sacramental mystery. Our thanksgiving becomes our salvation in reality, as the Spirit prays in us and the gifts of bread and wine offered become the Body and Blood of Christ. In the secular world, our thanksgiving is for other gifts given, but in our faith the thanksgiving is our salvation and as we give thanks we are united with God and are made God-like. There is, then, no greater thanksgiving than this.