

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

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**CHRISTMAS & THEOPHANY
SCHEDULE**

*Bring a Friend for our Christmas
Holy Services*

**Dec 22 Sunday before Christmas of the Ancestors,
p. 135 & 285**

Confessions.....9:00 to 9:50 am
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am
For our parish family and friends
Coffee Social in the Parish Hall
ECF Classes after the Liturgy

Baptism/Chrismation/Holy Communion

Athena Rodriguez

Chrismation/Holy Communion

Eddie Chow

Eric Eduardo Gandarilla

Louis Rodriguez

God grant them many happy and blessed years.

Dec 23 Monday —Meatless Day

Office of Readings.....9:00 am

Dec 24 Tuesday-CHRISTMAS EVE

Great Compline —Candle-Light Service with the
Blessing of the Loaves, Wheat, Wine &
Oil.....6:00 pm

Dec 25 Wednesday CHRISTMAS DAY, p. 289

Christmas Carols9:30 am
Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom...10:00 am
For our parish family and friends

Dec 26 Thursday Solemn Holy Day

Synaxis of the Theotokos, p. 294

Divine Liturgy.....7:30 pm
+The Priest Francis Vivona

Dec 27 Friday Feast of St. Stephen, p. 298

Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
+Laureta Amante by Charity Amante

Dec 28 Saturday after Christmas

No Service Scheduled

**Dec 29 Sunday after Christmas & Memory of the
Holy & Just Joseph, Husband of Mary, of David,
Prophet and King, and of the Holy Apostle James,**

Brother of the Lord, p. 302

Confessions.....9:30-9:50 am
Diving Liturgy.....10:00 am
For our parish members and friends
No ECF Classes due to Holy Day

2020

**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & THE FEAST OF
SAINT BASIL THE GREAT SOLEMN HOLY DAY,**

Dec 31 Tuesday Vigil for the Feast

Vesper/Liturgy of St Basil.....7:30 pm

Jan 1 Wednesday New Year's Day, p. 305

Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great.....9:00 am

Jan 3 Friday Meatless Day

Office of Readings.....9:00 am

THEOPHANY-BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Jan 6 Monday Theophany of our Lord

Holy day of Obligation

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.....7:30 pm

For our parish members and friends

*At the Ambon Prayer the Great Blessing of Water will
take place. Be sure to bring your containers for the
Holy Water.*

2020 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.

Baptized into Christ

The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God

Wednesdays January 8, 15, & 22 @5:00-6:00 pm PST

OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH

John Kopko & the Terry Family special thank you
for sponsoring our social.

**Special Greeting for Christmas
Christ Is Born!**

Response: Glorify Him!

**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
Msgr Michael Moran	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	Mary Washko

Msgr George N. Vida
For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to abcc72069@gmail.com

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 15

Attendance: Sun—106 souls

Daily Liturgies 8 souls

Adult Tithes: \$3,888.04

Youth Tithes: \$11.50

Christmas Flowers: \$100.00

Candles: \$40.00

Christmas: \$2,144.58

Principl Reduction: \$300.00

Retired Clergy Collection: \$200.00

Christmas Bake Sale: \$1,021.50

Jelly Sales: \$91.00

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 12-10-19

\$759,666.85

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

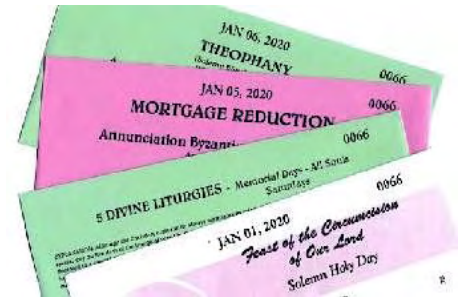
FROM ANDY OUR BOOKKEEPER on December 31,

2019 we close our books for the end of the fiscal year.

Please be sure to go over your Tithing and make sure you are up to date on your contributions. You should receive

in the mail your quarterly budget envelopes for 2020.

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Lord's Holy House.



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE REPORT**

Total Income: \$5,246.50

Expense: \$1,187.04

Profit: \$4,059.46

Thank you for your dedication and love for our Traditional Slavic Bake Goods.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS

We have not completed the background checks on our volunteers. Most of our volunteers have given the permission we still have a few that have not completed the background check. You will be getting a form to fill out and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. We need your permission to make the background check.

**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

In Thanksgiving by Helen Bruce

Patrice Duncan by Bob & Marya Weil

Our Lord

Special Intention by Helen Bruce

In Thanksgiving by Sal & Gloria Solis

The Mother of God

Msgr George N Vida by Helen Bruce

Msgr Michael Moran by Helen Bruce

The Long Road Back to God

Researching family history has become a favorite pastime for many Americans seeking to discover their roots. One reason for this resurgent interest is that, for many, family history was ignored for so long. Many Americans see themselves as forward-looking rather than as fixated on their past. The growing interest in genealogical research shows that at least some Americans want to know where they came from.

In more traditional societies, one's family tree may be a source of pride or amusement, but it is always an object of interest. Little wonder, then, that the first Christians displayed an interest in the genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ. They had encountered Him healing the sick and touching their hearts. They knew Him as the One who forgave sins, raised the dead and rose Himself. They looked to His ancestry to discover more about who He really was.

"Son of David, Son of Abraham"

St Matthew's Gospel begins with a genealogy of Christ (Mt 1:1-16); it is the passage we read each year on the

Sunday before Christmas. The first words of the passage – *biblios geneseos Iisous Christos*, translated literally as “the book of the genesis of Jesus Christ” – would remind the reader of the entire sweep of Jewish history by hearkening back to Genesis, the first Book of the Torah. They would realize that Christ was being presented as both the beginning and the climax of God’s dealing with the human race, starting in the Garden.

Matthew’s genealogy presents Christ as descended from David through the house of Joseph, His adoptive father. Since the time of King David (tenth century bc), Jewish rulers had based their authority on their connection to David. The awaited Messiah was presented in Jewish tradition as “the son of David” for a similar reason: to show that he, like David, was anointed by God to be Israel’s deliverer.

In this passage, Jesus’ ancestry is traced back another millennium to the patriarch Abraham, with whom God had made His first covenant with the ancestors of the Jewish people. For the first Christians, portraying Jesus as the son of Abraham meant that He was the personification of the nation, heir to the promises made by God to Abraham and to his seed, “who is Christ” (Gal 3:16). Commentators have pointed out other aspects of this passage which reflect the early Church’s faith in Christ. In this listing of fathers and sons, we find two women – and foreign women at that! This indicates that Jesus is not only son of Abraham and David. He is son of all mankind – Jew and Gentile, male and female – truly one of us in the flesh. Finally, we note that, besides being an exercise in genealogy, this passage is also built on numerology: the significance of numbers in the narrative it recounts. The ancestry of Christ is divided into three groups of fourteen, the numerological equivalent of “David.” Several less-than-worthy individuals are removed from the Old Testament lists to come up with this number, leaving us with a catalog of the righteous ancestors of Christ. This grouping also alludes to the 28-day lunar cycle. Like the star of Bethlehem, the moon is introduced to show the cosmic significance of Jesus’ birth.

These interpretations suggest that Matthew’s genealogy is an example of what Pope Benedict XVI, in his three-volume work *Jesus of Nazareth*, called “interpreted history”: based on events that actually happened, but presented “as they were interpreted and understood in the context of the Word of God.”

“Son of Adam”

St Luke’s Gospel also contains a genealogy: one with a different placement and a different emphasis. While Matthew connects Jesus’ lineage with the story of His birth, Luke places it in the context of His hearers’ idea of Him. “Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of...” (Lk 3:23). And while Matthew emphasizes the connections between Jesus, David and Abraham, Luke traces Jesus’ lineage back to “Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God” (Lk 3:38). Luke, of Gentile origin, traces Christ back to the beginnings of the human race, stressing His connection with all mankind. Jesus is not only a son of Israel, but of the entire human race.

Many commentators have noted other discrepancies between these genealogies which would be contradictory, if these passages were not ‘interpreted history.’” Thus St Ambrose sees Matthew showing Christ’s royal family heritage and Luke stressing His priestly connection. “We should not consider one account truer,” he writes, “but that the one agrees with the other in equal faith and truth. According to the flesh, Jesus was truly of a royal and priestly family, King from kings, Priest from priests” (Exposition of the Holy Gospel according to Luke, 87-88).

Fr John Custer summarizes another theological message in this passage. “Adam has no other ‘father’ but God and no ‘mother’ but the virgin earth from which he was taken. Adam became a ‘living being’ when God breathed into him (Gen 2:7). All this resembles the Holy Spirit over-shadowing the Virgin Mary in the conception of Jesus, whose only true father is God” (The Holy Gospel, a Byzantine Perspective, p.408).

“In the Beginning Was the Word”

While not offering a genealogy in the same sense, St John’s Gospel begins with another Genesis-like statement on the Lord’s origins. Using the same opening words as the Book of Genesis, (definitely not an oversight), John tells us that “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (Jn 1:1). The Son of God became incarnate in time (Jn 1:14 – “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”); but even before that, before time, He was with the Father as His eternal Son.

***Ukrainian
Luncheon***

Sunday, Jan, 12th 2020
Immediately following the Sunday Liturgy
Sponsored by Bob & Marya Weil

LUNCHEON MENU

Cucumber Salad
Holubchi (Stuffed Cabbage)
Mashed Potatoes
Red Beets with Onions
Rye Bread / Butter
Coffee / Soft Drinks / Wine

Take-outs Available
Door Prize and Raffle Prizes

Adults: \$14.00 pre sale \$12.00
Children (4-12): \$6.00

Call 714 533 6292 for tickets