

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

13 Saturday *No Service Scheduled*

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday
2 Kings 4: 38-44 & Isaiah 40: 1-11

**14 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 4,
& Memory of the Fathers of the First Six
Ecumenical Councils p. 141 & 341**

Confessions.....9:30-9:45 am
The Third Hour9:40 am
Divine Liturgy10:00 am
*For our members and friends of our parish
Blessing of your "vehicle that is as fast as the wind" in
preparation for the Feast of Saint Elijah which is next
Friday & Saturday.*

15 Monday **Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the
Apostles, p. 376**
9:00 am +*Thomas & Mary Janefski by M/M Solis*

16 Tuesday **Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste
and his Ten Disciples, p. 381**
9:00 am *God's blessing on Lorraine Dutt
by Dennis Dutt*

**At the Dedication of Christ Cathedral Roman Catholic
Diocese of Orange** our Bishop John Pzak, Retired Bishop
Gerald Dino and Father Stephen will attend the event in
Orange. *No Liturgy is schedule for Annunciation*

17 Wednesday 10:30 am Mass of Dedication

18 Thursday 7:00 am Prayer of Thanksgiving

**FEAST OF SAINT ELIJAH THE PROPHET
SIMPLE HOLY DAY** *Bishop John and Bishop Gerald
will celebrate the
Holy Services with
us.*

**19 Friday Vigil for
the Feast of St.
Elijah**
**7:30 pm Vesper/
Liturgy**
*Thanksgiving to the
Sponsors: Greg Gath,
Anthony Gath, Victor
Saeuz & Jessica
Hoskinson by the
Major Family*



**20 Saturday Feast
of St. Elijah, p. 343**
**9:00 am Divine
Liturgy** +*The Priest
Francis Vivona*

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 31: 27-34 & Jonah 3: 1-10

**21 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 5
NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD**

The Third Hour...9:40 am
**Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
with Bishop John and Bishop Gerald**

Be sure to come early to

Welcome our Bishop at the doors of the Church. After
the Ambon Prayer inside the Church a procession is
made to the four sides of the church and the
proclamation of the four gospels.
Matthew 7: 7-11, Mark 11: 22-25, Luke: 18: 2-8 & John
20: 19-31

OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH

The Sheftic & Gath Families—July

Special thank you for sponsoring our social. We also thank
our parishioners for helping our host to keep our hall neat
and clean.

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

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| Fr Mel Rybarczyk | Gloria Solis |
| Albert Hatton | Brian Safian |
| Charles Bivens | Margaret Kessel |
| Tom Atwood | Nina Erickson |
| Marc & Matt Lowery | Rosa Navarro |
| Carol Petyo | Kathy Hamaker |
| Kathy Mykeloff | Frank Malinick |
| Margaret Holston | Betty Perezbak |
| Robby Dugan | Chrystal Bostrom |
| Libby Distefano | John Galamba |
| Cherie Loewe | Johnny Dushanko |
| Joel Rivera | Bill Drahusz |
| Janet Lambert | Chuck Johnson |
| Deanna Keefe | Stella Navarette |
| Elaine Nale | Fr. Christopher Petruska |
| Ron & Isabel Christian | Bob & Rita Pipta |
| Margarette Samul Family | Adrian Flores |
| Ruth Terry | Jessica Kanenbley |
| Veronica Navarette | Barbara Bivens |
| Judy Livingston | |

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***The Faithful of Annunciation by the Major Family
Claudia & Isabella Gilmartin by M/M Solis***Our Lord***+Bishop George Kuzma 2nd pastor
+The Priest Stephen Balog 1st pastor***The Mother of God***Msgr George Vida 3rd pastor
Fr. James Barrand 4th administrator***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS****BE SURE TO COME EARLY TO CHURCH FOR OUR
PARISH LITURGY WITH BISHOP JOHN NEXT
SUNDAY.****FRUIT, PASTRIES, MUFFINS, BAGEL & CREAM****CHEESE** sign up and share for the BishopsReception in the parish hall Sunday July 21 after
the 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Be sureto bring your items early before the Bishop's Liturgy.
Contact person: John Crans**PIROHI PINCHING WORKSHOPS** come and join us
on a Saturday morning making those most sought Slavic
Gourmet Treat—PIROHI-PIEROGI— mark your
calendar. **July 27 and August 10** beginning at 8:30 am. We
are preparing for our CRAFT FAIR. We need you.**YOUR PARISH DIRECTORY FOR OUR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY** is waiting for you to pick up.**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT****Our Stewardship July 7****Attendance: Sun—105****Daily Liturgies—6 Souls**

Adult Tithes:\$3,207.00

Youth Tithes: \$65.00

Tetrapod & Cover: \$350.00

T-Mobile: \$2,645.00

Flowers: \$100.00

Coffee Social: \$210.00

Fountain Maintenance: \$165.00

Feast of St Peter and Paul: \$102.00

Principle Reduction: \$300.00

Please remember our parish in your **Will & Bequests.****MORTGAGE BALANCE 6-10-19****\$813,526.17**For the month of June we paid \$5,870.00 *on the principle*
of our mortgage due to the special contributions by our
parishioners and friends. Thank you.**CALENDAR OF EVENTS COMING UP****TODAY****14 Sunday BLESSING OF CARS & Wheelchairs** after
the Sunday morning 10:00 am Liturgy. How to prepare for
the blessing, give you vehicle a special car wash.**50TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION****July 20 Saturday Luncheon Dinner** at the Fullerton
Hotel 11:00 am Registration, Dinner and Program**July 21 Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**with Bishop John S Pazak and Bishop Gerald N.
Dino. Small reception in the Parish Hall**August 1 Thursday— Procession of the Holy Cross** and
the Lesser blessing of Water. 9:00 am Divine
Liturgy**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD,****Solemn Holy Day****5 Monday Vigil Vesper/Liturgy7:30 pm****6 Tuesday The Feast Day Liturgy.....9:00 am****OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SHRINE****EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE, OLYMPIA,****WASHINGTON AUGUST 16-18, 2019** be sure to pick up
the trifold pamphlet located on the Greeting Shelf in the
narthex of the church.**August 24 SATURDAY 4:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy follow**
by a **BAR-BE-QUE CHICKEN & BEEF**
BRISKET DINNER with live music in our cool
parish hall Contact George and Jan Washicko**Synaxarion-Lives of the Saints taken
from oca.org****The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the
prophets** and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old
Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite
tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following
account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah
was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God
around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with
flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the
infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth
he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the
wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting,
meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which
put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the
prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.During this time the Israelite nation had fallen
away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the
One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of

which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1) The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God. The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he

asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in "a gentle breeze" (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world. The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiastes 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Eastern Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.