

# 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](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)

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**[facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine](https://facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine)**

**Schedule of Divine Liturgies for this week**

**11 Saturday after Theophany**

No Service Scheduled

**12 Sunday after Theophany, p. 316**

Confessions.....9:30-9:50 am

Diving Liturgy.....10:00 am

*For our parish members and friends*

*NO ECF Classes*

**UKRAINIAN LUNCHEON in the parish hall.**

**13 Mon No Morning Liturgy**

**14 Tues No Morning Liturgy**

**15 Wed No Morning Liturgy**

**16 Thurs No Morning Liturgy**

**17 Fri No Morning Liturgy**

**18 Sat No Service Scheduled**

**19 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TONE 7, P. 156**

Confession.....9:30-9:50 am

Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am

*For the members of our parish and friends*

*ECF Classes*

**OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH**

*John Kopko & the Terry Family* special thank you for sponsoring our social. Have you sponsored our coffee social lately? See Stephen Kopko for the schedule and for the list of duties for the 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       |
| 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 Perebzak     |
| Charlotte Marie Moran   | Jessica Kanenbley  |
| Msgr George N. Vida     | 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        |

For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to [abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FATHER STEPHEN** will be taking some time off from the office this week to spend some time with his family. Any emergencies—just leave a message on the parish answering machine.

**ALL SOULS LIST ARE DUE FOR 2020** be sure to get your list of deceased loved ones to the parish office by **Sunday February 9th. List only the First Names of the deceased. You may email the list to [abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)**

**FROM MICHELE ROSEN & MARCIE BINNO FAMILY** Thank you for my mother's beautiful funeral service. My mother Cherie Loewe. I know loved it. We continue to pray for you. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** to the sponsors of our Ukrainian Luncheon and to the dedicated parish members who prepare the meal.—to the kind people who decorated the church for Christmas and Theophany and nicely took down the the decorations.

**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**

*available*

**Our Lord**

*Available*

**The Mother of God**

*Available*

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

*Glory to Him Forever!*

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Our Stewardship January 5**  
**Attendance: Sun — 115 souls**  
**Theophany 7:30 pm — 60 souls**  
 Adult Tithes: \$3,897.01  
 Youth Tithes: \$43.25  
 Mortgage Reduction: \$425.00  
 Holy Days: \$530.00  
 Principl Reduction: \$500.00  
 T-Mobile: : \$2,645.00  
 Pool Maintenance: \$165.00  
 Christmas Bake Sale: \$45.00  
 Ukrainian Luncheon: \$330.00

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

**MORTGAGE BALANCE 12-10-19**  
**\$757,846.85**

**Extra Payment on Principle this month: \$1,820.00**

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

**CHURCH ROOF ON THE SOUTH SIDE** was leaking from the last series of rain. We discovered a couple of broken tiles and some of the tiles pulling away from the building. Your generous support helps us to fix it without hesitation or worry how to finance the repair. Thank you.

**2020 ONLINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS**

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/events](http://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 15, & 22 @5:00-6:00 pm PST**

*Happy Birthday for the Month of January*

Andrea Terry 1-4  
 Nick Terry 1-8  
 Bishop Gerald Dino 1-11  
 Sherill Franklin 1-11  
 George Petyo 1-13  
 Marc Brown 1-22

*Happy Anniversary for the Month of January*

Bob & Rita Pipta 1-23

*God grant them many happy and blessed years.*

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING**

- 19 SUN PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** after the 10:00 am Liturgy in the Lower Level of the Parish Hall.
- 25 SAT 12 Noon Roman & Eastern Catholic & Orthodox Christian** Planning meeting at Our Lady of Guadeloupe Church, Orange.
- 30 Thur SIMPLE FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS**  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy

**FEBRUARY**

- 2 Sun SOLEMN FEAST OF THE MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy, blessing of candles & Mirovanije
- 15 SAT FIRST ALL SOULS 9:00 am Liturgy** followed with the reading of the names.
- 21-22-23 Friday, Saturday & Sunday LAS ANGELES CATECHETICAL CONGRESS** at Anaheim Convention Center.
- 24 MON FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST** Strict Fast-7:30 pm Presanctified

**CHAPTER THREE OF ST PAUL’S EPISTLE** to the Colossians begins with this enigmatic statement: *“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God”* (Col 3:3). The questions it raises are obvious: when did we die, and how is our life hidden with Christ?

**Baptism as Death and Resurrection**

Many Christians, particularly in the Eastern Churches, can answer the first question. We died with Christ in baptism. The passage from the Epistle to the Romans read at every baptism in Byzantine churches includes the following teaching: *“Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”* (Rom 6:3, 4).

Baptism is our personal union with the death and resurrection of Christ through which the ultimate power of Death was destroyed. At our baptism, this burial is graphically represented when we are “buried” (immersed) in the baptismal water. Our resurrection is represented

when we are raised up out of the water. What cannot be depicted, of course, is the effect of our baptism: our life in Christ, hidden in God.

The life of the risen Christ is indescribable, but images help us to appreciate what it might mean. In his Catechetical Sermon on the Resurrection, St John Chrysostom gives us a glimpse into some aspects of this hidden life. "All of you, enjoy this feast of faith. Receive all the riches of His loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shone forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free... O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are overthrown. Christ is risen and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one of the dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first fruits of those who have fallen sleep." St John Chrysostom mentions three aspects of resurrection life we have received:

1. *Forgiveness of sins* – "Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shone forth from the grave." When we are baptized, our sins are forgiven. Future sins can be forgiven in the Church, to which Christ entrusted this gift.
2. *Freedom from death* – "Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free." The heart of Death is the rupture of communion with God. Death of the body cannot break that unity for those who are living their baptism.
3. *All that is His is ours* – "Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed." Our "wealth" as heirs of the kingdom includes the general gifts of the Spirit (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, fear of the Lord) and the particular gifts which enable ministry. Living in the kingdom of God includes enjoying a relationship with the Theotokos, all the heavenly hosts, and all the saints, as well as all believers, living or dead (the communion of saints).

These blessings are hidden from the world, but "*When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory*" (v. 4).

### **Consequences of This Hidden Life**

St Paul insists that receiving the gift of life in Christ has consequences. "*Set your mind on things above, not on those on the earth... Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.*

*"But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man..."* (vv. 2, 5-10).

Elsewhere St Paul had explained why Christians must put away things of the earth. "*Do not be deceived.*

*God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life"* (Gal 6:7,8). Things of the earth, like our mortal bodies, die and decay no matter how much we pamper them. Lust, envy, wrath, filthy language and the rest of St Paul's list in Colossians are simply ways we pamper our decaying flesh. By cherishing the "wealth of the kingdom" mentioned above – sowing "to the Spirit" – we enjoy in this world a measure of the life to come.

### **Putting Off the Old Man**

From time to time Christians have misinterpreted St Paul's teaching on putting off the old man. People like the Amish, for example, thought to express their detachment from the world by adopting a particular form of dress or hair style, or by living apart from others in closed communities because they are Christians. As early as the second century, however, most believers have known the distinction between living *in the world* but not *of the world*. An unknown "disciple of the apostles" wrote the following description of the Christians for a certain Diognetus, somewhere in the Roman Empire. "For the Christians are distinguished from other men neither by county, nor language, nor the customs which they observe. For they neither inhabit cities of their own, nor employ a peculiar form of speech, nor lead a life which is marked out by any singularity. The course of conduct which they follow has not been devised by any speculation or deliberation of inquisitive men; nor do they, like some, proclaim themselves the advocates of any merely human doctrines. But, inhabiting Greek as well as barbarian cities, according as the lot of each of them has determined, and following the customs of the natives in respect to clothing, food, and the rest of their ordinary conduct, they display to us their wonderful and confessedly striking method of life. They dwell in their own counties, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share in all things with others, and yet endure all things as if foreigners. Every foreign land is to them as their native county, and every land of their birth as a land of strangers. They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children, but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives.

"They love all men, and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned; they are put to death, and restored to life. They are poor, yet make many rich; they are in lack of all things, and yet abound in all; they are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor are glorified... To sum up all in one word – what the soul is in the body, Christians are in the world... God has assigned them this illustrious position, which it is unlawful for them to forsake."

While monastics would later separate themselves from the world, they would do so because they had a particular vocation, not simply because they were Christians