

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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THEOPHANY SCHEDULE

4 Sat No Service Scheduled

5 SUN BEFORE THEOPHANY, P. 309

Confession.....9:30-9:50 am
 Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am
for the members of our parish and friends

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +CHERIE LOEWE
 Sunday Night here at Annunciation**

Visitation.....5:00 pm
 The Great Parastas Service.....7:30 pm

THEOPHANY-BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, p. 312

**6 Mon Theophany of our Lord Holy day of Obligation
 No Morning Liturgy**

for the Funeral

At El Toro Memorial Park Cemetery,
 25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest, Ca 92630
 The Interment Service.....10:00 am

for the Holy Day

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 Blessed Water to take home.*

7 Tues Post-festive of Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am +Cherie Loewe by Mary Washko

8 Wed Post-festive of Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am +The Priest V Brown, OAR
 by Charles Lavenia

9 Thurs NO SERVICES

Parish Office is Closed for the day

10 Fri Post-festive of Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am +Laureta Amonte by Charity Amonte

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
 ECF Classes*

+CHERIE LOEWE fell asleep in the Lord. Kindly remember her and her family in your prayers. Her funeral Services will be held next week Sunday in the evening.

OUR COFFEE HOST FOR THIS MONTH

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

**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
Msr 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
Msr 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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM MSGR GEORGE N VIDA (Friday Jan 3rd—St. Joseph’s Hospital) Thank you for your prayers and cards. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, hopefully soon. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you again

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

Nina Erickson by Helen Bruce

Jennifer Peters by Jessica Hoskinson

Our Lord

Available

The Mother of God

Available

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 29**Attendance: Sun — 117 souls****Christmas 10am — 145 souls**

Adult Tithes: \$4,000.30

Youth Tithes: \$59.00

Candles: \$106.00

Christmas: \$5,232.00

Christmas Youth: \$87.00

Principel Reduction: \$1,235.00

Calendar Sponsorship: \$700.00

Sanctuary fund: \$100.00

Jelly: \$18.00

Pool Maintenance: \$165.00

Christmas Bake Sale: \$98.00

Ukrainian Luncheon: \$112.00

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. 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

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**

WHAT'S WITH THE ARMENIANS? Every other Church – whether on the Julian or Gregorian Calendar – celebrates Christ's Nativity on December 25 and His Theophany on January 6. The Armenian Church celebrates both feasts together on the same day, January 6. So what's with them?

The Ancient Practice

The oldest practice documented in Christian history is that of a single celebration of Christ's birth, the adoration of the Magi, all the events of Christ's childhood recorded in the Scriptures, as well as His baptism by John in the Jordan and His first miracle, at the wedding feast of Cana. St Cyril

of Alexandria writes about it at the beginning of the third century.

In the next century, St Gregory the Theologian, writing in the year 380, refers to this practice, still observed in his Church in Asia Minor: "Now if the Feast of the Theophany, and so also of the Nativity, for it is called both, since two names are ascribed to one reality... The name is Theophany, since He has appeared, and



Nativity, since He has been born" (Oration 38, *On the Theophany or the Nativity of Christ*, 3).

Scholars today believe that a single feast of the Manifestation of God was observed in the West as well, but on December 25. In both cases, the date was determined by the date believed to be the date of the crucifixion. In the ancient world it was commonly believed that the date of a truly great person's death coincided with the date of his conception or birth. Some rabbis still teach that a righteous person is entrusted with a mission on the day of his conception or birth. In one who completes his mission in the most perfect way possible, this perfection is expressed in the fact that his mission ends on the same day that it was begun.

In the East it was believed that April 6 was the date of Christ's conception and crucifixion; consequently January 6 marked the celebration of His birth. In the West, the corresponding dates were March 25 and December 25.

After the first Ecumenical Council in AD 325, Christians in East and West became more aware of the practices of one another's Churches. The East adopted the Roman date of December 25, dedicating it to the events of Christ's birth. According to St John Chrysostom, this happened at Antioch in approximately 378. Preaching there in 388 on the Feast of the Nativity, he states that its observance was not yet quite ten years old. It quickly spread to the other Churches in the East. The East then devoted January 6 to the commemoration of the Lord's baptism.

The Synaxarion read at orthros on the Feast of the Nativity notes that the day is devoted to all the events of Christ's

birth: "On the twenty-fifth of this month we commemorate the nativity according to the flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ... On this day we commemorate the veneration of the Magi... On this day we commemorate the shepherds who beheld the Lord." To this day, we read Luke's story of Jesus' birth and the visitation of the shepherds at the evening Vesper-Liturgy and the story of the Magi from Matthew's Gospel at the morning Liturgy.

In the West, the division was slightly different, with January 6 dedicated to the visit of the Magi, as well as the baptism of Christ, as the following antiphon for vespers on the Roman feast of the Epiphany shows: "We keep this day holy in honor of three miracles: this day a star led the Wise Men to the manger; this day water was turned into wine at the marriage feast; this day Christ chose to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation, alleluia."

At first, the Armenian Church adopted this arrangement. In the sixth century, when the division between Chalcedonian and non-Chalcedonian Churches became fixed, the Armenians reverted to their older practice.

Manifestation to Israel

The original single feast of the Nativity-Theophany celebrated the first revelations of His divinity, His incarnation and the beginning of His ministry as Lord and Savior of mankind. It put forth a number of themes which we now find spread out throughout the festal season.

On the feast of the Nativity (and of Christ's circumcision on January 1) we celebrate God becoming man in a particular place and time. Jesus is born in the heart of God's chosen people, Israel, and He is adored by them in Mary and Joseph and the shepherds who came to the cave. These feasts celebrate the particular revelation of God to the nation of Israel in terms of its sacred history, as we proclaim in this verse from vespers: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and celebrate, all you lovers of Zion; for the temporal bonds with which Adam was condemned have been loosed; Paradise has been opened for us and the serpent has been annihilated, having beheld now that the one deceived by her of old has become a mother to the Creator. O, the depth, riches, wisdom and knowledge of God: that the instrument of death which brought death to all flesh, has become the first-fruit of salvation to all the world because of the Theotokos. The all-perfect God has been born from her as a babe; and by His birth He has sealed her virginity; by His swaddling-clothes He has loosed the chains of our sins; and by His babyhood He has healed the pains and sorrows of Eve. Let all creation, therefore, exchange glad tidings and rejoice; for Christ has come to recall it and to save our souls."

Manifestation to the Gentiles

Our vision of Christ's coming work is widened as the Magi, pagan astrologers, arrive "from the East" to worship Him. The gifts they bring represent kingship (gold), priesthood (frankincense) and a self-emptying death (myrrh). In them Christ's kingship over all nations is

revealed. He is to be "*a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel*" (Lk 2:32).

"You have shone forth from the Virgin, O Christ, supersensual Sun of righteousness. And a star pointed to You O uncontainable One contained in a cave, and the Magi were led to worship You. Wherefore, with them we magnify You. O Giver of life, glory to You!"

Manifestation to All Creation

On the feast of the Theophany, another aspect of Christ's incarnation is celebrated. His coming transforms, not only humanity, but all creation. In His baptism, He sanctifies the waters, a primordial element of creation according to Genesis, representing the ultimate transfiguration of all things in the Kingdom of God. As we hear at the great blessing of water on the feast of the Theophany, "Today land and sea divide between them the joy of the world, and the world is filled with rejoicing. The waters behold You, O Lord; the waters behold You and they fear. The Jordan turns back its course, and the mountains shout with glee as they behold God in the flesh."

"Of old the prince of this world was named king of all that was in the waters; but by Your baptism he is choked and destroyed, like Legion in the lake. With Your mighty arm, O Savior, You have granted freedom to Your creation, which he had enslaved" (Canon at Compline on the Fore-feast of the Theophany).

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