

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969

995 N. West Street - Anaheim, CA 92801-4305 - (714) 533.6292

Located on West Street just south of La Palma

Holy Protection of the Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 am

Third Hour

8:40 am

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday, Tuesday,

Friday, Saturday

9:00 am

HOLYDAYS

Vigil Vesper/Liturgy

7:30 pm

Feast Day

Divine Liturgy

9:00 am



All Our Holy Services are held outside in front of the church building and Live-streamed on [facebook.com/stephen.washko](https://www.facebook.com/stephen.washko)

Mask are required on the church property and social distancing mandated.

You may want to wear a hat and sunscreen.

You may bring your own chair and water. Pop-up tents are

BAPTISM

Membership is required & preparation

CONFESSIONS Before all Services 8:30-8:50 am, or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10 am - 4pm

Closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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 & Jan Washicko

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

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING OUR LITURGIES

DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING THE SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY LITURGIES are for the sick, the elderly or if you are in great fear for your safety. Call Father if you have a question— 714-533-6292

9:00 am SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY AND DAILY LITURGIES are celebrated in church. Masks are required and maintaining social distancing.

10:00 am SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY will resume **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 (Fall back one hour, too)**

NO LITURGY ON WEDNESDAYS

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

10 Saturday Holy Martyrs Eulampius & Eulampia, p. 381
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 +The Priest Gregory Petrushka by Angelica Vallarin

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
 2 Kings 4: 8-37 & Isaiah 57: 14-21

11 SUNDAY MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & Tone 2
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 For our parish members and friends
Baptism/Chrismation
Melody Evalyn Chow & Santiago Francisco Pena Kacarab

12 Monday Martyrs Probus & others, p. 381
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 God's blessing on Jean Washicko by George & Jan Washicko

13 Tuesday Martyrs Carpus & others, p. 381
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 +The Priest Gregory Petruska by Angelica Vallarin
FYI—1:00 pm Father will be at St. Nicholas in Fontana

14 Wednesday NO DIVINE LITURGY
Father is not available.

15 Thursday Venerable Euthymius the Younger, p 376
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 God's blessing on Jean Washicko by George & Jan Washicko

16 Friday Martyr Longinus the Centurion, p. 379
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 +The Priest Gregory Petrushka by Angelica Villarin

17 Saturday Prophet Hosea, p. 366
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 God's blessing on Finnigan Kelly by The Gath Family

HEBREW SCRIPTURE for Sunday Gospel
 Isaiah 55: 6-11 & Ezekiel 2: 1-3, 3:11

18 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 3, p. 135
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 For our parish members and friends

**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 by Sally Rock

Tetrapod Lamps

Thanksgiving by the Malinick Family

God's blessing on Sally Rock by Mary Washko

Our Lord

God's blessing on Tanya Johnson by Donna m. Safian

The Mother of God

God's blessing on Brian Safian by Donna M. Safian

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

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| Helen Malinick | Veronica Navarette |
| Edward Pribonic | Alex Gomori |
| Jamal Sarsam | Tanya Johnson |
| Irene Lovas | Petrice (Podhayny) Duncan |
| Rob Yarosik | Margaret Dessureault |
| 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 |
| John Galamba | Joel Rivera |
| Janet Lambert | Bill Drahusz |
| Judy Livingston | Deanna Keefe |
| Chuck Johnson | Adrian Flores |
| Elaine Nale | Stella Navarette |
| Ron & Isabel Christian | Fr. Chris Petruska |
| Margarette Samul Family | Bob & Rita Pipta |
| Ruth Terry | Irma Contera |

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

*Glory to Jesus Christ.
 Glory to Him forever*

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020**As of Friday October 9th**

Please contribute to our Bishop's call to support the Eparchy. Forms are available in the narthex of the church. You may want to donate online, please go to ephx.org then "Home- Eparchy of Phoenix" then: "Giving"

Make sure you note that you are from ANNUNCIATION

Our parish GOAL \$30,954.20.

45 Households have pledged \$19,420.00

62% of our Goal

Balance: \$11,534.20

Give what you can to help our Eparchy's Work on the West Coast

Thank you for your support.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**Our Stewardship October 4**

Adult Tithes: \$3,185.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$345.00

Online 'DONATE': \$519.49— tithes

Clergy Medical Insurance Collection: \$840.00

Principle Reduction: \$4,400.00

Coffee Social \$112.00

T-Mobile: \$2,645.00

In Memory of +The Priest George Vida

\$1,500.00 Bob & Nina Erickson

\$2,500.00 by D Mary V. Pratt

For Principle Reduction

Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose

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

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 9-10-20

\$683,866.73

THANK YOU FOR SENDING your tithing to the parish office by mail, by E Checks or by dropping your envelope in our Secure Locked Mail box by the door of the church to help us meet our financial obligations.

ONLINE GIVING IS WORKING Thank you.

Go to our Web page annunciationbyzantine.org click on "donate"

Eparchial Priests Health Insurance Collection Sunday, October 18. This collection is taken in the Eparchy to assist in the cost of funding health insurance for priests in the Eparchy of Phoenix. 100 % of proceeds go to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your generosity!

Disaster Relief Special Collection

The American bishops of the Catholic Church have asked parishes to take up an optional collection to assist those

suffering because of the wildfires, Hurricane Laura, and other recent disasters. If you are able to willing to donate, please identify the donation as going to "Disaster Relief". The donations will support Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity! Use your any envelope and be sure to write on the envelope "Disaster Relief"

Cantor Education - Free Public Classes

The Metropolitan Cantor Institute (MCI) continues to offer online classes throughout the year for those interested in learning about the liturgy and musical traditions of our church. The free public classes that are open to all include The Plainchant of the Byzantine Catholic Church, Introduction to Liturgy, Introduction to Church Singing, and Introduction to the Typikon. Learn how to enroll and find more information about the MCI course offerings at mci.archpitt.org/classes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun Oct 18	9:30 am PARISH LITURGY +THE PRIEST STEPHEN CASMUS WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS IN FONTANA
Tue Oct 20	Inurnment Service for Fr. Casmus at Our Lady of Holy Wisdom, Las Vegas Columbarium
Fri Oct 23	1:00 pm Eastern Catholic Pastoral ZOOM meeting for all clergy
Sun Nov 1	Fall Back One Hour—Daylight saving 10:00 am Parish Liturgy Resumes
Sat Nov 14	2020 National Byzantine Convention online live event
Sun Nov 15	We begin The Philip's Fast for the Birth of our Lord
Fri Nov 20 Sat Nov 21	THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Fri Nov 27	6:00 pm Rehearsal for Deacon Ordination
Sat Nov 28	10:00 am Ordination of Subdeacon Greg Gath with Bishop John Pazak

Christ's Prophecy Fulfilled

As we have seen, the Lord prophesied the destruction of the Jewish temple and of Jerusalem itself. The Scriptures record other prophecies from the Lord Jesus' teachings. These sayings sometimes speak of His disciples' personal futures. Thus at the Last Supper Jesus foretold His betrayal at the hands of Judas. He also spoke of Peter's imminent denial: "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me" (Lk 22:34).

Jesus' most solemn prophecy about what awaits His followers is found in the Beatitudes. In Luke's version, this reads: "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets" (Lk 6:22, 23). In Matthew's version this prophecy is regularly chanted in our divine services.

The First Generation of Christians

St Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, shows the progressively negative treatment which Christians received for Christ's name. At first, Christ's followers were taken into custody and forbidden to speak in the name of Jesus (see Acts 4:13-17). When threats did not work, the disciples were beaten (see Acts 5:17-30). St Stephen was stoned to death (see Acts 7:57-60), becoming the first recorded to have lost his life for the Gospel. He is honored in the Church as the first, or Protomartyr. As a result, many believers fled Jerusalem. Their dispersal became an occasion for witnessing to Christ, first to those in the surrounding area (see Acts 8:4-8) and then "as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch" (see Acts 11:19ff).

Acts 12 tells how the Apostle James was killed and Peter arrested. The Lord intervened and delivered Peter from prison, which enabled him to escape to the Roman city of Caesarea, away from the jurisdiction of the Jewish leaders.

Over the next 25 years, the Church spread throughout the Roman Empire, beginning in the cities of Asia Minor, chiefly through the activity of St Paul and his companions. Their preaching bore fruit in many places and Churches were established in places like Corinth, Ephesus and Thessalonika. At the same time, they experienced opposition and persecution from local Jewish leaders (see Acts 17:5-9) or devotees of the Roman gods and goddesses (see Acts 19:23ff.) who were intent on eliminating the new movement being spread in Jesus' name. Nevertheless, St Paul taught for two years in Ephesus "...so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10).

Since there were many religions tolerated in the Roman Empire, the Roman state did not interfere with the Christians unless public order was threatened. One of those infrequent occasions is recorded in Acts 21. On his return to Jerusalem, Paul was accused of violating the temple. "...news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. ... when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded [Paul] to be taken into the barracks" (Acts 22:32-34). St Paul was ultimately sent to Rome at his own request and was put to death, presumably in ad 68, when the Empire first set its face against those who professed the Gospel of Christ.

Persecution in the Roman Empire

In the summer of ad 64, fire devastated several sections of the city of Rome. A rumor spread that the Emperor Nero had the fire started so that he could rebuild the city his way. According to the

historian Tacitus, Nero tried to diffuse this rumor by accusing the Christians of starting the fire. Tacitus wrote, "To get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace" (Tacitus, *The Annals* XV, 44). The Christians' "abominations" consisted in refusing to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods or to take part in their feasts. Since religion in the ancient world was tied to nationalism, venerating the Roman gods was considered a sign of loyalty to the state which was thought to be protected by the gods. Refusing to do so marked the Christians as anti-Roman in the eyes of many.

The average Roman believed that refusing to honor the gods resulted in disaster. The Christian apologist Tertullian observed, "They think the Christians the cause of every public disaster, of every affliction with which the people are visited. If the Tiber rises as high as the city walls, if the Nile does not send its waters up over the fields, if the heavens give no rain, if there is an earthquake, if there is famine or pestilence, straightway the cry is, 'Away with the Christians to the lions!'" (Tertullian, *Apologeticus* 5,1)

During the next 150 years persecution of Christians was sporadic and localized, often involving mob violence. In ad 250 Emperor Decius issued a decree requiring citizens to offer public sacrifice to the gods. Christians could not comply and many prominent believers were put to death in this, the first empire-wide assault on Christians.

During the Great Persecution under Diocletian (303-312) Christian worship was forbidden and local governors were empowered to destroy churches and Scriptures and to arrest clergy. The persecutions would not end until ad 311 when Galerius issued his edict of toleration. Before the fourth century was over, the empire would officially become Christian.

Persecution in the Persian Empire

When Christians were being persecuted in the Roman Empire, they found acceptance and toleration in the Persian Empire and the border kingdoms of Armenia and Georgia which lay between the two empires. Christians fleeing from persecution in the Roman provinces of Syria and Palestine crossed the Euphrates and were welcomed in Persian territory. By the third century the Churches in these regions were developing their own structures. Syriac-speaking believers from Edessa and Erbil (in Iraq today) brought Christianity into the Persian Empire, forming what would become known as the Church of the East.

The Roman persecutions ended in the early fourth century but Roman-Persian conflicts continued until the 380s. During this time, Persian rulers began to think of Christians as Roman agents. They now began to kill the Christians whom they had once welcomed. More Christians were martyred in the Persian Empire during the fourth century than had suffered in the Roman Empire under Decius and Diocletian. Before this persecution ended in ad 401, upwards of 190,000 Christians had been martyred.