

# 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](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)

**Website: [www.annunciationbyzantine.org](http://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** is effect. Call Father if you have a question— 714-533-6292

**LITURGIES** are celebrated outside in front of the church. Masks are required, dress warmly and wear hats to protect you from the sun. Bring your favorite lawn chair.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE for Sunday Gospel**  
Sirach 18: 1-14 & Isaiah 29: 13-24

**29 Sun 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,**  
**Tone 1, p. 125**

**Facebook Live Stream.....10:00 am**

*For our parish members and friends*

*\*Deacon Greg will be serve as a deacon for the first time.  
Many happy and blessed years to Deacon Greg & Beth  
and to their family.*

**LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**LIVE STREAMING ON**  
[FACEBOOK.COM/STEPHEN.WASHKO](https://www.facebook.com/STEPHEN.WASHKO)

**21 Saturday FEAST DAY, p. 268**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am**  
*+God's blessing on Raphael & Victoria Nyambu by Maria I Nyambu*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel**  
Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11 & Sirach 111: 10-27

**22 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,**  
**Postfestive of the Entrance of the Mother of God & Tone 8, P. 161 & 268**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....10:00 am**  
*For our parish members and friends*

**23 Mon Postfestive of the Entrance, p. 268**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am**  
*+George Washicko, Jr by George & Janice Washicko*

**24 Tues Father Gregory the Wonder-Worker, p. 372**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am**  
*+Lorraine J. Smith by Dennis Dutt*

**THANKSGIVING-Civil Holiday**

**25 Wed Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....7:30 pm**  
*God's blessing on Gale & Connie Galloway by Bentley Hatchett*

**26 Thur Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am**  
*+Gabriel Herman Nyambu by Maria Immaculata Nyambu*

**27 Fri NO DIVINE LITURGY**  
**Rehearsal for the Deacon Ordination.....6:00 pm**  
*For cantors, servers, clergy...*

**28 Sat ORDINATION OF SUBDEACON GREG GATH TO THE DIACONATE by Bishop John Pazak**  
**Facebook Live Stream.....10:00 am**

**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**

*God's blessing on Nina Erickson by Mary Washko  
Tanya Johnson by a Friend*

**Our Lord**

*available*

**The Mother of God**

*available*

**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 & Chuck Johnson     |
| Irene Lovas             | Petrice (Podhayny) Duncan |
| Rob Yarosik             | Margaret Dessureault      |
| Albert Hatton           | Gloria Solis              |
| Charles Bivens          | Brian Safian              |
| Ruth Terry              | Margaret Kessel           |
| Marc & Matt Lowery      | Stephen Demora            |
| Carol Petyo             | Rosa Navarro              |
| Kathy Mykeloff          | John Galamba              |
| Margaret Holston        | Frank Malinick            |
| Robby Dugan             | Betty Perezbak            |
| Irma Contera            | Jessica Kanenbley         |
| John Galamba            | Joel Rivera               |
| Janet Lambert           | Bill Drahusz              |
| Judy Livingston         | Deanna Keefe              |
| Adrian Flores           | Bob & Rita Pipta          |
| Elaine Nale             | Stella Navarette          |
| Ron & Isabel Christian  | Fr. Chris Petruska        |
| Margarette Samul Family |                           |

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

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PHILIP'S FAST** According to the 40 day tradition, the Phillip's fast in preparation for Christmas begins this Sunday. During this fast it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. For our Eparchy the fast has been identified as a penitential season. This fast maybe observe voluntarily partially or in its entirety.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT** Thank you from Father Stephen for updating and following the presentations on protecting our children and the vulnerable. Be sure to be up to date on this very important issue for our vulnerable and children's safety and well being.

**SUNDAY CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** our Sue Petyo will be setting up tables in the yard displaying some exquisite Christmas Collectibles. Available after the 10am Sunday Parish Liturgy.

Sun Dec 6	Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra Pot luck? Brunch?
Thu Dec 24	The Birth of our Lord-Solemn Holy 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy
Fri Dec 25	10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**FALL / WINTER 2020 All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Live participation is highly encouraged for a full experience, including opportunities for discussion with fellow students and instructors.**

For those unable to participate live, lectures are recorded and available on-demand, free of charge, in our event library, currently offering many hours of adult faith formation in the Eastern Christian tradition.

**Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events**

**SEVEN AGES OF THE KINGDOM A Study of Salvation History Rev. Daniel Dozier**

**Mondays, November 30, December 7 & 14 @ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. California Time**

The Church as God's Holy People is at the heart of His unfolding plan of salvation that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Join us as we explore how this plan for a universal covenant kingdom unfolds in Scripture through particular stages in the history of God's People.

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Our Stewardship November 15**

Adult Tithes: \$2,582.89  
Youth Tithes: \$3.50  
Candles: \$228.00  
Mortgage Reduction: \$110.00  
Online 'DONATE': \$2,343.21

Thank you

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

**MORTGAGE BALANCE 10-10-20**  
**\$681,308.23.**

**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](http://annunciationbyzantine.org) click on "donate"

**Commending One's Whole Life to Christ**

St. Paul's image of being crucified to the world would find repeated expression in the writings of Christian ascetics in both East and West. Those who seek to love God are continually urged to "put to death" anything which would deflect that love to something else. Anything to which we may be attached and in which we might take pride – our possessions, accomplishments, even our memories, our reputations and convictions – can deflect our focus from the One we seek to love. By gradually putting these things aside, the ascetic strives to sharpen his or her ability to concentrate on God.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

	<b>THANKSGIVING-CIVIL HOLIDAY</b>
Wed Nov 25	<b>7:30 pm Divine Liturgy</b>
Thur Nov 26	<b>9:00 am Divine Liturgy</b>
Fri Nov 27	<b>6:00 pm Rehearsal for Deacon Ordination</b>
Sat Nov 28	<b>10:00 am Ordination of Subdeacon Greg Gath with Bishop John Pazak</b>

As we become less and less drawn to the things of this world we become more and more single-minded in our attachment to God. We die to the world and, in the words of the popular Greek monastic adage, “If you die before you die, then you won’t die when you die.”

### Asceticism for All Believers

Single-minded attachment to God is a virtue most associate with monasticism rather than with life in the world. In fact, as the Church grew, ascetic life came to be associated increasingly with life in some kind of recognized style different from ordinary living. Some ascetics, like the “sons and daughters of the covenant” in the Syriac Church, lived in the world but somewhat apart from others, devoting themselves to prayer and good works.

By the third century ascetics like St Antony and the Desert Fathers lived as hermits in the wilderness, completely apart from others. Monasticism brought like-minded people together to live in a community, where they could commend themselves and one another and their whole life to Christ God while being apart from the world at large.

But the Gospel is not addressed simply to monks and nuns; it is meant for all believers. How does a Christian in the world “sell all” and follow Christ? Is there a way for a believer to live *in* the world but not be *of* the world, as Christ enjoins? It is not wearing some distinctive dress that says “I am different.” It is rather living by a different set of principles, given by Christ.

The popular book, *Way of the Ascetics* by Tito Colliander, affirms that our “wealth” is nothing less than our self-centeredness. “Take a look at yourself and see how bound you are by your desire to humor yourself and only yourself. Your freedom is curbed by the restraining bonds of self-love, and thus you wander, a captive corpse, from morning till eve. ‘Now I will drink,’ ‘now I will get up,’ ‘now I will read the paper.’ Thus you are led from moment to moment in your halter of preoccupation with self, and kindled instantly to displeasure, impatience or anger if an obstacle intervenes” (p. 5).

Colliander stresses that asceticism is the only path to victory over our self-centeredness. He gives some practical suggestions for living an ascetic life in the world. Like St Paul, Colliander begins with meekness and humility. He contrasts true humility with the desire to be perceived as humble: “We notice the person who is forever bowing and fussily servile, and perhaps say, ‘How humble he is!’ But the truly humble person escapes notice: the world does not know him (1 John 3:1); for the world he is mostly a ‘zero’” (p. 26).

Ascetics strive to lessen their attachment to materials things through fasting and almsgiving and to lessen their psychological self-reliance through humble obedience.

They seek to fill the void created by these “interior deaths” through prayer.

Colliander teaches that following the Church’s tradition for fasting is the most basic school for obedience. We fast when the Church says to, we do not fast when the Church says not to. We fast not to be “righteous,” but to be obedient.

Ordinary life provides countless other occasions for us to develop a humble spirit through obedience. Colliander notes, “Your wife wants you to take your raincoat with you: do as she wishes, to practice obedience. Your fellow-worker asks you to walk with her a little way: go with her to practice obedience. A novice in a cloister could not find more opportunity for obedience than you in your own home. And likewise at your job and in your dealings with your neighbour” (p.44).

To “sell all one has,” then, ultimately means to give up one’s own will to follow Christ. Along with a certain simplicity of life and chastity appropriate to one’s marital state, we attain what St Tikhon of Zadonsk called “interior monasticism.” We put aside the values and pursuits of the world to follow Christ along the way of perfection in whatever state of life we find ourselves.

### Gain Strength through Continual Prayer

When we begin to see that everything around us is nothing other than a gift from God, we start to develop an attitude of joyful gratitude. We come to value material things less for themselves than as the work of God in our lives. To the extent that we practice a form of unceasing prayer such as the Jesus Prayer, we turn our mind more regularly to God. At first we concentrate on Him during the set times which we set apart for the prayer, Little by little the prayers becomes second nature to us we find ourselves focusing on Him in the midst of our other activities as well.

#### Leaving Attachments Behind

“Abraham set forth without wondering curiously ‘What does this land look like, that Thou wilt show me? What is awaiting me there?’ He simply set out and departed as the Lord had spoken unto him (Genesis12:4). Do likewise. Abraham took all his possessions with him, and in that respect you ought to do as he did. Take everything you have, your whole being with you on your wandering; leave nothing behind that could bind your affection to the land where many gods are worshipped, the land you have left.”  
Tito Colliander, *Way of the Ascetics* 18