

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 is effect. Call Father is 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.

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

LIVE STREAMING ON

FACEBOOK.COM/STEPHEN.WASHKO

5 Saturday, Venerable Father Sabbas the Sanctified, p. 376
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
+The Priest Mel Rybarczyk by the Gath Family

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
Numbers 12:1-15 & 2 Kings 5: 1-19



6 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA, THE WONDER-WORKER & Tone 2, P. 130 & 274

Facebook Live Stream.....10:00 am
For our parish members and friends

MATERNITY OF HOLY ANNA-Solemn Holy day
7 Monday Vigil for the Feast Vesper/Liturgy
Facebook Live Stream.....7:30 pm
+Jesus Emanuel Lepe -Guzman by Jessica Hoskinson

8 Tuesday Feast Day, p. 277
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Helen Malinick by George & Jan Washicko

9 Wednesday No Daily Liturgy—Parish Office Closed

10 Thursday Martyrs Mennas & others, p. 381
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Tanya Johnson by George & Jan Washicko

11 Friday Venerable Daniel the Stylite, p. 376
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am

God's blessing on Brenda Washicko by George & Jan Washicko

12 Sat FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
+Bishop Gerald N Dino by The Gath Family

HEBREW SCRIPTURE for Sunday Gospel
Judges 13: 1-5. 24-25, 14: 1-20 & Isaiah 25: 1-9

13 SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS, Tone 3, p. 135 & 281
Facebook Live Stream.....10:00 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

Ned Henry by George & Jan Washicko
Brenda Washicko by George & Jan Washicko

Our Lord

Deacon Greg & Family by Helen Bruce

The Mother of God

+Bishop Gerald N. Dino by Mary Washko

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

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

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob & Marya Weil as they celebrate their 40 Wedding Anniversary. God grant them many happy and blessed years.

Father is not available on Tuesdays—He's in Fontana and Wednesdays—His day off.

SUNDAY CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE has been postpone due to the Recent Covid Restrictions.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the gentleman who set up the Christmas trees in front of the church and set up the special Christmas wreath with the Holy Icon of the Guadalupe.

Also to the people who join Father in church to watch the Funeral Services for +Bishop Gerald N Dino.

ANGEL TREE FOR SAINT NICHOLAS This year as part of our celebration of St. Nicholas Day, we will again bring gifts for the residents of the Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos which provides housing and support for mothers in crisis pregnancies. Everyone is invited to take an angel from the tree and bring the gift listed on December 2, the day of our St. Nicholas Day celebration. Please note the following:

- * The gift should be in a bag UNWRAPPED
 - * Each child should have a gift to give St. Nicholas when they visit with him
- Please see Beth Gath if you have any questions.
Thank you!

institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. 100% to National Religious Retirement Office.

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"

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.

Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events
SEVEN AGES OF THE KINGDOM A Study of Salvation History Rev. Daniel Dozier
Mondays, December 7 & 14 @ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
California Time

A world-wide symbol of gift-giving and love, St. Nicholas (270-343) is more revered by the Church as a Wonderworker, both in life and in death. The earliest written source on the life of St. Nicholas we have comes from the early to mid-ninth century, almost 500 years after his death.

There was at least one earlier source which no longer exists. An otherwise unknown author, Archimandrite Michael, writing to someone named Leo, mentions an earlier work that has not come down to us, "Until now the spiritual program of this illustrious pastor was unknown to many people, as you yourself suppose, although some had knowledge of his grace from the lone Acts dedicated to him."

The absence of earlier sources should not surprise us. Detailed biographies were not common in Asia Minor before the ninth century. We do find St. Nicholas mentioned in earlier writings as well as in prayers and iconography. Churches were dedicated to him, even in Constantinople, so we know that he was widely known and revered in the Greek Church. One telling point is that, while the name Nicholas was not common in the area before the fourth century, its use spread quickly after St. Nicholas' lifetime.

Towards the middle of the ninth century, St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople, wrote a Life of the saint, perhaps drawing on older sources. Then we have the early tenth-century Greek text of St. Symeon the Translator, who used all the available sources known to

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**Our Stewardship November 29**

Adult Tithes: \$1,903.00

Thanksgiving: \$129.00

Principle Reduction: \$100.00

T-Mobile: \$2,645.00

Tithly on-line donate: \$210.00

In Memory of Msgr George Vida—Sanctuary Fund

\$100.00 by Edith Putanko

In Honor of Deacon Greg's Ordination

\$50.00 by Nicole Perlman

\$100.00 by Helen Bruce

In Memory of Dennis Rock 81st Birthday

\$81.00 by Sally Rock

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

COLLECTION. It began in 1988 and provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institutes section of the OCD with an identifying OCD number, and that has a unfunded past service liability. It distributes direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund to religious

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him to compile his Life. Finally we have the first Latin Life of St. Nicholas by John the Deacon, adapted from the text of St. Methodius.

The Life of St Nicholas

Nicholas was born to wealthy Christian parents in Patara, on the southwest coast of the Roman province of Lycia in Asia Minor. He was orphaned in an epidemic while he was still young and raised by his uncle, another Nicholas, the bishop of Patara. Of a religious disposition, Nicholas was tonsured as a reader by his uncle while quite young and eventually was ordained a priest. Obeying Christ's words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his own inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering.

As a prominent Christian, Nicholas was imprisoned during the persecutions of Diocletian and Galerius, which ended in 311. In response to his deliverance, Nicholas traveled to the Holy Land on pilgrimage. While there he reportedly lived with a group of monks in what is today Beit Jala. However Nicholas was not called to the monastic life and returned to Patara. On the return voyage the ship was threatened by a powerful storm. The terrified sailors were amazed to see the storm suddenly subside at Nicholas' prayers. This gave rise to the custom of praying to St Nicholas as protector of seamen.

In 317 Nicholas was chosen as archbishop of Myra, the provincial capital of Lycia. He was neither a great ascetic nor a martyr. His reputation rests on his pastoral concern for the people under his care, particularly the poor and the defenseless. The tenth-century life of St. Nicholas by Symeon the Translator tells of secret gift-giving to save an impoverished man's daughters from penury. St. Nicholas secretly left money to provide a dowry for each of the daughters in turn. These stories and more became known in the West and Nicholas became a favorite saint throughout Europe.

Nicholas and Arius

In 325 Nicholas reportedly attended the First Ecumenical Council called by the emperor to combat the Arian schism prevailing in parts of the empire. Arius, a priest in Alexandria, taught that the Son was not equal to the Father but created by Him. The Holy Spirit, thought to be created by the Son, was subordinate to both. Arius' teaching was spread throughout the Empire as an "earlier" form of Christianity than that of the official Churches. The Council, called by the emperor to restore peace and unity to the Churches, produced the first part of the Creed we use today. St Athanasius the Great, who was present at the council, wrote that 318 bishops participated. Only two finally refused to accept the Creed and it eventually became the standard of faith in all the Churches of its day. Only a few fragments of the official acts of the council have survived. The lists of participants which have come down to us vary in the number of bishops named. Nicholas

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is named in a few of them and the story of his participation has become enshrined in the Church's liturgy and iconography. Always a firm opponent of Arianism, Nicholas reputedly opposed Arius personally at the council. As John the Deacon described it, "Animated like the Prophet Elias with zeal for God, he put the heretic Arius to shame at the synod not only by word but also by deed, smiting him on the cheek."

Nicholas, the account continues, was deposed as a result. His omophorion and Gospel Book, signs of his office, were confiscated and he was imprisoned. During the night the Lord Jesus and the Theotokos appeared to Nicholas in prison, restoring the items taken from him. When the emperor was notified of what had happened, he pardoned Nicholas and reinstated him.

Since the eye-witnesses at the council, St Athanasius and Eusebius of Caesarea do not mention any such incident in their writings, modern authors tend to discount it. Nevertheless, icons of St. Nicholas often depict his vision of Christ and the Theotokos returning his omophorion and Gospel.

St Nicholas became an increasingly influential public figure later in his episcopate. He successfully intervened to save three convicted looters who had been condemned to death, falsely accused of murder. When a famine struck the region in 333 Nicholas intercepted a ship laden with wheat bound for Constantinople. He persuaded the seamen to leave a substantial portion for the people of Myra. When the ship arrived at the imperial capital it was found that it still had its entire original cargo. Nothing was missing. Another often-repeated story tells how the emperor had levied a heavy tax on the people of Myra. St Nicholas went to Constantinople and pleaded successfully with the emperor to have the taxes reduced. Nicholas dispatched the decree to Myra immediately by sea so that, when the emperor had second thoughts about the tax cut, St Nicholas could tell him that it had already been enforced.

The "Manna" of St. Nicholas

Nicholas died in Myra on December 6, 343 and was buried in his cathedral. His tomb became a famous pilgrimage site, blessed with many miracles. The tomb exuded a sweet-smelling liquid called the Manna of St. Nicholas. As a result his relics were not disturbed and parceled out to other churches. After the Seljuk Turks conquered the area, Italian merchants in Venice and Bari sought to "rescue" the saint from the Turks. In 1087 seamen broke into the tomb and spirited away the saint's body to Bari. It was enshrined by the pope in a great basilica built there in Nicholas' honor. The Manna continued to exude from the tomb in Bari as it had in Myra. Every year to this day a vial of this fluid is extracted from the tomb, mixed with blessed water and given to the faithful.