

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 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.

CONFESSIONS are heard ½ hour before ALL Services and by appointment. **CONFESSIONS ARE NOT HEARD ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY**

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ALL OUR LITURGIES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON [FACEBOOK.COM/STEPHEN.WASHKO](https://www.facebook.com/stephen.washko)

19 SAT BEFORE CHRISTMAS Martyr Boniface, p. 284
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Bob & Marya Weil on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
 SIRACH 4: 1-15 & ISAIAH 11: 1-9

20 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF THE ANCESTORS, P. 285
Facebook Live Stream.....10:00 am
For our parish members and friends
Confessions.....After the Divine Liturgy

21 Monday Prefestive for Christmas & Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, p. 284 & 379.
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Stephen Washicko by George & Jan Washicko

22 Tuesday Prefestive for Christmas & Great Martyr Anastasia, p. 284 & 391
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
+Stephen Berardi by Jean Berardi

23 Wednesday OFFICE OF READINGS FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD WITH COMMUNION
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Holy Services will be celebrated outside in front of the church. Please wear your masks and dress warmly.



24 Thursday CHRISTMAS EVE VESPER/LITURGY ST BASIL THE GREAT (Abstinence from meat)
All Facebook Live Streamed

CAROLS & GOD IS WITH US.....2:30 pm
VESPER/LITURGY OF ST. BASIL.....3:00 pm
Blessing of the Loaves of Bread, wheat, wine & oil. (The Lit'ya)

+Libby Distefano by Helen Bruce
HOLY SUPPER MAY FOLLOW THE LITURGY

25 Friday CHRISTMAS DAY
Facebook Live Stream
CAROLS & GOD IS WITH US.....9:30 am
LITURGY OF ST JOHN.....10:00 am
For our parish members and friends

26 Sat SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS, P. 294
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
+August Maggio, Sr by Jean Berardi

27 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, MEMORY OF THE HOLY AND JUST JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY, OF DAVID, PROPHET AND KING, AND OF THE HOLY APOSTLES JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD. THE HOLY APOSTLES, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN, Tone 5. p. 302 & 298
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
CHRISTMAS ICON CANDLES
God's blessing on Fr. John Monastero by Fr. Stephen
+Miklos Kovacs by Mary Washko
God's blessing on Andy Spisak by a friend
God's blessing on Sally Rock by a friend

Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!
Χριστος γεννται! Δοξασατε!
Christus natus est! Gaudete!
Христос раждається! Славите його!
Krisztus született! Dicsőítsd meg őt!
¡Gloria a Jesucristo! ¡Gloria por siempre!

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

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| Fr William O'Brien | "JJ" Washko & Becky |
| Fr John Monastero | Robert Yarosik |
| Michael Mykeloff | Margarette Samul Family |
| Helen Malinick | Veronica Navarette |
| Fr Robert Rankin | 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 | Fr. Chris Petruska |
| 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 | |

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

Retired Religious Collection: \$110.00

Jelly Sales: \$500.00

Tithe.ly on-line donate: \$216.35

Honoring Deacon Greg's Ordination
\$100.00 Sanctuary Fund by Irene Lovas
MORTGAGE UPDATE BALANCE 12-18-20

\$455,619.50

Thank you for your special gifts on the Principle of our mortgage and the recent generous gifts from Msgr George Vida's Trust and Jean Anderson's Trust.

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

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.

YOUR QUARTERLY ENVELOPES SETS were mailed out this past week. If you did not receive yours call the parish office.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE be sure to select the account(Tithe, Payment on Principle, Bishop's Appeal etc..) you want your donation to serve. Thank you. Go to our Web page annunciationbyzantine.org click on "donate"

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESSION AFTER TODAY'S LITURGY.**

Confessions are not heard on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

VACCINES FOR COVID Bishop Vann, as well as Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen and Bishop Timothy Freyer, of the Roman Catholic Diocese would also like to remind Catholics that they and other Bishops from the California Catholic Conference find the currently available vaccines from *Pfizer and Moderna* to be morally acceptable as publicly stated by the California Catholic Conference of Bishops along with Catholic health care systems and Catholic Charities.

CHURCH DECORATIONS thank you for the wonderful parishioners who took time to decorate the church honoring the Birth of Our Lord.

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, FEAST OF ST
BASIL & THEOPHANY SCHEDULE

All Our Services will be Live-streamed on Facebook
2021

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, JESUS
CHRIST & THE FEAST OF SAINT BASIL THE
GREAT Solemn Holy Day**

31 Thursday (New Year's Eve)

Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil.....3:00 pm

1 Friday (New Year's Day)

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.....9:00 am

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

5 Tuesday Vesper/Liturgy.....6:00 pm

6 Wednesday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

(The Great Blessing of Water will take place after both Services at the Ambon Prayers.) Bring your own Water and place your containers around the large tub of water for the blessing.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 13

Attendance: 75 souls

Adult Tithes: \$4,333.00

Youth Tithes: \$9.00

Christmas Flowers: \$375.00

Candles: \$118.00

Sanctuary Fund: \$100.00

Principle Reduction: \$500.00

Thanksgiving: \$120.00

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE CHRISTMAS ICON

1. The Cave.

Due to sin, many of us struggle with doubt or disbelief. This cave represents our struggle. The Cave represents the world, dark with sin through man's fault. It is now illuminated by the Light of the Incarnation. Within this cave, Christ, "the Sun of Truth", enters into the world He created for us, clothed in the flesh of Mary's body through natural birth, the same way all of His children are born. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it". (Saint John the Evangelist).

2. The ox and the ass.

The ox and the ass fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. "The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not understand". Isaiah 1:3

3. The Most Holy Theotokos and Virgin Mary.

The main focus of this icon is the Christ-child and His mother, the Theotokos and Mother of Light. Archangel Gabriel told her that she will bear the Son of God. He then led her to Bethlehem. The Virgin Mary is seen resting on a red blanket that symbolizes the color of life. The Virgin Mary is also seen not only looking at her Son, but at her beloved husband Saint Joseph. She is praying to the Lord so his struggles of disbelief and temptation will pass. She relies on the Lord, her Son, through prayer that her husband will overcome his doubt and the temptations of Satan.

4. The Christ-child.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is seen wrapped in swaddling cloths. This not only represents His total submission to the human flesh, but also foreshadows His death and resurrection. "wrapped in bands of cloth". Luke 2:7,12. He is lying on an altar which symbolizes He is the bread of life. The manger represents His crib, His church, and His tomb, all in one. "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51

5. The angels.

The angles brought the "good news of great joy" to shepherds tending their flocks. "And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born

this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And

suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". Luke 2:10-14

6. The magi

Bring gold, frankincense and myrrh the three magi (wise men) were led by the heavenly star to the manger in which our Lord resided. "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him". Matthew 2:2 "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

7. The shepherds

The Jewish shepherds were among the first to worship the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This symbolizes that Christ is the Good Shepherd.

8. Saint Joseph and an elderly man.

A widower before he had wed Mary, Saint Joseph the Betrothed is seen as an elderly man. With gray hair and hunched over, he is in doubt of this miraculous birth. Struggling within himself, he wonders if this was by another man or if it was indeed true. To the right of Saint Joseph is Satan. Satan appears in the form of an elderly man as well, yet he is shown in rags and with a cane. Saint Joseph is being tempted by Satan with doubt. Saint Joseph loves the Virgin Mary and through her prayers he overcomes this struggle. He is the protector of the Virgin Mary and guardian of Jesus Christ the Savior.

9. The Star.

The star which is shown in this icon represents the heavens and the Trinity rejoicing the glorious birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Shining brighter than any other star, it is what guided the magi to the new-born King. Some icons are written with three lines coming from the heavens which represent the Trinity.