

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

Website: www.annunciationbyzantine.org
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 of your safety. Call Father if you have a question— 714-533-6292

9:00 am SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated outside in the western shade of our church.

DAILY LITURGIES are celebrated outside in front the doors of the church.

INDIVIDUAL WOODEN SPOONS will be used in the distribution of Holy Communion.

ALL OUR LITURGIES are live streamed through FACEBOOK with our cantors and altar servers.

[facebook.com/stephen.washko](https://www.facebook.com/stephen.washko)

Also available @annunciation.byzantine

CONFESSIONS will be heard in the Garden located on the north side of the church ½ hour before all services or make an appointment.

Give a call before coming to the church

WHAT TO BRING TO CHURCH prepare the night before you come to church.

- 1) Masks (if you forget ask one of our usher for one)
- 2) Sunglasses
- 3) Hats
- 4) Water
- 5) Umbrellas (this will insure your social distancing and protect you from the sun)
- 6) Optional—your favorite chair (we have chairs, too)
- 7) Optional—Pop up tents.

THE COLLECTION BASKET will be available at the base of the icon of our Lord or drop your envelope in the Black Mail Box.

LITURGY BOOKS ARE UNAVAILABLE due to the possibility of coming in contact with the virus from the books.

Glory to Jesus Christ Glory to Him forever



LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

1 Saturday Procession with the Holy Cross and the Small Blessing of Holy Water, p. 410

Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
For the Forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac
Please bring your own Water and place them around the Water Font for the blessing.

In preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God

The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is strict abstinence from August 1-14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the feast of the Transfiguration. It is therefore observed as the Great Fast. It is a penitential season. The observance of this fast is voluntary. Abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays is recommended. The singing of the hymn from Matins, The Canticle of Mary “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit....”(Luke 1:46-55) taken before the Sunday Liturgy during the Great Incensation.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE for Sunday Gospel

Psalm 106 [107]: 1-30 & Psalm 88 [89]: 1-13

2 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 8, p. 161

Facebook Live Stream.....9:00am
Christmation and Holy Communion for Samantha Nicole, Charlotte Louise & Alexandra Marie Sandoval
For our parish members and friends

3 Monday Venerables: Isaacius & others, p. 378

Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
+Anastasia Nyambu by Maria Nyambu

4 Tuesday Seven Youths of Ephesus, p. 381

Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on the Mike & Debbie Barry by Sally Rock

SOLEMN FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD with the Blessing of Fruit

5 Wednesday VIGIL OF THE FEAST, p. 104

Facebook Live Stream.....7:30 PM
For the Forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac

6 Thursday FEAST DAY, p. 346

Facebook Live Stream..... 9:00 am
God's blessing on Mary Lavenia by Charles Lavenia



7 Friday Postfestive of Transfiguration, p. 346
Facebook Live Stream..... 9:00 am
For the Forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac

8 Saturday, Postfestive of Transfiguration, p. 346
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
For the Forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac
Quinceanera Abbygale Garcia.....4:00 pm

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
 Numbers: 14: 2-11 & Daniel 6: 1-23

9 10TH SUNDAY PENTECOST, Postfestive of Transfiguration, p. & Tone 1, p. 125 & 346
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
For our parish members and friends.

FROM THE PASTOR

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUIS & ASHLEY SANDOVAL on the Chrismation and Holy Communion of their daughters: Samantha, Alexandra and Charlotte. Many more happy and blessed years.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FRIEND of the parish who designed and put together a plastic screen for hearing confessions and keeping social distance.

GREEN POOL FOUND, we found and properly treated the green breeding pool for our neighborhood mosquitos. Hopefully we will see less of them.

JUST A REMINDER that Tuesdays and Thursdays Father is not available. On Tuesdays Father is at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Fontana. and Thursdays are his usual day off.

**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
Available

Our Lord

For the health of our Parish by Ingrid Spisak
The Mother of God
Available

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020

AS OF July 22, 2020

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.

38 Households have pledged \$14,650.00

47.33% of our Goal

Balance: **\$16,304.20**

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

Thank you for your support.

**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 |
| Special Intention | Fr. Adam Lowe |
| 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 Perebzak |
| Charlotte Marie Moran | Jessica Kanenbley |
| Msgr 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 |

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

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship July 26

Attendance: 80 souls

Adult Tithes: \$3,305.00

Online 'DONATE': \$1,400.00— tithes

Candles: \$234.00

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 7-10-20

\$699,089.11

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

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"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD,**Solemn Holy Day with Blessing of Fruit****5 Wednesday Vesper/Liturgy7:30 pm****6 Thursday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am****DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD****Holy Day of Obligation with Blessing of Flowers****14 Friday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm****15 Saturday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am****The Blessing of Fruit**

It is an ancient custom in Byzantine churches to bless fruits and vegetables on the feast of Transfiguration. This prompts us to ask ourselves: what is the meaning of this ancient rite, and of blessing, sanctification in general, since the blessing of fruit on Transfiguration is only one of many such rites? If we open the liturgical service book where all these rites are collected, the so-called "Book of Needs," we find special services such as blessings for a new home, a field, a garden, a well. It is as if the Church addresses itself to the entire world, as if God's right hand of blessing were being extended over all through these rites of blessing and sanctification. Why have people from time immemorial felt the need for blessings?

We must say immediately that proponents of anti-religious propaganda unquestioningly regard all these rites as superstition which, in their view, is the whole content of religion. They argue that superstition is a product of fear: a person is afraid of being poisoned, afraid of a bad harvest, afraid that his house will burn down, afraid of other people. Religion purveys deliverance from fear: sprinkle the fruit or the garden or the home with holy water and God will protect both them and you. "So you see, it's all crude ignorance, superstition and ... deception." However, in presenting the issue this way, atheist propaganda does not mention any of the prayers or rites involved with these supposed superstitions. They make it sound as if priests, the clergy, are a cadre of swindlers who exploit fear and ignorance by using incomprehensible magical incantations. But if one actually listens to these prayers and looks closely at these rites, if only once in a lifetime one experiences the joy of that radiant and sunlit

Transfiguration noonday blessing, then it becomes clear that the deception is not coming from the Church, but from ill-willed atheist propaganda. It is precisely this propaganda, and not the Church's prayer, which is permeated with fear, mistrust, and a need to denounce anything more elevated, more pure, more profound than its own simplistic, mundane, and materialistic approach to the world and to life. For what we see and hear and experience above all in these rites and prayers is joy and thanksgiving. But if fear were present, there could be no joy and no thanksgiving; and conversely, if joy is present, there can be no fear. Fear produces misery and mistrust, but there is none of this in transfiguration's light. But what is the source of this joy and thanksgiving?

One of Osip Mandelstam's poems, devoted to the eucharistic liturgy, the main service of Christian worship, includes this wonderful verse: "Take into your hands the whole world, as if it were a simple apple ... " Perhaps here, because it is so simple and childlike, we see better than anywhere else the source of joy and thanksgiving that permeate Christian faith. In an apple, and in everything within the world, faith sees, recognizes, and accepts God's gift, filled with love, beauty and wisdom. Faith hears the apple and the world speaking of that boundless love that created the world and life and gave them to us as our life. The world itself is the fruit of God's love for humanity, and only through the world can human beings recognize God and love him in return... And only in truly loving his own life, can a person thereby accept the life of the world as God's gift. Our fall, our sin, is that we take everything for granted—and therefore everything, including ourselves, becomes routine, depressing, empty. The apple becomes just an apple. Bread is just bread. A human being is just a human being. We know their weight, their appearance, their activities, we know everything about them, but we no longer know them, because we do not see the light that shines through them. The eternal task of faith and of the Church is to overcome this sinful, monotonous habituation; to enable us to see once again what we have forgotten how to see; to feel what we no longer feel; to experience what we are no longer capable of experiencing. Thus, the priest blesses bread and wine, lifting them up to heaven, but faith sees the bread of life, it sees sacrifice and gift, it sees communion with life eternal.

So, on Transfiguration we bring to church apples, pears, grapes, vegetables, and suddenly the church itself is transformed anew into that mystical garden, into that blessed paradise where man's life and his encounter with God began. And just as that first man rejoiced and gave thanks to God as he opened his eyes for the first time and saw this world where everything, by God's own word, was "very good," so in this rite of blessing we see the world as if for the first time, as the reflection of God's wisdom and love, and we rejoice and give thanks. And through this joy and thanksgiving our life is purified, renewed and reborn.

No, we do not negate the material world, as atheist propaganda falsely claims, nor do we repudiate it; on the contrary, we sanctify and bless it, for in it we joyfully and with thanksgiving see and feel the gift of God. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," we sing in church. The significance of blessing is that through it, this glory breaks into our drowsy consciousness, opens our ears, opens our eyes, and life itself becomes praise, joy and thanksgiving. But what about evil, people ask me. What about suffering, what about death? To this we answer: if we are filled to the brim with this light, if we genuinely accept this blessing and sanctification and bring them within, then we ourselves become the place where the victory over evil begins. And death will be swallowed up in victory, for we live in a world where Christ lived and continues forever to be present. And if in everything and everyone in the world we see him, love him, give ourselves to him; if in all, we see the light of his presence, his love, and his victory—then nothing can separate us from him.