

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 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.

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

22 Saturday, Postfestive of Dormition, p. 352
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 +The Priest George Vida by The Gath Family

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
 Deuteronomy 5: 1-22 & Sirach 31: 1-7

23 12TH SUNDAY PENTECOST, and Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, p. & Tone 3, p. 135 & 352
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 For our parish members and friends.

24 Mon Bishop Martyr Eutyches, p. 383
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 For the forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac

25 Tues Return of the Relics of Bartholomew the Apostle, p. 368
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 For the forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac

26 Wednesday Martyrs Adrian & Natalie, p. 381
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 For the forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac

27 Thursday Venerable Peomen, p. 376
Facebook Live Stream..... 9:00 am
 For the forgotten Souls by Angla Lipovac

28 Friday Venerable Moses the Ethiopian, p. 376
Facebook Live Stream..... 9:00 am
 +Steve Washko by Fr. Stephen & Mary Washko

29 Saturday, BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, Simple Holy Day p. 355 (Fast Day—yes.....)
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
 God's blessing on Azelie Chew by The Gath Family

HEBREW SCRIPTURE for Sunday Gospel
 Genesis 37: 1-28 & Isaiah 28: 14-22

30 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 2 & Postfestive of the Dormition of the Mother of God, p. 130 & 352
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

Jonathan Weil by Bob & Marya Weil

+The Priest George by Mary Washko

Our Lord

Available

The Mother of God

Available

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

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
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	

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



Uniontown Pilgrimage Reminder:

For those who have hotel or motel reservations for the pilgrimage over Labor Day weekend, please remember to cancel them so you will not get charged or lose your deposit. Pray to the Mother of Perpetual Help for an end to this pandemic and the grace to do the pilgrimage in 2021

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.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship August 16

Attendance: 95 souls

Adult Tithes: \$4,026.00

Candles: \$340.00

Online 'DONATE': \$589.42 — tithes

Dormition Holy Day: \$380.00

Principle Reduction: \$135.00.00

In Memory of +The Priest George Vida

\$100 by Michael & Sue Petyo

\$100 by Jean Berardi

\$50.00 by Stephen & Joanne Kopko

\$200.00 by Carol Pasmant

\$100.00 by Helen Bruce

\$50.00 by M/M Basil Muntoan

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 8-10-20

\$696,539.11

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"

FROM OUR ECF COORDINATOR

Dear ECF Parents and Catechists

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

Father Stephen has asked me to reach out to you to give an update of our ECF Program. Of course, at this time, we have no plans to meet in person and, rest assured, we are not planning any "Zoom Virtual Classroom". I'm sure as parents you are over whelmed with your children's school plans and I am not that tech savvy yet.

But we did not want to leave you without any resources for your Domestic Church. So once a week, with Father's approval, I will post "something" to this group that you can use with your families at home.

Please respond to this email so I will know I have your correct address. Send your questions or thoughts to maryalaureen@hotmail.com or call/text me on my cell - 949-422-7876. In God's Time, we will resume in person classes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Marya Weil

Annunciation BCC, ECF Coordinator

The Forerunner in Hades

In What Is Our Joy?

The Gospels depict St John the Baptist as the “forerunner” or herald, announcing the immanent coming of God’s saving work in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel of Mark, for example, we hear John say: “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mk1: 7, 8). John’s work as herald of our salvation was not limited to announcing the beginning of Christ’s ministry in Galilee. Our troparion for today’s commemoration mentions that John baptized the Lord Jesus. Then, it continues, “You have fought for the sake of truth and proclaimed to those in Hades that God, who appeared in the flesh, has taken away the sins of the world and bestowed His great mercy upon us.” John’s ministry continued after death, as he announced to the dead in Hades that Christ’s coming was close at hand.

The Story of John’s Struggle

We read the story of John’s final fight “for the sake of truth” in Mark’s Gospel. “For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, ‘It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife’” (Mk 6:17, 18).

John languished in prison because Herod had a superstitious fear of the prophet. He revered John as a holy man, but could not bring himself to follow the Baptist’s teachings.

“Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, ‘Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.’ He also swore to her, ‘Whatever you ask me, I will give you – up to half my kingdom’ (Mk 6:21-23).

What followed has frequently been retold in literature, music, painting and sculpture. Prompted by her mother, Salome asks for the head of John: “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter” (v. 25). Because of the oath he had sworn in the presence of his guests, Herod agreed and had John beheaded, making possible the prophet’s ministry in Hades.

Our Observance of John’s Death

Because John, whom the Lord Himself had called the greatest man born of woman, was killed as a result of Herod’s birthday revels, the Byzantine Churches observe today as a strict fast: no parties, no luxury foods, no drink. We see where these things can lead.

A number of popular local customs have risen to mark the day among various Eastern Christians. People may:

- 1) Avoid eating anything on round plates, since Salome asked for John’s head “on a platter” (Mk 6:25). Use bowls instead.
- 2) Avoid eating any round fruits or vegetables (they resemble a head);
- 3) Avoid eating anything that requires use of knives or anything that cuts;
- 4) Avoid eating or drinking anything red (they remind us of blood).

A contemporary way to observe this commemoration might be to fast and pray for those who have died senselessly at the hands of others through terrorism, armed conflicts or senseless violence. Think of them as John’s “companions in suffering.”

Did John Witness in Hades?

As the Gospels affirm, Jesus was still alive when John was executed. But the New Testament does not teach that John witnessed to Christ in Hades. How and when did this concept enter our tradition?

Origen of Alexandria, the foremost commentator on the Scriptures in the third century, explained that John the Baptist had died before Christ, “so that he might descend to the lower regions and announce His coming. For everywhere the witness and forerunner of Jesus is John, being born before and dying shortly before the Son of God, so that not only to those of his generation but likewise to those who lived before Christ should liberation from the death be preached, and that he might everywhere prepare a people trained to receive the Lord” (Origen, Homily on Luke 4).

Those in Hades would “receive the Lord” upon His death as we read in the New Testament: “Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey...” (1 Pt 3:18, 19). A number of the Apostolic Fathers such as Saints Polycarp of Smyrna, Ignatius of Antioch, Irenaeus of Lyons, and Clement of Alexandria all taught that Christ had descended into Hades. We find the same teaching in the Syriac Fathers Jacob of Sarouj, Aphrahat the Persian and Ephrem the Syrian as well as the Greek Fathers Athanasius the Great, Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen, John Chrysostom, Cyril of Alexandria, Maximus the Confessor and John of Damascus.

Our most common icon of the resurrection depicts Christ emerging from Hades leading out by the hand Adam and Eve (and, by implication, the human race). In many icons John the Forerunner is beside Him, at the head of those who had died before Christ and were now brought to eternal life by Him.