

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 for your safety. Call Father if you have a question— 714-533-6292

9:00 am SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY AND DAILY LITURGIES are celebrated in church with one cantor singing, masks are required and maintaining social distancing.

WILL WE CHANGE BACK TO 10:00 AM SUNDAY ?
We will wait and see how the virus takes the course. We will give at least one to two weeks notice of the change.

NO LITURGY ON WEDNESDAYS

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

19 Saturday Postfestive of the Exaltation, p. 253
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Margaret Dessureault by Fr Stephen

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
Sirach 2: 1-9 & Isaiah 50: 4-9

20 SUNDAY THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS & Tone 7, p. 247 & 156
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
For our parish members and friends

21 Monday through 26 Saturday

No Daily Liturgies

Bishop and Clergy will be on Retreat in Tucson, Arizona

Please keep our bishop, priests and deacons in your prayers this week.

26 Saturday No Liturgy
HEBREW SCRIPTURE for Sunday Gospel
Judges 6: 7-24, 33-40 & Samuel 3: 1-18

27 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Tone 8, p. 161
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

+*The Priest George N Vida by Angelica Villarin*
+*The Priest Gregory Petruska by Angelica Villarin*

Our Lord

Jesus & Laura Gaytan by Angelica Villarin
In Thanksgiving to our Lord by the Malinick Family

The Mother of God

Rosa Villarin by Angelica Villarin
In Thanksgiving to our Lord by Helen Bruce

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

Helen Malinick	Veronica Navarette
Edward Pribonic	Alex Gomori
Special Intention	Tanya Johnson
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 Perezbak
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	Irma Contera

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020

AS OF September 18, 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.

44 Households have pledged \$16,420.00

53.05% of our Goal

Balance: \$14,534.20

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 September 13

Attendance: 95 souls

Adult Tithes: \$4,328.00

Youth Tithes: \$3.00

Candles: \$109.00

Greek Catholic Union: \$500.00

Principle Reduction: \$300.00

Online ‘DONATE’: \$630.65— tithes

In Memory of +The Priest George Vida

\$100.00 by M/M Salvador Solis

Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION SENT

\$500.00 to each of our parishes for the Covid shutdown

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

MORTGAGE BALANCE 9-10–20

\$683,866.73

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”



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FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS HELPING IN THE PARISH. Teachers, parents, clergy, subdeacons, counters, ushers, bakers, cantors, singers, Altar servers.

It’s Time to Renew Your Safe Environment Program Certification for this Present Catechetical Year!

Please go to: www.virtusonline.org

Previous Trainees: If you have previously registered and trained with VIRTUS online in the past, simply go to the website above, access your existing user account and re-take training program “**Protecting God’s Children for Adults**”. *It will take about 45 minutes for the training. 13 Lesson segments with questions.*

Once you have completed the training program you need do nothing more – VIRTUS will notify us electronically of your re-certification.

New Trainees: If you are training online with VIRTUS for the first time, go to the website above. Click “**New Registrant**” - follow the easy directions to create your own VIRTUS user account, and then take online training program “**Protecting God’s Children for Adults**”. Again, once you have completed the training program you need do nothing more – VIRTUS will notify us electronically of your certification.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS *Mark your Calendar*
SEPTEMBER

20 Sunday THE CATECHETICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR OFFICIALLY BEGINS.

21 Monday—25 Friday CLERGY RETREAT AND CONSECRATION OF THE MARY UNDOER OF KNOTTS CHURCH ON MT LEMON. Father will not be available at Annunciation.

OCTOBER

PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD- Solemn Holy

30 Wednesday Vigil for the feast
Vesper/Liturgy Live Stream.....7:30 pm

1 Thursday The Feast Day
Divine Liturgy Live Stream.....9:00 am

Sunday November 29—DEACON ORDINATION OF SUBDEACON GREG GATH.

A Tree Blossoming Forth Life

How many TV channels can you access – 300, 400, more? How many do you actually use? How fast can your car travel – 150 mph? How fast do you actually drive? Does your Smartphone have more apps than you'll ever use? Manufacturers design their products based on the conviction that people want more than they really need. As humorist Will Rogers said back in the 1920s, "Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like."

This dynamic, called consumerism, has been known for over 100 years. As more people became financially able to buy more, do more, and travel more "conspicuous consumption" became a way of life for an increasing number of people, particularly in Europe and America. The great symbol of this phenomenon, at least in the U.S. has been "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, when people descend on stores in a Christmas Shopping frenzy to grab the latest thing before it's sold out.

Pope Francis has repeatedly denounced a way of life devoted to conspicuous consumption, contrasting it to a Christ-centered way of life. "The encounter with the living Jesus, in the great family that is the Church, fills the heart with joy, because it fills it with true life, a profound goodness that does not pass away or decay." "But this experience must face the daily vanity, the poison of emptiness that insinuates itself into our society based on profit and having (things), that deludes young people with consumerism," he said before thousands in St Peter's Square.

"Young people are particularly sensitive to the emptiness of meaning and values that surrounds them. And they, unfortunately, pay the consequences." Critics have accused the pope of introducing socialism or even Marxism into Church teaching. In fact, the anti-consumerism he espouses may be found in the New Testament and even in pre-Christian philosophers.

How God Provides

St Paul sets forth his "Christian economics" in 2 Corinthians 9:8 – "God is able to make every gift abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work". The first plank in his three-fold approach is to recognize that God is able to provide for us. We often emphasize our own contribution to life, forgetting that our talents, our abilities, our very existence comes from God. As we read in the Epistle of James – and repeat regularly in the Divine Liturgy – "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights..." (Jas 1:17). We are, to be sure, co-creators with Him by virtue of our creation in His image; but there is nothing good wrought by our hand apart from Him. Secondly, God provides for us in a specific manner. He provides for us all sufficiency in all things. In other words, He guarantees that we have everything we truly need. Third, He guarantees us an abundance, over and above what we need, but for a specific purpose: for every good

work. We have enough for what we actually require and even more, for the purpose of doing good.

What Do We "Need?"

St Paul's economics are easy to understand in principle, but we find ourselves with a lot of questions when we try to apply his teaching. When does "need" – I must have – become "excess" – I can use or I want? And is it good for me to have everything I want and can afford? We recognize the negative effects on our body if we eat or drink to excess. But there are even more serious effects on our soul. Our physical cravings can lead to a psychological dependency: the feeling that I can't live without X, Y or Z. Overeating leads to overweight, physical discomfort and illness; over dependence on material things leads to psychological unhappiness and spiritual emptiness. Philosophers throughout the ancient world recognized this apart from Christianity. Lao-Tzu, the fifth-century BC Chinese author of the Tao Te Ching said it this way: "To know you have enough is to be rich." The first-century Roman philosopher Seneca noted, "It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor." Another Stoic philosopher, Epictetus, himself born into slavery, had so freed himself from dependence on the material that he reportedly said in AD 55 that, "Contentment comes not so much from great wealth as from few wants." These pagan philosophers would likely have agreed with the Lord when He said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man [i.e. one dependent on his material wealth] to enter the kingdom of God." (Mk 10:25; Lk 18:25).

Enough vs. Abundance

St. Paul is clear: the purpose of any abundance we may be given is for doing every good work. Do you have more than you need? Don't look to add to your holdings – you will simply be frustrating God's purpose for your life. As the Prophet Isaiah warned those who build their life around making more than they need, "Woe to those who add house to house and field to field... their many houses shall be desolate" (Is 5:8, 9). Wealth, it must be said, is not wrong. Not using it according to God's plan turns it – and us – aside from God and His way.

Even this is a principle that non-Christians and non-believers of every kind have espoused. This is evident in the way people have made their own the saying "Live simply, so others may simply live." Non-Christians have attributed it to Mohandas Gandhi, the Indian nationalist or to Henry David Thoreau, the nineteenth-century American Transcendentalist thinker. Roman Catholics have found it in the writings of Mother Theresa of Calcutta or in the teachings of their first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. The idea is clearly easy to accept, but demanding when we try to put it in practice.

One help for those who might try to devote their abundance to the doing of good is the teaching of St John Chrysostom. He reminds us that God's purpose in commanding almsgiving is not only for the sake of the recipient. It is also, if not primarily, for the donor. The recipient of alms receives physical sustenance but the giver of alms grows in his or her spirit, imitating the Giver of all good gifts.