

# 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**

***Mask are required  
on church property***

All Our Holy  
Services are Live-  
streamed on  
**[facebook.com/  
stephen.washko](https://www.facebook.com/stephen.washko)**

#### **SUNDAY LITURGIES**

**\*\*Saturday Vesper/  
Liturgy 4:00 pm  
Sunday  
Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am**



#### **LENTEN SERVICES**

**Mon, Tues, Fri  
Matins w Communion  
9:00 am  
Wednesday  
Presanctified Liturgy  
7:30 pm  
Saturday Liturgy  
9:00 am**

#### **HOLYDAYS**

**Vesper/Liturgy  
7:30 pm  
Feast Day  
Divine Liturgy  
9:00 am**

**BAPTISM /  
CHRISMATION & HOLY  
COMMUNION** Membership is required &

**CONFESSIONS** Before Daily Services 8:30-8:50 am  
and 9:30-9:50 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**

Jan Washicko, Marya Weil, Bruce Terry, John Crans  
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.  
Anointing may 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](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)

**Website: [www.annunciationbyzantine.org](http://www.annunciationbyzantine.org)  
[facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine](https://www.facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine)**

***\*\*We Added a Saturday 4:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy for Sunday Obligation***

**DIVINE LITURGIES  
FOR THIS WEEK**

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

**BRIGHT SATURDAY 10**

*Divine Liturgy* .....9:00 am  
God's blessing on Wayne & Virginia Sudol by Salvador & Gloria Solis

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Exodus 4: 1-9 & Numbers 14: 2-24

*Vesper/Liturgy*.....4:00 PM

**Tone 8, p. 104 & 159**

+Libby Distefano by Helen Bruce

**11 THOMAS SUNDAY**

*of St. John Chrysostom*.....10:00 am

For our parish members and friends

Our Lord took the doubt of his apostle Thomas and turned it into faith, revealing to him the wounds in his side and hands. This week is a feast of our faith in the resurrection, bestowing on us the hope of newness of life and victory over death, and we join our profession with that of Thomas, crying out to the risen Messiah, "My Lord and my God."

**THOMAS WEEK**

**12 MONDAY** Venerable Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium

*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am

+Art Hoskinson by Jessica Hoskinson

**13 TUESDAY** Priest Martyr Artemon & Companions

*Divine Liturgy* .....9:00 am

God's blessing on Frances Carroll

**14 WEDNESDAY**

**No Services—Parish Office is closed for the day.**

**15 THURSDAY** Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens & Trophimus

*Divine Liturgy* .....9:00 am

+Luiz Antonio Fragelli by Bentley Hatchett

**16 FRIDAY** Women Martyrs Agape, Irene, & Chionia

*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am

+Joqina Martinez by Jessica Hoskinson

**17 SATURDAY**

*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am

+Douglas Yung by Jessica Hoskinson

*Vesper Liturgy for Sunday*.....4:00 pm

+Libby Distefano by Helen Bruce

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Exodus 40: 1-15 & 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

**18 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*.....10:00 am

For our parish family 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*

**Icon of the Theotokos**

*God's blessing on Tanya Johnson by Donna M. Safian*

**Icon of Our Lord**

*God's blessing on John & Linda Crans by Helen Bruce*

**Tetrapod**

*Don & Carol Yontosh by Donna m. Safian*

*Brian Safian by Donna M. Safian*

**Angel Gabriel**

*Dan Montrenes by Andrea Pribonic*

**Mother of God**

+Paulinette Esper by Christine Sawaya

**ANSWERING GOD'S CALL**

"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven..." The priestly life is a beautiful way to bring forgiveness to this world. Is God calling you to consider this life, other holy orders, or the monastic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**SPECIAL PRAYER PETITION**

**Deacon:** Lord Jesus Christ, you came to your disciples after your resurrection and confirmed the faith of Thomas. Confirm in us a faith that is open to follow you even when we doubt. Guide us to see our vocation to follow you and give us open hearts, so that when you call your sons and daughters to a life of consecrated life to you, they would hear and obey this calling, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Response: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

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

*Fr Leandro Desiderio*

*Cameron Bower*

*Eddie Chow*

*Diana Major*

*Michael Mykeloff*

*Helen Malinick*

*Alex Gomori*

*Robert & Rita Pipta*

*Ruth Terry*

*Robert Yarosik*

*Margarette Samul Family*

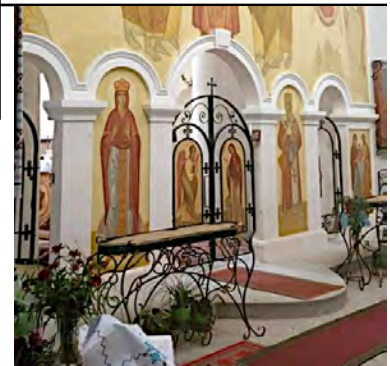
*Veronica Navarette*

*Brian Safian*

<i>Tanya &amp; Chuck Johnson</i>	<i>Stella Navarette</i>
<i>Petrice (Podhayny) Duncan</i>	<i>Deanna Keefe</i>
<i>Rob Yarosik</i>	<i>Margaret Dessureault</i>
<i>Albert Hatton</i>	<i>Gloria Solis</i>
<i>Charles Bivens</i>	<i>Elaine Nale</i>
<i>Judy Livingston</i>	<i>Margaret Kessel</i>
<i>Marc &amp; Matt Lowery</i>	<i>Stephen Demora</i>
<i>Rosa Navarro</i>	<i>Adrian Flores</i>
<i>Kathy Mykeloff</i>	<i>John Galamba</i>
<i>Margaret Holston</i>	<i>Frank Malinick</i>
<i>Robby Dugan</i>	<i>Fr. Chris Petruska</i>
<i>Irma Contera</i>	<i>Jessica Kanenbley</i>
<i>Ron &amp; Isabel Christian</i>	<i>Joel Rivera</i>
<i>Janet Lambert</i>	<i>Bill Drahusz</i>

*For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to [abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)*

will give examples of the Iconostasis in various churches.



**Christ Is Risen!  
Indeed He Is Risen!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COLLECTABLE GIFT SHOP TODAY** after the 10am Liturgy. The shop is in one of the classrooms on the second floor. See Sue Petyo for more information.

**COFFEE SOCIAL SIGN UP—please**  
Our hosts for April—Sally Rock & Marya Weil  
Our hosts for May —The Gath Family

**ONLINE MUSIC FILES** - Access to ALL of the Metropolitan Cantor Institutes music files for the year 2021 can be found at <https://mci.archpitt.org/LiturgicalCalendar2021.html>

**BISHOP’S APPEAL Report #2**  
The 2021 Bishop’s Appeal - The Eparchy of Phoenix has begun their 2021 Bishop’s Appeal campaign. Each registered household should have received a form and postage paid envelope (pledges and payments can also be made with a credit card) within the last month. Please submit your Appeal form as soon as possible and help us to reach not only our financial goal, but our goal of 100% participation. Annunciation parish is thankful for the many families and individuals who have generously given in the past, enabling us to reach our financial goals. May we continue to be blessed with your generous support! For more information, print the pledge/donation form, and to pay online, please visit [HTTPS://EPHX.ORG/EPARCHIAL-APPEAL/](https://EPHX.ORG/EPARCHIAL-APPEAL/)

Parish Goal: \$35,962.78  
Pledges to date: \$5,180.00  
Balance: \$30,782.78  
25% of our Goal  
18 Households have responded.

**This Week:** Helen Bruce, Mihail & Lisa Chelu, Robert & Nina Erickson, Alex & Irene Fotinakes, George & Sue Petyo, Fr. Robert M Pipta, Salvador & Gloria Solis, Mary Washko, Fr. Stephen G Washko.

Thank you for your support of our Bishop and The Eparchy that supported us in the past with our Mortgage.

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Our Stewardship April 4**  
**4pm Vesper/Liturgy 62 souls**  
**10am Sun Liturgy 86 souls**  
Adult Tithes: \$3,116.00  
Easter Sunday: \$2,965.00  
Youth tithes: \$67.29  
Candles: \$203.00  
Easter flowers: \$100.00  
Sanctuary Fund: \$120.00  
Holyland Collection: \$235.00  
T-Mobile: \$2,645.00  
Holy Wednesday: \$50.00  
Holy Thursday: \$175.00  
Holy Saturday: \$80.00  
Jelly Sales: \$30.00  
**[tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) on-line Donate**  
Tithes: \$666.35

Thank you for your special gifts on the Principle of our mortgage. 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.

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** be sure to select the account( Tithe, Bishop’s Appeal etc..) you want your donation to serve. Thank you.  
Go to our Web page [annunciationbyzantine.org](https://annunciationbyzantine.org) click on “donate” or click on [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or enter it into your browser.

**SANCTUARY FUND**  
**ICONOSTASIS UPDATE** an initial contact was made with [EIKONASTUDIOS.COM](https://EIKONASTUDIOS.COM) in Cleveland, Ohio. They have designed Traditional Iconostasis for Byzantine Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox churches in America. We are on a fact finding mode to see what we are looking for and the cost. In our weekly parish bulletin we

If Christ is the Prince of Peace then how do we reconcile these other seemingly contradictory words of Our Lord: 'Do not think that I come to send peace upon earth, I came not to send peace, but the sword' and 'Think you, that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, no but separation.' The explanation of these apparent contradictions is to be found in the words he addressed to his apostles the night of the Last Supper in which he made an important distinction between two kinds of peace: 'My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, do I give unto you' and 'These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress, but have confidence, I have overcome the world.' There is a difference, then, between His Peace and the peace of the world. It is evident from these words that Our Lord offers a peace and a consolation that He alone can confer, a peace that comes from the right ordering of conscience, from justice, charity, love of God and love of neighbor.

– *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

*(The Cross and the Beatitudes)*

## THOMAS SUNDAY

### From a Romanian Menology

### Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galileian city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (Jn 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says St. John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The

Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When St. Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the governor of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

### Thomas Sunday:

In this final scene of John's resurrection narrative (20:1-29), Jesus appears, to the disciples, showing them his hands and his side and bestowing on them the peace he had promised them in the Farewell Discourse. As in the Synoptics, John then has Jesus entrust a salvific mission to those to whom he has appeared. Their mission is closely related to his breathing the- new life of his Spirit upon them. The task of the spirit is to take Jesus' place by carrying on his work and being his presence in the world. He also gives the disciples power over sin: men are to be divided (by their self-judgment) into two groups-those who receive Jesus and those who do not recognize him. The most significant episode is that of Thomas' profession of faith. He provides the final example in this final chapter of the gospel (ch. 21 is appendix) of different attitudes of faith in the Risen Jesus. Thomas' cry, "My Lord and my God!" is the supreme christological statement of John's gospel. It is a liturgical confession, a response of praise to the God who has revealed himself in Jesus. And, of course, it leads to Jesus' blessing upon those who believe without having seen. When Jesus lived among his people, faith had to be found through the visible and tangible. Now the era of signs and appearances is passing away, for the Spirit, or invisible presence of Jesus, shall make possible another realm of believing. In John's message what is important is to believe (vv. 27- 28), whether that faith comes through seeing or not. In this beatitude ("Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe") Jesus is contrasting two types of blessedness: they are the two different situations in which his disciples could find themselves. He is assuring all readers of his gospel, all Christians, that those who are coming later and who will not see Jesus are equal, in God's eyes, to those who lived with him, saw him and thus were, in a certain sense, privileged. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!" The words bear the stamp of the timeless Word spoken before the world was made.

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