

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

**Website: 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***

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)

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 friend
Panachida Service for the 40th day of the passing of
+Bishop Gerald Dino

28 Monday Post-festive for Christmas & 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, p. 289.
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Patrick Joseph Nyambu by Maria Nyambu

29 Tuesday Post-festive for Christmas & The Holy Innocents killed by Herod in Bethlehem, p. 289
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Ned Henry by George & Jan Washicko

30 Wednesday No Divine Liturgy Parish Office Closed
The Holy Services will be celebrated outside in front of the church. Please wear your masks and dress warmly.
THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST & THE FEAST OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT Solemn Holy Day

31 Thursday Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil
Carols.....2:30 pm
Facebook Live Stream.....3:00 pm
+Bishop Gerald Dino by Angelica Villarin

1 Friday Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, p. 305
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Gale & Connie Galloway by Bentley Hatchett

2 SAT BEFORE THEOPHANY, p. 309
Facebook Live Stream.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Kester Bailey & Ellamie Tanjay

HEBREW SCRIPTURES for the Sunday Gospel
ISAIAH 40: 1-11 & MALACHY 3: 1-5

3 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY, P. 309
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

Margaret Holston by Helen Bruce

Special Intention by Helen Bruce

Tetrapod

Marge Holston by Ingrid Spisak

Bob Yarosik by Ingrid Spisak

Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!

Χριστος γεννεται! Δοξασατε!

Christus natus est! Gaudete!

Христос раждается! Славите jeho!

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**

Fr John Monastero
Michael Mykeloff
Helen Malinick
Lance & Sylvia Flambures
Jamal Sarsam
Irene Lovas
Rob Yarosik
Albert Hatton
Charles Bivens
Ruth Terry
Marc & Matt Lowery
Carol Petyo
Kathy Mykeloff
Margaret Holston
Robby Dugan

Robert Yarosik
Margarette Samul Family
Veronica Navarette
Alex Gomori
Tanya & Chuck Johnson
Petrice (Podhayny) Duncan
Margaret Dessureault
Gloria Solis
Brian Safian
Margaret Kessel
Stephen Demora
Rosa Navarro
John Galamba
Frank Malinick
Fr. Chris Petruska

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| 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

\$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

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.

THEOPHANY SCHEDULE

All Our Services will be Live-streamed on Facebook
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. For your protection from Covid, please bring your own Water and place your containers around the large tub of water for the blessing.

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



Meet some the Eastern Catholic Pastoral Priests of Southern California. We have our monthly meetings on ZOOM.

December 26th The Synaxis of the Theotokos
By Pope Francis

"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman" (Gal 4: 4). Born of woman: Jesus came in this way. He did not appear in the world as an adult but, as the Gospel tells us, he was "conceived in the womb" (Lk 2: 21). It was there that he made our humanity his own: day after day, month after month. In the womb of a woman, God and mankind are united, never to be separated again.

Even now, in heaven, Jesus lives in the flesh that he took in his mother's womb. In God, there is our human flesh!

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 20
Attendance: 85 souls
 Adult Tithes: \$4,757.00
 Christmas Flowers: \$15.00
 Christmas: \$1,450.00
 Mortgage Reduction: \$125.00
 Principle Reduction: \$500.00
 Greek Catholic Union-Covid Donation: \$1,000.00
 Retired Religious Collection: \$25.00
 Gift Shop: \$265.00
 Jelly Sales: \$165.00
 Replacing Damaged Parking Light: \$2,000.00
 Tithe.ly on-line donate: \$216.35

MORTGAGE UPDATE BALANCE 12-18-20

On the first day of the year, we celebrate this nuptial union between God and mankind, inaugurated in the womb of a woman. In God, there will forever be our humanity and Mary will forever be the Mother of God. She is both woman and mother: this is what is essential. From her, a woman, salvation came forth and thus there is no salvation without a woman. In her, God was united to us, and if we want to unite ourselves to him, we must take the same path: through Mary, woman and mother. That is why we begin the year by celebrating Our Lady, the woman who wove the humanity of God. If we want to weave humanity into this our time, we need to start again from the woman.

Born of woman. The rebirth of humanity began from a woman. Women are sources of life. Yet they are continually insulted, beaten, raped, forced to prostitute themselves and to suppress the life they bear in the womb. Every form of violence inflicted upon a woman is a blasphemy against God, who was born of a woman. Humanity's salvation came forth from the body of a woman: we can understand our degree of humanity by how we treat a woman's body. How often are women's bodies sacrificed on the profane altars of advertising, of profiteering, of pornography, exploited like a canvas to be used. Yet women's bodies must be freed from consumerism; they must be respected and honored. Theirs is the most noble flesh in the world, for it conceived and brought to light the love that has saved us! In our day, too, motherhood is demeaned, because the only growth that interests us is economic growth. There are mothers who risk difficult journeys desperately seeking to give a better future to the fruit of their womb, yet are deemed redundant by people with full stomachs but hearts empty of love.

Born of woman. The Bible tells us that woman come onto the scene at the height of creation, as a summation of the entire created world. For she holds within herself the very purpose of creation: the generation and safekeeping of life, communion with all things, care for all things. So it is with the Mother of God in today's Gospel. The text tells us, "But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (v. 19). She kept all these things: joy at the birth of Jesus and sadness for the lack of hospitality shown in Bethlehem; the love of Joseph and the amazement of the shepherds; the promise and the uncertainty of the future. She took everything to heart, and in her heart, she put everything in its right place, even hardships and troubles. In her heart, she lovingly set all things in order and entrusted everything to God.

In the Gospel, Mary does this a second time: at the end of the hidden life of Jesus, we are told that "his mother kept all these things in her heart" (v. 51). This repetition makes us realize that "keeping in her heart" was not something

nice that Our Lady did from time to time, but something habitual. Women typically take life to heart. Women show

us that the meaning of life is not found in making things but in taking things to heart. Only those who see with the heart see things properly, because they know how to "look into" each person: to see a brother apart from his mistakes, a sister apart from her failings, hope amid difficulty. They see God in all persons and things.

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to see with the heart? Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live? Or do I tear them down by gossip? And above all, do I put the Lord at the center of my heart, or other values, other interests, like advancement, riches, power? Only if we take life to heart will we know how to take care and overcome the indifference all around. So let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them. And if we want a better world, a world that will be a peaceful home and not a war field, may we take to heart the dignity of each woman. From a woman was born the Prince of peace. Women are givers and mediators of peace and should be fully included in decision-making processes. Because when women can share their gifts, the world finds itself more united, more peaceful. Hence, every step forward for women is a step forward for humanity as a whole.

Born of woman. Jesus, newly born, was mirrored in the eyes of the woman, in the face of his mother. From her, he received his first caresses; with her, he exchanged the first smiles. With her began the revolution of tenderness. The Church, looking at the Baby Jesus, is called to continue that revolution. For she too, like Mary, is both woman and mother. The Church is woman and mother, and in Our Lady, she finds her distinctive traits. She sees Mary immaculate, and feels called to say no to sin and to worldliness. She sees Mary fruitful, and feels called to proclaim the Gospel and to give birth to it in people's lives. She sees Mary a mother, and she feels called to receive every man and woman as a son or daughter.

In drawing close to Mary, the Church discovers herself, she finds her center and her unity. The enemy of our human nature, the devil, seeks instead to divide, to highlight differences, ideologies, partisan thinking and parties. But we do not understand the Church if we regard her by starting with structures, programs and trends, ideologies and functions. We may grasp something, but not the heart of the Church. Because the Church has a mother's heart. And we, as her sons and daughters, invoke today the Mother of God, who gathers us together as a people of believers. O Mother, give birth to hope within us and bring us unity. Woman of salvation, to you we entrust this year. Keep it in your heart. We acclaim you, the Holy Mother of God. All together now, for three times, let us stand and acclaim the Lady, the Holy Mother of God.