

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

***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***

**DIVINE LITURGIES
FOR THIS WEEK & INTENTIONS**
SUNDAY & DAILY SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON
[FACEBOOK.COM/STEPHEN.WASHKO](https://www.facebook.com/STEPHEN.WASHKO)

15 SATURDAY Post-Festive of Ascension, p. 191
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
+Deanna Major by the Gath Family
Confession (in the chapel).....3:30 pm
Vesper/Liturgy for Sunday.....4:00 pm
+Lenz Casilan by Valentino Laquindanum

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY
Genesis 12: 14-20, Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 &
Deuteronomy 10: 14-21

**16 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST
NICEAN COUNCIL, P. 196**
Confession (in the chapel).....9:30 am
Third Hour.....9:40 am
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am
For our parish family and friends, Panachida Service for
+Larry & Margaret Bivens by Charlie & Barbara
COFFEE SOCIAL then
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING in the classroom

17 MONDAY Postfestive of Ascension & Apostle
Andronicus & his companions, p. 191
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Baharnaz Alimohammadi by Maria I
Nyambu

18 TUESDAY Postfestive of Ascension & Martyr
Theodotus, p. 191
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Helen Bruce by John & Linda Crans

19 WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy—parish office is
closed

20 THURSDAY Postfestive of Ascension, p. 191
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
+forgotten souls by Sally Rock

21 FRIDAY Leave taking of Ascension, p. 191
Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am
God's blessing on Jan Atizado by Anthony Tucker

22 ALL SOULS SATURDAY, p. 202
Divine Liturgy with Panachida.....9:00 am

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY
Numbers 11: 16-17, 24-29, Joel 2: 23-32,
Ezekiel 36: 24-28
Vesper/Liturgy for Pentecost Sunday p. 143.....4:00 PM
God's blessing on Christine Sawaya

9 PENTECOST SUNDAY, P 203
Divine Liturgy.....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
Tanya Johnson by Donna M. Safian
Dr Bruce & Ruth Terry by Helen Malinick
Icon of Our Lord
In Thanksgiving by Helen Bruce
Frank & Linda Malinick by Helen Malinick
Tetrapod
Eddie Chow by Helen Malinick
Fr. Stephen Washko by Helen Bruce

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

Deacon Don Gath	Cameron Bower
Robert & Rita Pipta	Eddie Chow
Ruth Terry	Robert Yarosik
Michael Mykeloff	Margarette Samul Family
Helen Malinick	Veronica Navarette
Alex Gomori	Brian Safian
Tanya & Chuck Johnson	Stella Navarette
Petrice (Podhayny) Duncan	Deanna Keefe
Rob Yarosik	Margaret Dessureault
Albert Hatton	Gloria Solis
Charles Bivens	Elaine Nale
Judy Livingston	Margaret Kessel
Marc & Matt Lowery	Stephen Demora
Rosa Navarro	Adrian Flores
Kathy Mykeloff	John Galamba
Margaret Holston	Frank Malinick
Robby Dugan	Fr. Chris Petruska
Irma Contera	Jessica Kanenbley
Ron & Isabel Christian	Joel Rivera
Janet Lambert	Bill Drahusz

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

READERS SCHEDULE 10AM LITURGY
May 16—Michael Petyo May 23—Ron Pasmant
May 30 —Matthew Okazaji Jun 6—Regina Brown
Please let Stephen Kopko know if there is schedule change.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship May 9
4pm Vesper/Liturgy 26 souls
10am Sun Liturgy 71 souls
Adult Tithes: \$3,225.10, Holy Days: \$40.00, Youth tithes:

\$2.20, Bishop's Appeal: \$200.00, Candles: \$10.00, Coffee Social: \$90.00, Sanctuary Fund: \$35.00, Catholic Home Missions: \$75.00
 Communications: \$10.00
tithe.ly on-line Donate Tithes: \$376.35

Thank you for your special gifts to the Sanctuary Fund. 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 click on "donate" or click on tithe.ly or enter it into your browser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TODAY after the Coffee Social in the upper classroom.

COFFEE SOCIAL SIGN UP—please
 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 #3
 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: \$15,455.00
 Balance: \$20,507.00
 42.97% of our Goal
 34 Households have responded.

UPCOMING EVENTS—mark your calendars

TODAY after Coffee Social	ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING in the Southeast classroom
Fri May 21	11:00 am Meeting w OCTOC.org Orthodox, Catholic together Orange County at Holy Cross Melkite Church
Sat May 22	5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY 9:00 am Liturgy w/ Panachida
Sun May 23	PENTECOST SUNDAY
Mon May 31	MEMORIAL DAY beginning of the Apostle's Fast
Jun 7-11	CLERGY DAYS—Phoenix, AZ
Thur Jun 18 7pm at Holy Cross, Melkite	15th Annual Roman & Eastern Catholic & Orthodox Christian Ecumenical Prayer Service
Mon Jun 28 Tue Jun 29	STS. PETER & PAUL HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sat June 26 8:30 am to 12:30 pm	WOMEN'S RETREAT ON-LINE we encourage all women of all ages to register for this on-line retreat.under news/events. \$15 per person or \$35 per family.

OUR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"Keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one." Jesus prayed that we would share in the unity of the life-creating Trinity. The Church needs men and women who are called to live this prayer out in a religious vocation. He may be calling you to become a monk, a nun, or to ordained ministry. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: VOCATIONS@EPHX.ORG

DEACON: Lord our Savior, you call us to unity with yourself and with our brothers and sisters. Give to your Church men and women who serve you in a life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so that we may be united as you brought the truth to the Fathers at the First Nicean Council. Strengthen the Church with an increase of faithful priests, deacons, monks and nuns, we pray you hear and have mercy.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Sunday of Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
 The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council is the Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension. The services

of Vespers, Matins, and the Divine Liturgy include hymns of both the Ascension and in commemoration of the Fathers.

The First Ecumenical Council was held in 325 AD at Nicaea, outside of Constantinople. It was summoned by Emperor Constantine the Great to settle the Arian heresy, which denies the full divinity of Jesus Christ and says that He is a creature. The heresy was tearing through the Church, and proved popular with bishops but not among the laity. This Council wrote the famous Nicene Creed, recited at every Divine Liturgy and at Sunday Mass in the Latin Rite, which gloriously affirms the divinity and humanity of Jesus, and so our salvation through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Nicaea defines that Jesus is homoousious/ consubstantial with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He shares the exact same divine nature with the Father, and He existed before time with the Father as the Logos/ Eternal Word. Whenever God speaks in the Old Testament, beginning with Genesis, it is the Word Who speaks. Therefore, the Word is “begotten, not made” and this nature was united with the human nature derived from the Virgin Mary at His conception in her womb on March 25. If He is not human and divine from the very moment of conception, then we cannot be saved through His sacrifice on the Cross, since he would be less than the Father. This Council is the first known occasion of a papal ambassador coming from Rome to represent Pope St Sylvester I. The Vatican diplomatic corps is the oldest one in the world. All ecumenical councils need the confirmation of Rome which is why the Christian East stopped holding councils after the split of 1054 yet the Catholic Church has been able to continue doing so.

Arianism was revived during the Protestant Reformation through movements in Poland and England. Modern day Arians include the Jehovah’s Witnesses (who refuse to pray to Jesus at all), Mormons (who subordinate Christ to the Father), and some smaller groups.

Icons depicting the Council usually show Constantine wearing a crown, surrounded by bishops. Jesus is enthroned in the middle or above the assembly. Arius is shown defeated at the base of the icon, cowering before the majesty of Christ. He is usually shown wearing a turban, a later reference to Islam, which denies Jesus’ divinity to this day.

An unfortunate element in this council was that it was summoned by the state, and the emperor actually participated in debates. This led to an Eastern view allowing for a king or emperor having the ability to interfere in church life. Even in Muslim Turkey today, the Muslim president interferes in the life of the Armenian and Greek Orthodox Churches to the point of limiting their choices for patriarch! The Catholic Church rightly insists that the Church must be independent of the State, and the internal life of the Church is for her alone to rule on. Otherwise, secular power will try to force the Church to

support its goals. We see how this could be disastrous with the rapid rise of leftist secularism in western countries. The First Council also issued decrees on the consecration of bishops, regulations for bishops and diocesan clergy, forbidding clerics from loaning money at interest, establishment of rules for catechumens, condemnation of other heresies, forbidding kneeling from Easter until Pentecost, and confirmed the importance of Alexandria in Egypt and Jerusalem in Palestine.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

A brother questioned Abba Poemen saying, “If I see my brother committing a sin, is it right to conceal it?” The old man said to him, “At the very moment when we hide our brother’s fault, God hides our own and at the moment when we reveal our brother’s fault, God reveals ours too.” Another brother questioned him in these words, “What does, ‘See that none of you repays evil for evil’ mean?” (1 Thess. 5:15) The old man said to him, “Passions work in four stages – first, in the heart; secondly, in the face; thirdly, in words; and fourthly, through deeds. If you can purify your heart, passion will not come into your expression; but if it comes into your face, take care not to speak; but if you do speak, cut the conversation short in case you render evil for evil.”

EVERYTHING, BUT THE ANGEL

Adapted from Parish Publishing

It is said that long ago a great sculptor unveiled his latest work to a large crowd. With a flourish he swept off the cover, revealing an angel, which would be one of many in the church where it was to be placed. But what an angel! There was no wind in the sculptor’s shop, yet this angel’s wings seemed to be spreading to take flight. Marble can neither speak nor move, yet this angel’s mouth appeared to bless, its hands to fold in prayer.

The audience burst into applause. One person dared to ask, “How did you do it?” The sculptor said, “I simply carved away everything except the angel.”

“Everything except the angel” ... it seems like a joke, but it’s not. Great sculptors have this gift, to see the figure that already exists within the material, and then use tools to remove what is extra, freeing the masterpiece.

As the Creator, God is the great Artist. Also, God sees all the art that has ever been, and ever will be. By commanding us to be stewards, God tells us to become artists too, of our own souls.

Instead of a hammer and chisel, our tool is giving. Every time we strive to practice God’s commandments, it’s like carving away a bit of “marble” to reveal Christ within us. Every hour helping in a food pantry, singing in a choir, studying the Scriptures, attending services at church, praying at home, visiting the sick, and so on, does the same. Our hands may lack the sculptor’s skill, but through Christian living, we can become more beautiful than any statue.