

# 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  
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#### **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  
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#### **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)

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[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**

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

**8 SATURDAY The Apostle John the Theologian**  
*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am  
*God's blessing on the Priests & Religious by Sally Rock*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Isaiah 42: 5-18 & Isaiah 29: 13-19

*Vesper/Liturgy for Sunday Tone 5, p. 143*.....4:00 PM  
*+Charles Kubik by Bentley Hatchett*

**9 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND & MOTHER'S DAY, P 189-190**

*Divine Liturgy*.....10:00 am  
*For our Parish Family and Friends*

**10 MONDAY No Liturgy Scheduled**

**11 TUESDAY No Liturgy Scheduled**

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** In his human body, the Lord returned to the glory he has at the right hand of his Father on high. In this way, he lifts our human nature to deification and is enthroned as the High Priest who has suffered human death, yet is risen for the sake of human life. We glorify the Lord and await his coming again in glory.



**Kontakion, Tone 6** When you fulfill the plan of salvation for us, and united the earthly with the heavenly, you were taken up in glory, or Christ our God. Never parting from us but remaining constantly, you proclaimed to those who love you, I am with you and no one can be against you.

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST  
Holyday of Obligation**

**12 WEDNESDAY Vigil for the Ascension of our Lord**  
*Vesper/Liturgy*.....7:30 pm  
*+Gloria Zee by The Gath Family*

**13 THURSDAY Feast of the Ascension, p. 191**  
*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am  
*For our parish family and friends*

**14 FRIDAY Post-festive of Ascension, p. 191**  
*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am

*God's blessing on Christopher T. Apodaca by Angelica Villarin*

**15 SATURDAY Post-Festive of Ascension, p. 191**  
*Divine Liturgy*.....9:00 am  
*+Deanna Major by the Gath Family*

*Vesper/Liturgy for Sunday*.....4:00 pm  
*+Lenz Casilan by Valentino Laquindanum*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**

Genesis12: 14-20, Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 & Deuteronomy 10: 14-21

**16 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL, P. 196**

*Divine Liturgy*...10:00 am  
*For our parish family and friends*  
*COFFEE SOCIAL then*  
*ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING in the classroom*

**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*  
*+ Mary Wakim by Christine Sawaya*

**Icon of Our Lord**

*Angelica Villarin by Mary Washko*  
*+Sabeh Aziz by Christine Sawaya*

**Tetrapod**

*Eddie Chow by Helen Malinick*  
*Frank & Linda Malinick by Ingrid Spisak*

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

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| <i>Fr Leandro Desiderio</i>      | <i>Robert &amp; Rita Pipta</i> |
| <i>Cameron Bower</i>             | <i>Ruth Terry</i>              |
| <i>Eddie Chow</i>                | <i>Robert Yarosik</i>          |
| <i>Diana Major</i>               | <i>Margarette Samul Family</i> |
| <i>Michael Mykeloff</i>          | <i>Veronica Navarette</i>      |
| <i>Helen Malinick</i>            | <i>Brian Safian</i>            |
| <i>Alex Gomori</i>               | <i>Stella Navarette</i>        |
| <i>Tanya &amp; Chuck Johnson</i> | <i>Deanna Keefe</i>            |
| <i>Petrice (Podhayny) Duncan</i> | <i>Margaret Dessureault</i>    |
| <i>Rob Yarosik</i>               | <i>Gloria Solis</i>            |
| <i>Albert Hatton</i>             | <i>Elaine Nale</i>             |
| <i>Charles Bivens</i>            | <i>Margaret Kessel</i>         |
| <i>Judy Livingston</i>           | <i>Stephen Demora</i>          |
| <i>Marc &amp; Matt Lowery</i>    | <i>Adrian Flores</i>           |
| <i>Rosa Navarro</i>              | <i>John Galamba</i>            |
| <i>Kathy Mykeloff</i>            |                                |

Margaret Holston  
 Robby Dugan  
 Irma Contera  
 Ron & Isabel Christian  
 Janet Lambert  
 For prayer requests: call Fr. Stephen or E-mail to [abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)

Frank Malinick  
 Fr. Chris Petruska  
 Jessica Kanenbley  
 Joel Rivera  
 Bill Drahusz

**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.

**READERS SCHEDULE 10AM LITURGY**

May 9—Marc Brown                      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 2**

**9am Sat 12 souls**

**4pm Vesper/Liturgy 26 souls**

**10am Sun Liturgy 67 souls**

Adult Tithes: \$9,877.00, Holy Days \$40.00, Youth tithes: \$10.00, Bishop's Appeal: \$200.00, American Collectibles: \$50.00, Candles: \$130.00, Coffee Social: \$57.00, Sanctuary Fund: \$245.00, T-Mobile: \$2,645.00  
 Catholic Home Missions: \$75.00  
**[tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) on-line Donate Tithes: \$376.35**

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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](https://annunciationbyzantine.org) click on "donate" or click on [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or enter it into your browser.

**UPCOMING EVENTS—mark your calendars**

Wed May 12	<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b> 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy
Thurs May 13	<b>ASCENSION FEAST DAY</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sun May 16 after Coffee Social	<b>ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING</b> in the Southeast classroom
Fri May 21	11:00 am Meeting w <a href="https://OCTOC.org">OCTOC.org</a> Orthodox, Catholic together Orange County at Holy Cross Melkite Church
Sat May 22	<b>5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY</b> 9:00 am Liturgy w/ Panachida
Sun May 23	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
Mon May 31	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>
Jun 7-11	<b>CLERGY DAYS—Phoenix, AZ</b>
Thur Jun 18 7pm at Holy Cross, Melkite	15th Annual Roman & Eastern Catholic & Orthodox Christian Ecumenical Prayer Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all our mothers.

**FATHER JAMES LANE** will celebrate the Parish Liturgy this morning while Father Stephen is at St. Nicholas parish in Fontana.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING** Next Sunday May 16 after the Coffee Social in the upper classroom.

**COFFEE SOCIAL SIGN UP—please**  
 Our hosts for May —The Gath Family

**OUR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

“One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!”

The healing love of Christ gave sight to the man born blind. Have you received the eyes to spiritually see your calling in life? Is he calling you to help the world see Him more clearly by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic or religious life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [VOCATIONS@EPHX.ORG](mailto:VOCATIONS@EPHX.ORG)

**DEACON:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of this world. Grant us eyes to see the beauty of your face, so that we may see clearly. We humbly ask that you would help your servants to see our vocation, to respond to it and follow it all of the days of our lives, so that we may bring healing to this world, we pray you hear and have mercy.

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

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO THE THEOTOKOS, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

Holy lady, you are our Queen and the Mother of the Church, and we commit our souls to our hope in you and your motherly love as to the most secure and firm anchor in the storms of this present life. To you we consecrate our minds, our souls, our bodies, our very selves, honoring you so far we are able even though it is impossible to do so worldly.

In this time of pedantic we come to you, our sure sign of hope and comfort. Embrace this Eparchy which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families. As the sacred word has taught us, if the honor paid to our fellow servants testifies to our goodwill towards our common Lord, how could we neglect honoring you who in the fullness of time and brought forth that same Lord to us. In so doing, we can better show our ardent attachment to him and to his kingdom.

Mary, Theotokos, Mother of the Church, we ask your intercession for the needs of our country. We entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus, all who have lost loved ones, all who are suffering in anyway from the pandemic, we entrust to your love all caregivers, all who are working to find a cure from this pandemic, all our leaders in this time of Crisis.

Turn then your gaze upon us, O Noble and Compassionate Lady, rule over and direct in your wisdom all that concerns us as your subjects and spiritual children. Protect and guide the church to the tranquil harbour of the divine will, and make us worthy of future blessedness in the vision of your divine son, the Word of God, who was made flesh and you.

Amen

**ASCENSION: By Fr. Thomas Loya**

In the icon and liturgical texts of the Byzantine celebration of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven we are presented with what I believe is the singular genius of Eastern Christian spirituality. It is something that alone can fill a deep hole in the soul of modern western civilization. This singular genius is the ability to live in the “both/and.”

This means that two seemingly opposite or complimentary realities can co-exist at the same time and the secret to a balanced, integrated life is simply to live in the meeting point of these complimentary realities. Never try to fully understand this or separate it apart. Just live it and apply it to everyday life. This is called ‘mystery’ or the ‘mystical.’ The mystical is challenging for our western minds because by nature the western mind tends to define things through categories, contrasts, methodical reasoning processes. It is a markedly rational approach. While this is indeed part of the genius of the western mind and western spirituality it can struggle to accept how something can possibly be this and that at the same time. The entire ethos of modern western civilization and even in our approach to Faith and Church exists in dualisms. We have become essentially bipolar: Church vs. State, soul versus body, spirit versus matter, liberal versus conservative, action versus contemplation, play versus work, spiritual matters versus temporal matters, clergy versus laity and in my area of town perhaps the most frightful dualism of them all: Are you a Chicago Cubs baseball fan or a Chicago White Sox baseball fan? Believe me, it seems that never shall these two ever live in the “both/and.” Living in dualisms accounts for much of the neurosis of our time (and perhaps why the Cubs never make it to the World Series?) In contrast, as G.K. Chesterton wrote in his classic work, *Orthodoxy*: “Mysticism keeps men sane. As long as you have mystery, you have health; when you destroy mystery you create morbidity.” The Byzantine icon of the Ascension depicts beautifully the “both/and,” mystical spirituality reflected in the texts for the Feast of the Ascension: “Earth exalts in festive joy, and heaven also rejoices on this day: it is the holy Ascension of the Creator of the world; for He brings together that which had been separated.” The *Kontakion* for the Feast says, “When you fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present...” The texts also present the remarkable fact that through Christ’s Ascension into Heaven human nature has been mounted on the very throne of God. Human nature is both lower than the angels and higher than the angels all at the same time. The event of the Ascension gives us a whole new transcendent view of who we are as human persons. The both/and genius of the Christian East can take things like the Church’s moral teaching on the hot button issues of human sexuality and return it to its proper context in Liturgy. It shows labor to be both drudgery and sacrificial, suffering to be both painful and redemptive. It shows monasticism to be both celibate and spousal and sacramental marriage to be both conjugal and celibate. It shows all choices to be both toward and away from something. It connects both Liturgy and everyday life. Sin is both social and personal. Through the priesthood we reconcile to both God and the community in Confession. And yes, it is possible to be both a Cubs fan and a White Sox fan.