

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

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Located on West Street just 400 feet south of La Palma Avenue

**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
Bishop Artur Bubneyvich**

SUNDAY LITURGY

10:00 am

DAILY LITURGIES

9:00 am

No Liturgy on

Wednesday

Office is Closed

HOLIDAYS

Vesper/Liturgy 7:30 pm

Feast Day Liturgy

9:00 am



All Holy Services are
livestreamed on
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CONFESSIONS Before
all Services Sunday 9:00
am Daily 8:30 am or by
appointment

Allergy Alert contact Father
or Deacon before the Liturgy
if you have problems in
receiving Holy Communion
under both forms. Bread &
Wine

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

Closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

Please Call before coming to the office.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Nina Erickson, Beth Gath, Bruce Terry, Jan
Washicko, Sherill Franklin, & Ed & Katrina Chow

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Irene Lovas, Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION

September -June on Sundays after the parish
Liturgy. Beth Gath Coordinator

***Need a Spiritual Home
Contact the Parish Office***

Served by

Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

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On-Line Contributions & Tithing
Available at our Web Site. **Donate**

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION & EUCHARIST scheduled for the
10 am Liturgy. Membership in parish & preparation classes
required.

MYSTERY OF CROWNING Arrangements are made 6
months in advance. PreCana instructions required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Family members or friends
must contact the parish office. Anointing are also giving in
church after the Liturgy on request.

QUINCEANERA must be registered member of the parish.

GIFT SHOP is open on Sunday morning after the 10 am
Liturgy till noon Ann Brewer Coordinator

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to
assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults
that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People.

For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program
or to report any incidents of concerns, please contact:

Fr. Dcn. Michael Hanafin

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Cell: (480) 307-5182 - - email: vac@ephx.org

Sbdcn. Paul F. Kilroy

Safe Environment Program Coordinator

Office: (602) 861-9778 ext. 205 - - Cell: (480) 745-0316

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ALL THE LITURGIES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON
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The page numbers noted are for the Green Pew Books

Schedule of Holy Services

Sat Feb 7 First All Souls Saturday, p. 428 & 432

9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Reading of the Names

Hebrew Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 26:20–27:13 & Joel 1:13–2: 13

Feb 8 SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE & TONE 2, P. 130 & 217

9:00 am Confessions & Choir Practice

9:40 am Third Hour

10:00 am Liturgy for our Parish Members & Panachida Service for +Lisa Marich

11:45 am ECF Classes & Enquiry Meet

CHEESEFARE WEEK

Mon Feb 9, Martyr Nicphorus, p. 379

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *God's blessing on Deacon Jonathan and Family*

Tue Feb 10, Martyr Charalampas, p. 379

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *God's blessing on Lawrence Hoskinson by Jessica Hoskinson*

**Wed Feb 11, Parish Office is Closed
 No Morning Liturgy**

Thur Feb 12, Father Melitius Archbishop of Antioch, p. 372

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *God's blessing on Sophia Cabrera by Jessica Hoskinson*

Fri Feb 13, Venerable Father Martinian, p. 376

9:00 am Divine Liturgy with Panachida *+The Priest John Lukas by Fr Stephen*

Sat Feb 14, Memory of all Holy Ascetics, p. 378

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *God's blessing on Jacob Hoskinson by Jessica Hoskinson*

Hebrew Readings for Sunday

Sirach 28: 1-7 & Isaiah 58: 1-11

Sunday, Feb 15 SUNDAY OF THE CHEESE-FARE SON TONE 3 & FORGIVENESS SERVICE, P.

9:00 am Confessions & Choir Practice

9:40 am Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
for our parish members

11:45 am ECF Classes & Enquiry Meet

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord our God, judge of the universe, make us worthy to stand at your right hand as we come to you in repentance. Give us the wisdom to find and follow our vocations with faith and love. Grant your Church an increase of priests, deacons, monks and nuns, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

“Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did it for me.” Our vocation is centered on us being Christ to others and seeing Christ in others with as much faith, hope and love as possible.

God may be calling you to this life through an increase in prayer as a monk, nun, or member of the clergy. To find out more, contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Choir practice at 9:00 am before the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Contact Stephen Kopko
 Feb 8 Michael Petyo Feb 15 Sherill Franklin
 Feb 22 George Petyo

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

The special envelopes are available on the greeting table. The donation for the Icon Candles are \$10.

Eternal Light-Candle

Healing Robert Chen by Donna Safian

Icon of Our Lord

+Lisa Marich by Ingrid Bostrom

Icon of Theotokos

George & Jan Washicko by Helen Bruce

Tetrapod

Bob & Nina Erickson by Helen Bruce

Msgr Michael Moran by Helen Bruce

PRAYERS NEEDED

Parishioners Homebound: Dr Stephen Torday, Helen Bruce, Nancy Nester, Andy Spisak & Sal & Gloria Solis.

Special needs: Joannie Kopko, Susan Deane, Frank Malinick, Susan Dean, Robert & Rita Pipta, Frances Bisaha, Annabelle Rock, Kathy Gibbons, Michael Bergeron, Helen Malinick, John Crans, Nina Erickson, Chuck & Tanya Johnson, Angelica Villarin & A plea for employment, Thanksgiving for grace received.

Expectant Mother: Guadelupe Ceron & Melissa Davies.

Clergy needs: Fr Christopher Zegger, Msgr Michael Moran, Fr Robert Rankin, Fr Marcus Gomori & Fr Lee Perry.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP’S APPEAL 2026 update 1-1 to 2-3

Parish Goal \$24,000.
 4 Pledges 950.
 Balance \$23,050

ONGOING MAINTENANCE ISSUES Northern AC unit on the church developed a leak in the gas line. The line is scheduled for repair and replacing the gas, \$5,000.00. Your tithing and support helps us met our expenses.



PIROHI WORKSHOP—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday Feb 20—filling making 9:00 am
Saturday Feb 21—filling and pinching that wonderful Lenten treat
Saturday Mar 21 Paska Baking for Easter

MISSION TRIP TO ATHENS, GREECE (June 8-20, 2026) for young adults organized by the Office of Youth and Young Adults Ministry of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. This mission opportunity is open to young adults ages 18–35, and as of now there are 7 spots still available. See archpitt.org for more information.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship for February 1

Attendance: 125 + Souls

Adult Tithes: \$5,102.00, Candles: \$10.00, Coffee Social: \$60.00, Sanctuary: \$270.00, All Souls: \$105.00, T-Mobile: \$3041.75 & Theophany: \$20.00

The tithes and contributions from Zelle are not shown in this report.

Sanctuary Fund Balance: (1-29-26) \$114,522.56

YOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORTS were mailed this week. Be sure to review it and let Irene Lovas or Fr Stephen know if it needs to be corrected. Special thank you to Irene for keeping the records and providing the reports.

We are on **ZELLE** use *angelgabriel995* to make your contributions from your smart phone to our gift shop, bake sale and tithings for our parish. Be sure to use the memo.

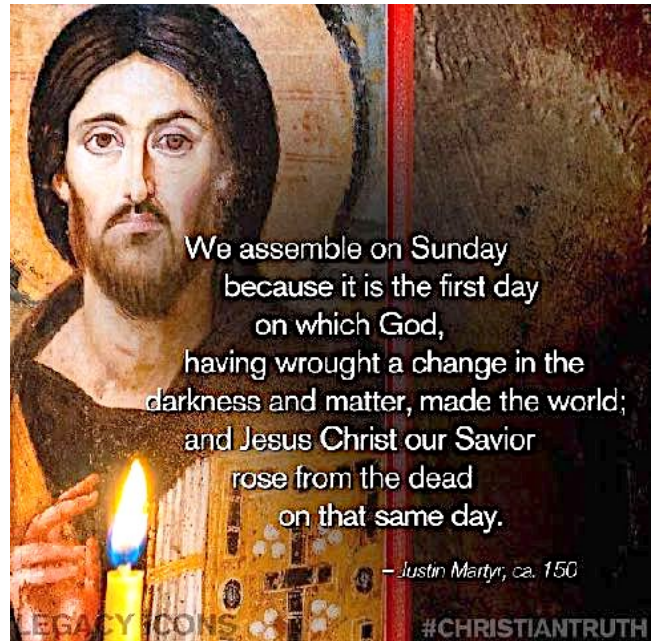
OR—On-line Giving go to our Web Page click on “Donate”

annunciationbyzantine.org click on “DONATE” Thank you for your generous tithing and special gifts to support our Church and its Mission to bring Christ to the World.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events-Mark Your Calendar

- ✠ **Saturday February 7 First All Souls Saturday**
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
 with the Reading of the Names
- ✠ **Sunday February 15 Forgiveness Sunday**
- ✠ **Monday February 16 FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST— Strict Fast —No Meat or Dairy Products.**
 7:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- ✠ **Wednesday February 18**
 7:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- ✠ **Saturday February 21 The Miracle of Theodore And Blessing of the Honey Wheat (Kolyva)**
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Pirohi Workshop
- ✠ **Sunday February 22 Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe**
- ✠ **Saturday March 21 Paska Baking for Easter The Encounter of our Lord, Jesus Christ with the Prophet Simeon & the Prophetess Anna**



WHO IS GOD? Part 1 by Archpriest David M. Petras

Recent surveys have shown that the number of atheists and agnostics has nearly doubled, while the number of Christians has dropped drastically. This is all around us, and probably most of us know a friend or relative who has lost faith. This is important also for our faith in resurrection, for if there is no God, there is certainly not resurrection. I am reminded of the verse

from the psalms: "The fool has said in his heart: 'There is no God above,'" (Ps 13:1).

The Jesuit poet from the 19th century made a powerful statement about God's presence in creation and echoed the foolishness of not believing: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil; it gathers to a greatness, like-the ooze of oil crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?" ["Reck his rod" means "recognize his scepter."]

The Acts of the Apostles tells us, "The God who made the world and all that is in it, the Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands because he needs anything. Rather it is he who gives to everyone life and breath and everything. He made from one the whole human race to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions, so that people might seek God, even perhaps grope for him and find him, though indeed he is not far from any one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being,' as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring'" (Acts 17:24-28).

As Christians, however, our faith is in God, and at every Liturgy we begin our profession of faith with the words, "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and of all things, visible and invisible." The teachers of the church tried to say who God is. St. Gregory the Theologian writes, "As far as we can tell, "he who is" and "God" are the special names of his divine essence, particularly "He who," because this is the name that he revealed to Moses ... and also the one that is most appropriate ... Here we are inquiring into a nature whose being is absolute and not into a being that is bound up with something else. In its proper sense, being is peculiar to God and belongs entirely to him. It is not limited to before and after, because in him there is no past or future" (*On the Son, Theological Oration 4* (30).18).

The sixth-century Syrian writer who called himself Dionysius gave, in my opinion, the best description of God, "Nor can any words come up to the inexpressible Good, this One, this Source of all unity, this supra-existent Being, Mind beyond mind, word beyond speech, it is gathered up by no discourse, by no intuition, by no name. It is and it is as no other being is. Cause of all existence, and therefore itself transcending existence, it alone could give an authoritative account of what it really is" (*The Divine Names, 1,1*).

Resurrection has no meaning or basis of faith unless there is God. Many theologians have offered rational arguments for why there is God, but not to force minds to believe, but for the support of the faithful, to show that faith in God is reasonable and sound. Generally, people are not convinced by argumentation, and, at any rate, God, in whom we are interested, is God

who revealed himself and his plan of salvation to us. Since there is existence, it is reasonable to presuppose a "principle of existence," but for our purposes, some abstract, unconscious "principle" is not sufficient. God is a dynamic, creating, conscious Creator of all, who loves us and reveals himself to us.

Today, the attack upon the concept of God's existence continues; it is nothing new. Most prominent and popular today are Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins, the late Christopher Hitchens and Daniel Dennett. These four are sometimes called "the Four Horsemen" of the New Atheist Movement. They often label believers as fools or children. They champion scientific knowledge and hold that faith is incompatible with it.

Actually, many famous scientists were believers. Werner von Heisenberg, who formulated Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, which some atheists hold disproves the existence of God, was himself a pious Lutheran. Gregor Mendel, who pioneered the field of genetics, was a Catholic monk. The Big Bang theory for the beginning of the universe was first formulated by a Catholic priest, Msgr. Georges Lemaitre.

One of the most prominent Christian scientists, Francis Collins, head of the National Institute of Health said, "most importantly to my Christian faith is the literal and historical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, which is the absolute cornerstone of what I believe." St. John Damascene observed, "God is ineffable and incomprehensible ... but he has not left us in absolute ignorance ... He has implanted the knowledge of his existence in everyone by nature" ["The world is charged with the grandeur of God ... "] (*On the Orthodox Faith 1.1*).

God is truly unity. This is why it is so crucial to confess the oneness of God. God is not "dispersed" in space and time but is the one ground from which all being exists, explaining our hope for "being in God." Jesus taught: "I pray not only for them (the disciples), but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me" (John 17:20-23).

This helps also to explain the nature of our consciousness, the possibility of deification and the hope of resurrection. We find our center in the one God, who is closer to us than we are to ourselves.

**Lord, Jesus Christ
have mercy on me a sinner**