

# 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  
[facebook.com/  
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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

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## **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](mailto: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*



**Holy Services for the Third Week of Pascha**

**The Week of the Myrrh-Bearers**

We honor those women who served Jesus throughout his ministry and who were faithful to him even to the Cross. After his burial, they came with love to anoint his most pure body and instead became the first witnesses of his resurrection. As we honor them, we also proclaim our faith in the resurrection and rejoice in his gift of life.

**Saturday April 18** Venerable John Disciple of Gregory the Decapolis

9:00 am Divine Liturgy God's Blessing on the Lammer Family by Catherine Gath

**6:00 pm Vespers for Sunday-Myrrh-bearers**

**SUNDAY, April 19 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS, p. 177**

9:00 am Confession & Choir Practice

9:40 am Easter Canon

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**EASTER EGG HUNT FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Coffee Social in the Parish Hall  
Inquiry Session in the lower level

**MONDAY, April 20** Venerable Theodore Trichinas

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
by Angela Lipovac

**TUESDAY, April 21** Bishop Martyr Januarius & others

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
by Angela Lipovac

**Solemn Feast of the Great Martyr George**

**WEDNESDAY April 22 Vigil**

7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy +Bishop George Kuma & Msgr George Vida

**THURSDAY April 23 Feast Day**

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
by Angela Lipovac

**FRIDAY April 24** Martyr Sabbas the Goth

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
by Angela Lipovac

**SATURDAY April 25** Apostle & Evangelist Mark

9:00 am Divine Liturgy *For the forgotten souls*  
by Angela Lipovac

**6:00 pm Vespers for Sunday**

**April 26 Sunday of the Paralytic Man page 181**

9:00 am Confession & Choir Practice

9:40 am Easter Canon

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social in the Parish Hall

ECF Classes for our Youth

Inquiry Session in the lower level

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**L**ord Jesus Christ, the noble Joseph and the Myrrh-bearing women adored your lifeless body, and they were consoled at your life-giving resurrection.

Give your Church an increase of faithful servants by calling more men and women to follow the myrrh-bearers' example, and strengthen those who are already priests, deacons, monks and nuns to be ever more faithful to you, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

"You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen!" In the midst of sadness, the good news comes to us and tells us of the life in Christ. To share this life with vigor, Christ seeks men and women to be like the angel who shared this good news to the myrrh-bearing women. He may be calling you to do this by a life as a monk, a nun, or to holy orders. 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  
April 19 Michael Petyo April 26 Sherill Franklin

**7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING (Pascha)**

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

**Eternal Light**

*Patti & Rich Pace by John & Linda Crans*

**Icon of Our Lord**

*Lawrence Hopkinson by Jessica Hoskinson*

**Icon of Theotokos**

*Available*

**WEDNESDAY 4-22 NOON LUNCHEON**

**ECUMENICAL MEETING** at Holy Martyrs Armenian Orthodox Church for Catholic, Eastern Catholic and Orthodox planning for May 28th Service.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

**Parishioners Homebound:** Lee Smith, Dr Stephen Torday, Helen Bruce, Andy Spisak & Sal & Gloria Solis.  
**Special needs:** Sucha Singh, Joseph Tullia, Rick & Mitzi Moore, 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 & Thanksgiving for grace received.

**Expectant Mother:** Amarany Masterson, Guadalupe Ceron & Melissa Davies, Eileen Escobedo (Fontana)

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

**In Military Service:** Cortney Franklin, Jeret Soto, Nigel Ward & Fr Brad Guillory.

**Our Veterans:** David Bohner, Robert Pipta, Nicholas Speitel, Robert Erickson, Charlie Kanenbley, Jessica Hoskinson, Lance Flambures, Alexander Avalos, Michael Petyo and George Petyo.

Irene Lovas	Stephen & Joannie Kopko
Joseph Adelman	Helen Bruce
Justin & Earley Lischak	Eddie & Katrina Chow
Lance & Sylvia Flambruse	Edward & Andrea Pribonic
Caleb Bauland	Karen Ybarra
Michael Marich	George & Janice Washicko
Abel & Gaudelupe Ceron	Deacon Greg & Beth Gath
James Yutronich	Kathy & Michael Hamaker
Carmela Yarosik	Jean Berardi
Liam Solis Wagenbach	

**THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF THE VISITS OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS TO THE TOMB**

After examining all the accounts of the movements, visions and testimonies of the Myrrh-bearing women, the following conclusions present themselves:

1) The Myrrh-bearers did not go all together to the tomb, but in separate groups and at different times. The first visit was of Mary Magdalene (Gospel of St. John); the second visit was of Joanna with other women (Gospel of St. Luke); the third visit was of Mary, the mother of James and Salome (Gospels of Ss. Matthew and Mark). All of this is evident and clearly apparent from the details of the Gospel accounts.

2) The time sequence of the holy women’s visits to the tomb unfolds itself as follows: Mary Magdalene, while it was still dark; Joanna, with the others, very early in the morning; Mary the mother of James and Salome, when the sun was rising. This is thus a series of non-simultaneous events. And all these events embrace a time span of several hours – from the dark before the dawn to the rising of the sun.

3) First Visit: Mary Magdalene alone goes to the tomb while it was yet dark. She saw the stone rolled away, her first thought is, “They have taken the Lord away.” She runs to tell the Apostles Peter and John, who set out for the tomb.

Second Visit: While the Apostles Peter and John are on their way to the tomb, Joanna and the other women arrive at the open tomb. Angels explain to them the mystery of the absence of the Lord’s body. They leave and go tell the Apostles. Meanwhile, Apostles Peter and John with Mary Magdalene reach the tomb without having met Joanna and her companions. After the Apostles leave, Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb and is blessed with an appearance of the Lord. She then sets out again to the Apostles.

Third Visit: After Mary Magdalene’s departure, Mary the mother of James and Salome comes to the tomb, with companions. An angel reassures them that the Lord is risen. They enter the tomb and another angel repeats what the first had told them. The angel tells them to go and tell the Apostles everything related to them. As they were running, the Lord Himself appears to them.

- By St. Theophan the Recluse

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**Our Stewardship for THOMAS SUNDAY**

**Attendance: 155 Souls**

Adult Tithes: \$3,686.00, Youth tithes: \$6.00, Candles: \$20.00, Coffee Social: \$92.00, T-Mobile: \$3,041.75, Feast of Annunciation: \$95.00, Easter: \$150.00, Holyland: \$25.00, Recycle: \$12.00, Sanctuary: \$100.00, and Holy Week: \$75.00.

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

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!

**BISHOP’S APPEAL 2026 update 1-1 to 4-14**

Parish Goal	\$24,000.00
Pledges	\$17,887.30
Balance Needed	\$6,112.70

**You may pledge on line : <https://ephx.org/appeal>**

**Special Thank You for your pledgers:**

Fr Stephen G Washko	Tina Ricker
Jessica Hoskinson	Frances Bisaha
Robert & Nina Erickson	Anonymous
Joseph Tullai	George & Carolyn Petyo
Mihai & Lisa Chelu	Alex & Irene Fotinakes
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## The Testimony that Christ Rose From the Dead

It may come as a surprise that one of the most reliable testified events in the ancient world is the resurrection of Christ, recorded in writing within a generation after the event (see 1 Corinthians 15) and fully testified within two generations while the majority of the witnesses were still alive. To understand how rare this is in the ancient world, one need only look at such a historical figure as Alexander the Great, whose earliest biography was not written until about 400 years after his death, after the earliest written testimony for Jesus.

### **Twelve Resurrection Appearances in the New Testament**

There are twelve indisputable resurrection appearances recorded in the New Testament which spanned a time period of forty days following the event of the resurrection. They are to the following people:

- Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-18)
- The Myrrh-bearing women (Mt. 28:9-10)
- Two disciples going to Emmaus (Mk. 16:12-13; Lk. 24:13-32)
- Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:4)
- Ten disciples (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25)
- Eleven disciples (Mk. 16:14; Jn. 26-29)
- Seven disciples (Jn. 21: 1-23)
- Eleven disciples on the mountain (Mt. 28:16-20)
- Over five hundred disciples (1 Cor. 15:6)
- James, the brother of our Lord (1 Cor. 15:7)
- Disciples in Bethany at the Ascension (Lk. 24:50-53; Acts. 1:2-12)
- Paul (1 Cor. 15:8)

We should mention that Acts 1:3 records Jesus appeared many times over a forty day period following his resurrection from the dead, so the appearances are not limited to only twelve.

### **How many saw the resurrected Christ?**

Over a period of forty days Christ rarely

appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and he gave ample evidence that his resurrection was in his body (they touched his wounds and saw him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw him.

### **When did they see the resurrected Christ?**

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

### **Where was the risen Christ seen?**

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen:

- Near his tomb
- On a well travelled road
- At the seashore
- Inside a home
- On a mountain
- In a city
- Outdoors
- In Judea
- In Galilee

### **How did they see the risen Jesus?**

The appearances of Jesus were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where he would eat with those he appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that he would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood.

- The Apostle John writes in 1 John 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they touched the