

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

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Located on West Street just south of La Palma

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Most Reverend John S. Pazzak, C.Ss.R

DIVINE LITURGIES

SUNDAY 10:00 am

HOLY DAYS

Vesper/Liturgy 7:30 pm
& Feast Day 9:00 am

DAILY

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9:00 am
No Liturgy on Thursdays

CONFESSIONS

Sunday 9:30 -9:50 am
Daily 8:30 - 8:50 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
Closed on Thursdays
Give a courtesy call before
coming to the Office.

ADVISORY BOARD

Stephen Kopko, Jan Washicko,
Mara Weil, Bruce Terry, Helen
Malinick, Nina Erickson, John
Sheftic & Beth Gath

FINANCE COUNCIL

Andy Spisak, Stephen Kopko &
Robert Erickson



BAPTISM/CHRISMATION & COMMUNION Membership & Preparation classes required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS the parish office must be contacted. Anointing of the Sick is available in church after the Liturgy.

CROWNING OF MARRIAGE Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance.

QUINCEANERA available for parish members.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION September - June on Sunday after the Parish Liturgy. Marya Weil Religious Coordinator. Preschool through High School

PARISH CHOIR director Robert Pipta. Rehearsal every other week. Want to join? See our director.

Parish Membership

The Parish Family of Annunciation is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word and Sacred Mysteries (Sacraments)
- who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church
- who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love
- who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- who acknowledges the authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor
- who will attend Liturgical Services on Saturday or Sunday, and on the Great Holy Days
- who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing their Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)
- who will participate in the yearly Bishop's Appeal

For registration information, please contact the Parish Office.

Served by Right Reverend Stephen G Washko, pastor

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**DIVINE LITURGIES
& ACTIVITIES for this Week**

How do we make the world a better place? We are rocked by scandal after scandal these days, yet the answer to the question rests within us. Join us for the Divine Liturgy this Sunday or for the Daily Liturgies as we explore how to put the pieces of our world back together in the most unexpected and forgotten of ways through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sat 1/6 Theophany with the blessing of the water in the Everflowing Fountain in front of the church, p. 312

9:00 am +Souls in Purgatory by Sally Rock
Hebrew Readings from Vespers
Isaiah 9:1-7 & Johan 3: 1-10
**Traditionally, the second blessing of water would take place at a river or lake. Our choice is to bless the water in the fountain in front of the church. Fill you holy water bottles from the blessed water in church.*

Sun 1/7 Sunday After Pentecost, Synaxis of the John the Baptist Tone 6, p. 152 & 316

9:40 am THE THIRD HOUR
9:30-9:50 am Confessions
10:00 am Members of our Parish & Friends.
11:45 am ECF Classes

*New Year's Pork Luncheon—
Come and join us in the parish hall.*

Mon 1/8 Postfestive for Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am Thanksgiving Child of Manta Family by Salvador & Gloria Solis

Tue 1/9 Postfestive for Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am +Bernard Potter by the Bialy Family

Wed 1/10 Postfestive for Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am +family and friends of Sally Rock

Thu 1/11 No Divine Liturgy

Father is not available

Fri 1/12 Postfestive for Theophany, p. 312

9:00 am Michael Rice Jr & family by Solis Family

Sat 12/13 No Liturgy Scheduled

Hebrew Readings for Vespers
Genesis 18: 1-14 & Exodus 33: 7-23.

Sun 12/14 Sunday of Zacchaeus, Tone 7 & Leave-taking of Theophany, p. 316 & 156

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30-9:50 am Confessions
10:00 am Members of our Parish & Friends

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

Margarette Samul Family	Helen Malinick
Chuck Johnson	Bob & Rita Pipta
Bill Drahusz	Ron & Isabel Christian
Nina Erickson	Gail Stachan
Frances Bisaha	Fr Francis Vivona
Christopher Torday	Stella Navarette
Stephen Torday	Charles & Marilu Krofchik
Fr. Christopher Petruska	Joseph Moran
Ruth Terry	Adrian Flores
Veronica Navarette	Jessica Kanenbley
Judy Livingston	Brian Safian
June Yontos,	Jean Anderson
Betty Perebzk	Richard Sesma
Deanna Keefe	Ron Lowery & Family
Alex Vida	Susan Dovin
Janet Lambert	Ron, Carol & Gilbert Pasmant
Ethan McArthur	Fr Christopher Zuger
Joel Rivera	

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

**7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING IN FRONT OF THE
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 —

Good health & happiness

by Richard Kaikonapiliani Sesma

Our Lord

Thank you Jan & George Washicko by Ingrid Spisak

Thanksgiving by Helen Bruce

Theotokos

Frank & Linda Malinick by Bob & Nina Erickson

God's blessing on Nina by Helen Bruce

Tetrapod

Special Intention for Sally Rock

+The Priest Gregory Petruska by Angelica Villarin

Happy Birthday for the Month of January

Andrea Terry 1/4	Azrael Herman Morse 1/6
Nicholas Terry 1/8	Bishop Gerald N. Dino 1/11
Sherill Franklin 1/11	George Petyo 1/13
Marc Brown 1/22	

Happy Anniversary

Our Cantor Robert & Rita Pipta 1/23

Many more happy and blessed years.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

Thank you for your love

and service to the parish community.

January Host: Dr. Bruce Terry & his family

We thank our parishioners for helping our hosts keep our parish hall clean after the Coffee Social

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson needed for the preparation for our parish 50th Anniversary. Kindly submit your name or the name of the person or persons you think would be honored to make the occasion memorable to Father Stephen—email or a quick note would help. Thank you.

Time to thank you

- ✠ To the gentlemen who cleaned the ovens this week.
- ✠ To the Kopko Family for sponsoring the Pork Luncheon.
- ✠ To the family who donated the Red Poinsettias decorating the tables in the parish hall.
- ✠ To our Michael Bergeron for gracing our church with the beautiful flower arrangements for the Birth of our Lord.
- ✠ To the generous donators for the Christmas flowers.
- ✠ To Sue Petyo for managing the Gift Shop for the benefit our our parishioners.

“Blessing those who love the beauty of Your house, O Lord.”

Envelope Budget Boxes for our Tithing to the Lord’s Holy House has not arrived. You may use your 2017 left over envelopes for your tithing. Just correct the date.

Bishop’s Appeal 2018 begins—The pledge form and information for the appeal will be sent from the Bishop’s Office the first week of January. *We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop’s office, our checks and credit cards made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy NOT to Annunciation.*

50/50 RAFFLE a big thank you to *Joanne Kopko*, she will be selling the tickets for the **Sanctuary Fund**. The sale of the tickets will take place in the parish hall.

\$5 per ticket \$20 per five tickets.

The drawing will take place at the end of the month. Need not be present to win.

SAVE THE DATE Alive in Christ 2018 July 12th - 15th

The next Alive in Christ Ascetical Boot Camp, sponsored by the Eparchy of Phoenix Vocations Office, will take place at Palomar Christian Conference Center, Palomar Mountain California, from *July 12th - 15th*. Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful and action-packed event open to boys ages 7-17 and their dads. Watch for upcoming information in the near future.

2018 VOCATION ICON SCHEDULE

Prayer for Vocation Program
Jan 7 *Robert & Carmela Yarosik*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Encounter of our Lord with Simeon-Solemn Holy Day
2-1 Thursday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:30 pm
2-2 Friday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 am

2-3 First All Souls Saturday Liturgy
with Reading the names of our deceased.....9:00 am

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 31

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 113 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$3,144.00

Youth Tithes: \$6.50

Candles: \$124.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$50.00

Christmas: \$475.00

Electric donation: \$1,032.44

Baptism Donation: \$500.00

Memorial Donation: \$100.00

Gift Shop: \$674.00

Bake Sale: \$50.00

Jam Sales: \$26.00

New Year’s Luncheon: \$324.00

Thank you for your generous support. Your generosity help us to keep our church beautiful and helps us meet our financial obligations. Thank you.

Mortgage Balance 10/10/17 \$976,041.15

READERS & REHEARSAL SCHEDULE for more information or would like to join the choir, visit our choir loft after the Liturgy —contact our Cantor Robert Pipta. Join us for the rehearsal. Thank you for your dedication.

1/07	3rd Hour Greg Gath	9:40 am Ephesians 4:7-13
1/14	REHEARSAL Sherill Franklin	9:00 - 9:45 am 1 Timothy 4:9-15
1/21	3rd Hour Greg Gath	9:40 am 2 Timothy 3:10-15
1/28	REHEARSAL Kester Bailey	9:00 - 9:45 am 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS FOR 2018 we have Five All Souls Saturdays on which we commemorate by name our beloved deceased. The dates for this year are: January 3rd (Saturday before Sunday of Meatfare), February 24 (Feast of the Finding of the head of St. John the Baptist), March 3, March 10 and May 19, (the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday).

Please use the special card in your Budget Envelope Sets to **print out** your last name on the top of the card and only the first names of the deceased you want to remember and place the card and the envelope in the Sunday collection basket or give it to Father. The donation for the All Souls is given to the pastor “Stephen G Washko.” The names are read during the Panachida after the All Souls Memorial Liturgy.

JANUARY 6 – SYNAXARION*The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.*

On this day the Word of God, after having put on the old Adam and having accomplished the prescriptions of the Law, came to the great prophet John to be baptized. John refrained from doing it, saying: "It is I who should be baptized by You, and You come to me!" But when Jesus said to him: "Let it be so now," John obeyed and performed it, understanding that the baptism was the fulfillment of all justice. By His baptism, Christ sanctified the nature of water. Having buried all of men's sin in the waves of the Jordan, He came out of the water, having renewed and reconstructed man made old by sins, and having given him the kingdom of heaven.

The feast of the Theophanies of the Lord was at first intended to solemnize the idea of the different manifestations of God to men in the Person of the Word made flesh. It was not primarily a commemoration of historical events (as Easter or Pentecost), but a notion of a feast: the announcement of the Incarnation and divine mission of the Lord, and of His mysterious union with humanity in the Church—a Union of Understanding (Faith) and of Love (Charity), engendering men to a new spiritual life in baptism. Nevertheless, the feast referred to certain events in the Savior's life in which He had manifested this union in a special manner. Events which appeared first of all as manifestations of divinity (theophanies): firstly, the birth of the Savior, then the announcement made to the shepherds, the mysterious invitation made to the Magi, then the official consecration of the Savior by His baptism in the Jordan at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Another characteristic of the great feast is that on it catechumens were baptized in a very solemn fashion, as at Easter. The very object of the feast admirably sums up all the essentials of the faith in which the new Christians were consecrated. All in it is impregnated in the two essential mysteries of our Christian faith: the Incarnation of the Word for the salvation of humanity (Nativity); and, the union of God in the Trinity (baptism).

As we saw on December 25, the feast of the Nativity of the Savior was transferred and made a separate feast from this date in the beginning of the Fourth century. However, allusions to the Nativity (besides its nearness on the calendar) retain their place today, because in this manifestation the union of the divine nature and human nature is brought to the understanding of men. "Those who were in darkness have seen a dazzling light shine in Bethlehem; or rather the Lord born of Mary, the Sun of Justice begins to radiate His rays on the whole universe" (Reference to the pagan feast of the winter solstice, when the sun begins to go back to the horizon).

Then the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan is recalled to us. It is then that the Father and the Holy Spirit bear witness to the Incarnation of the Son for the salvation of mankind. The remembrance of Jesus' baptism is in direct relation to the sacrament which the catechumens are going to receive. By it, they are going to become Christians, that is to say, to wash themselves of their sins, to pass from darkness to light, to live united to God in His Church which is the spouse of Christ. "The true light has appeared and it gives illumination to all. Christ is baptized with us, He who is the purest of all, supernatural; He sanctifies the water, and this becomes a purification for our souls..." (Lauds). For this reason there is an allusion made to the

feast of Easter, when the catechumens were also baptized: "As formerly the Hebrews were saved from death thanks to their blood-tinted doors, so now this divine bath of rebirth will be for us a feast of exodus after which we will see the true light of the Trinity" (Ode IX). For baptism, like the other sacraments, contains its efficacy in the blood of the divine, immolated Lamb, the Christian Passover (Easter).

The union of the human and divine natures is realized to perfection in the Person of Christ, but the Church insists a lot today for us to understand that it is ourselves who are reunited today to God. Even though Moses could only turn aside from the face of God, John the Baptist is invited to approach the Lord: "As soon as Moses perceived that You spoke in the bush, he immediately diverted his gaze. And I (says John the Baptist), how can I look You in the face, how can I place my hand upon You, for You are Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God" (Ode IV). "Put aside all fear, says the Liberator to the Precursor; obey Me; approach Me as Christ, for this is who I am by nature; ...I who have come down with you..." (Ode VIII). "The Lord drew to Himself the nature created by God but fallen by the laws of a tyrannical appetite. He regenerated it by a new creation of human beings, accomplishing an all-excellent work for He approached it wishing to protect it" (Ode III).

This union of Christ with humanity has suggested the image of a wedding feast. The liturgical texts in the different Churches call Christ the "Spouse of the Church." It is a sacred wedding by which the Church acquired the power of becoming the spiritual Mother of those who are born again by water and the Spirit. The Latin texts for this day make memory of the wedding of Cana, which offers the symbol of the mystical wedding of the Church with Christ. As for the Byzantine Office, it presents to us a very beautiful text of praise to the Church becoming an infinitely fruitful mother: "You who formerly were barren, and alas! Without children, rejoice on this day, O Church of Christ, for by water and the Spirit, sons are born to you who cry out with faith: 'There is none as holy as our God...'" (Ode III).

Let us on this day be impregnated with the spirit of the Church, in the joy and love for the Lord who descended to us sinners in order to clothe us in His power and splendor: "All of you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia." First Class Feast. Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Antiphons and Isodikon of the Feast. Troparion (three times), Hypakoi and Kondakion of the Feast. Instead of the Trisagion, the verse is said: "All of you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia." Epistle and Gospel of the Feast. Hirmos from the First Canon of the Feast. Kinonikon of the Feast. After Communion, Troparion of the Feast. Particular dismissal: "...who has deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan, for our salvation..."

In certain Churches, there is a custom to have the blessing of water after the Liturgy of the day.