

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church

Established on July 20, 1969 + Church Blessed May 16, 2006
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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 12/16 No Liturgy scheduled
Hebrew Readings for Vespers
Judges 13:1-5,24-25, 14: 1-20 & Isaiah 25: 1-9

Sun 12/17 Sunday of the Forefathers, Tone 3, p. 281
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30-9:50 am Confessions
10:00 am Members of our Parish & Friends
Three priests will be available for your Christmas Confession after the Liturgy. Please note that Confessions are not heard before the Christmas Day Liturgy.

Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale
Mon 12/18 Martyrs Sebastian & his companions, p. 381
9:00 am +Fr. Zakaria Botros by Ron Pasmant

Tue 12/19 Martyr Boniface, p. 379
9:00 am God's blessing on the priests and religious by Sally Rock

Wed 12/20 Prefestive Day Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer, p. 283
9:00 am Healing & Health for the Priest Francis Vivona

Thu 12/21 No Divine Liturgy
Father is not available

Fri 12/22 Prefestive and Strict Fast Day
(The Fast & The Holy Supper (the fasting meal is moved from Sunday evening to tonight.)
We do not fast on Sunday
7:30 pm Office of Readings

Sat 12/23 SATURDAY No Liturgy
Hebrew Readings from Vespers
Sirach 4: 1-5 & Isaiah 11: 1-9

Sun 12/24 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, TONE 4, P. 285 & 141
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

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

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| Margarette Samul Family | Helen Malinick |
| Chuck Johnson | Bob & Rita Pipta |
| Bill Drahusz | Ron & Isabel Christian |
| Nina Erickson | Irene Shiring |
| 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

**In Memory of +The Priest Gregory Petruska —\$1,320
Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose.**

- William & Linda Linko—\$500
Dr. Ruth Topacia—\$100
Dr. & Mrs Virgilio Panganiban—\$100
Mila & Alex Villain—\$100
Erly & Angelica Gaor—\$100
Minerva M Panjavongroj—\$100
Nancy L. Goriano—\$50
Jose & Belinda Genorio—\$50
Rinna Gatdula Harper—\$70
Dr. Ernesto Villarin—\$25
Sondra L. Pawchak—\$25
Petronila & Merle Benavidez—\$25
Angelina Gatdula—\$25
Diane Geoncio—\$50 (previous publication)
Thank you for your remembrance and generosity

**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 —

Our parishioners and priest

by Richard Kaikonapiliani Sesma

Our Lord

Valerie Babyak by Bob & Nina Erickson

+The Priest Gregory Petruska by Angelica Villarin

Theotokos

Sandy Anchondo by Bob & Nina Erickson

Charlie & Patricia Kenenbley by Mary Washko

Tetrapod

Special Intention for Sally Rock

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY Confessions after the Liturgy—3 priests are available. The Fathers are not available for confession on Christmas Day.

TODAY Christmas Bake Sale & Boutique

BEHIND IN YOUR TITHING? be sure to take some time and update your tithing. December 31st is only 13 days away. The books are officially closed on the 31st.

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.

COFFEE SOCIAL HOST

Thank you for your love and service to the parish community. December —Robert & Carmela Yarosik

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

2017 VOCATION ICON SCHEDULE

Prayer for Vocation Program

- Dec 17 *Ingrid Spisak*
- Dec 24 *George & Jan Washicko*
- Dec 31 *Jill Morse*

Please bring the Icon on the following Sunday and leave it on the Tetrapod and the carry box in the front pew for the next family. Any question contact our coordinator Sally Rock

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. Be sure to join us for the Rehearsal, this will give you more confidence when singing. Thank you for your dedication.

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| 12/17 | <i>REHEARSAL</i> Brad Franklin | 9:00 - 9:45 am Colossians 3: 4-11 |
| 12/24 | <i>3rd Hour</i> Greg Gath | 9:40 am Hebrews 11: 9-10, 32-40 |
| 12/31 | <i>REHEARSAL</i> George Petyo | 9:00 - 9:45 am Galatians 1: 11-19 |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

- 12/17 Sunday Confessions after the Liturgy for Christmas & CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**
- 12/19 Tuesday-2:00 pm** Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Thomas Thanh Thai Nguyen as Auxiliary Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, our Bishop John Pazak will be here.
- 12/22 Friday** *A voluntary* Strict Abstinence from Meat and Dairy Products or Abstinence from Meat 7:30 pm **OFFICE OF READINGS FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD & CONFESSIONS**
- 12/24 Sunday**—The Fathers will be available for Confession after the Divine Liturgy
- 12/25 Monday CHRISTMAS DAY**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our Stewardship December 10

Attendance: Sun: 10:00 am 111 Souls

Adult Tithes : \$2,652.00

Youth Tithes: \$7.50

Retired Religious Collection: \$70.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$35.00

Christmas Flowers: \$745.00

Bake Sale: \$126.00 *prepaid orders*

Fountain Maint.: \$165.00

Jam Sales: \$40.00

T-Mobile: \$2,645.00

End of the Year is near.

Are you up to date on your Church tithing? Remember we must close the books on December 31st.

Thank you for your generous support. Your generosity help us to keep our church beautiful and as a Big Asset to the neighborhood plus to help pay down our mortgage.

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



THE HOLY MYSTERY OF PENANCE
According to the Byzantine Catholic Church

A GUIDE FOR AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48) Human perfection consist precisely in this: Constant growth in the good (Gregory of Nyssa, Life of Moses)

- How are my efforts to grow in the spiritual life through prayer, receiving the holy mysteries regularly, and reading the sacred scriptures?
- Have I worked to grow in the practice of self-denial?
- Have I kept the Church precept of fasting?
- Are my almsgiving truly sacrificial?
- What is my attitude toward the Holy Mystery of Penance?
- How is the health of my soul?
- Sin is spiritual sickness; it is an offense against God’s will and justice and a disrespect of God’s love and mercy.
- Am I mindful of the Natural Law; the reflection of God’s eternal law in my heart?
- Have I tried to act with respect to my free will and intellect with a mindfulness of natural order and beauty as a child of God created in His image and likeness?
- Do I live in the spirit of the Beatitudes? (Matthew 5:3-12)
- Have I been patient in accepting the sorrows and disappointments of temporal, fallen life?
- Am I growing in the practice of virtue?

I give you a New Commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you should love one another. (John 13:24)

- Do I perform the Spiritual and Corporal Works of mercy?

The First Great Commandment, you shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37 & Deuteronomy 6:5)

The Second Great Commandment, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Treat others the way you would have them treat you.(Matthew 22:39 & Matthew 7:12)

The Ten Commandments – The Decalogue (Exodus 20:1-17)

1. **Strange gods?** Occult practices, Superstition, Materialism
2. **Name in vain?** Filthy language, Insult the sacred
3. **Sunday holy?** Attend the Sunday Liturgy, Unnecessary work
4. **Honor parents?** Obey legitimate authority, Family peace, Raise children.
5. **Murder?** Abortion, Physical & Mental Abuse, Euthanasia, Capital Punishment
6. **Adultery?** Fornication, Masturbation, Pornography
7. **Steal?** Waste time, Stealing
8. **False witness?** Lie, Gossip, Slander, Chatter, False oaths
9. **Covet other’s wife?** Impure thoughts, Impure glances, Imagination.
10. **Covet goods?** Jealousy, Gossip

The Capital Sins

Pride, Anger, Gluttony, Lust, Sloth, Covetousness, Envy

The Church Precepts

Participation at Liturgy on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation (Precepts)

- Abstain/fast on the appointed days
- Contribute/tithe regularly to the support of your parish
- Receive The Eucharist during Easter Season
- Receive Mystery of Penance for Easter
- Observe laws regarding Marriage

Am I mindful in the different ways I might sin?

Voluntarily or Involuntarily

Word, Deed or Thought

In Knowledge or in Ignorance

In Commission or in Omission Serious Sin – Mild Sin.

After making a good examination of conscience and when the priest is available, approach the priest for your confession.

When the priest is ready, he will bless you by saying:

Priest: May our Lord and God Jesus Christ be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily confess all of your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Person: You make the Sign of the Cross and then continue by saying: I confess to Almighty God, One in the Holy Trinity, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, to all the Saints, and to you, Father, all my sins.

Now mention how long it has been since your last confession: My last worthy confession was ___ weeks, months, years ago.

These are the sins I remember since then. Now mention the sins you remember since your last worthy confession. You do not need give a numerical amount of times you committed a certain sin, it is sufficient to say frequently or occasionally. After confessing the sins you remember to tell the priest: These are the sins I remember, Father.

After confessing your sins, listen for any questions or instructions the priest may direct to you. The priest then will give you a penance.

If you do not understand or cannot fulfill your penance, always make mention of that to the priest. The priest may then ask you to arouse sorrow in your heart and to make a sincere act of contrition.

Person: For these and all my other sins which I cannot remember or call to mind, I am sorry that I have offended God and have angered Him against me. I am sincerely repentant and promise, with the help of God, to better my life. For this I humbly ask of you, Father, salutary penance and absolution.

Having given you the penance, the priest will forgive your sins through the power he has received by the power of his ordination. He will say the Prayer of Absolution as you make the Sign of the Cross and then dismiss you by saying: Go in peace and sin no more. You respond by saying: Thank you, Father.

It is a good practice to do your penance immediately after receiving absolution. If you cannot do this immediately, spend some time in prayer thanking God for His mercy and loving-kindness.