

Upcoming events—mark your calendar

TODAY	JOIN US FOR A TURKEY DINNER AFTER THE LITURGY GIVING THANKS TO GOD
Wed Nov 24 Thu Nov 25	THANKSGIVING Civil Holiday 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Sun Dec 5 Pot-luck, St. Nick	SAINT NICHOLAS OF MYRA PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
Tues 7 7:00 pm	THE MATERNITY OF HOLY ANNA, solemn Holy Day Vesper/Liturgy
Tue Dec 14	CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will meet in the parish hall.
Sun Dec 19	Church Decorating Party after the Liturgy we need you and your Christmas decorating skills to prepare our church for the Birth of Our Lord.
Fri Dec 24 7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL Vesper/Liturgy Blessing of Loaves, Wheat, Wine & Oil
Sat Dec 25 10:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY-Holyday of Obligation Divine Liturgy

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for **November 7**: *31 Souls in Attendance*

Tithes: \$581.00, Candles: \$19.00 Lion's Club: \$500.00

Our Stewardship for **November 14**: *25 Souls in Attendance*

Tithes: \$390.00, Candles: \$20.00, Building Fund: \$5.00

We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for mailing your tithes to the parish office

COUNTERS NEEDED We need a couple of counters for the Sunday & Weekly Collection. It does not require too much time after the Sunday Liturgy. John Coffman will deposit the collection.

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26th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1 November 21, 2021

Origin of THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is one of the great traditional American holidays, and yet it did not originate in America, even though most Americans think it did. About 3,000 years before it was observed in this country. God spoke to Moses in the days when the great host of Israelite slaves had just escaped from Egypt. They were having their first experience in the wilderness of Sinai. The original proclamation, of "Thanksgiving" from God is reported in the twenty-third chapter of Exodus, the sixteenth verse:

Thou shall keep the feast of the harvest, the first fruits of thy labors, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labors out of the field.

-Quoting the Old Testament - Exodus 23:16

Be sure to join us for the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Wednesday evening at 7pm or Thursday morning at 9:30 am

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
Special Intentions: Fr Diodoro Mendoza, Fr James Bankston, Daniel Canter, John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez.

DIVINE LITURGIES

FOR THIS WEEK & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT THROUGH
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CONFESSIONS are heard behind the Altar one half hour before all Divine Liturgies. 9:30 am for Sunday and 9:00 am for Daily Liturgy

20 Saturday Venerable Gregory the Decapolite, p. 376

Divine Liturgy Special Intention.....9:30 am

21 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TONE 1 & THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE. P. 125 & 267

Confession behind the Altar.....9:00 am

The Third Hour.....9:40 am

Liturgy For our parish family and friends.10:00 am

Join us for POT-LUCK in the parish hall.

Join us for the celebration of St Nicholas & our parish feast day Sunday Dec 5th.



22 Monday Post-festive of the Entrance, p. 267

Divine Liturgy9:30 am

Forgotten Souls by Maria Angla Lipovac

23 Tuesday Post-festive of the Entrance, p. 267

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

John Okkonem by Kieran MacKenzie

Father Stephen will not be here for his weekly visit

THANKSGIVING DAY, Civil Holiday p. 271

24 Wednesday Vigil

Vigil Divine Liturgy Special Intention.....7:00 pm

25 Thursday Thanksgiving day, p. 271

Divine Liturgy For the Lane Family.....9:30 am

26 Friday Venerable Alypius, p. 376

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

Arsenno Benevides by Mr. John Benevides

27 SATURDAY Martyr James the Persian, p. 379

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

Sabbatino Carnazzo Family

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Sirach 18: 1-14—Isaiah 29: 13-24

28 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TONE 2, p. 130

Confession behind the Altar.....9:00 am

Third Hour.....9:40 am

Liturgy for our Parish Family and Friends.....10:00 am

COFFEE SOCIAL in the hall -Come and join us

KNEELING PRAYER FROM THE MOLEBEN SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD.

(Add this to your daily prayer)

Bowing our heads and our knees, let us humbly pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy

God and Father, the Almighty One, you created the human race in your image and likeness, and when we fell through disobedience, you promised to send a Savior. When the fullness of time had come, your favor rested on your only-begotten Son, and he was born of the Virgin Mary. Thus, what Isaiah the prophet foretold was fulfilled: "Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, which means 'God with us.'" His birth filled all creation with light; he gave us the baptism of repentance, and restored our ancient dignity. Now, most compassionate Lord, you bring us to these honored days of the Christmas Fast that we may do battle with the desires of the flesh and draw strength from the hope of resurrection. Receive us, then, as penitents and forgive our wrongdoing, those done knowingly and unknowingly, through malice and through weakness. And may our prayers, our fasting, and our works of mercy rise up before you as incense, as sweet spiritual fragrance, that in company with the Magi and the shepherds we too, with pure hearts, may be found worthy to bow down before the Nativity of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. To him, together with you and your all-holy Spirit, belong glory, honor, and worship, now and ever and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING DAY

Let us extend to the poor and to those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices, and the relief of the needy be supported by our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on His poor. Where He finds charity with its loving concern, there He recognizes the reflection of his own Fatherly Care. In these acts of giving, do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth! There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of Him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increases it by giving it away! The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy! His gain will be greatest when he keeps back least for himself. The Holy Apostle Paul tells us: "He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for the eater; he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness." (2 Cor. 9:10-11.) *By Pope St. Leo the Great*