

Upcoming Events

Sun Jan 23 Rescheduled	Fr. Stephen will be at St Nicholas for Safe Environment Presentation
Tue Feb 1 Wed Feb 2	MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Sun Feb 13	Deadline for submitting the names of our beloved for All Souls Saturdays
Sat Feb 19	ALL SOULS SATURDAY 9:30 am Liturgy with the reading of the names of our deceased
Sun Feb 21	Special Collection Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Sun Feb 27 Mon Feb 28	FORGIVENESS SUNDAY THE GREAT FAST BEGINS

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for January 2

25 Souls in Attendance

Tithes: \$253.22, Candles: \$4.00

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

Don't forget your special Christmas Gift to the parish. Please be generous, our parish is struggling to pay the bills.

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 young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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34th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 1

January 16, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION was cancelled for today due to many of our parishioners unable to attend due to covid. We will reschedule it for NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 23. Fr Stephen will give the presentation. We need 100% attendance for this very important issue in protecting our children. This is not only for coming to church but wherever your children may go.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS we have 5 All Souls Saturdays in which we celebrate the Divine Liturgy and the Panachida Service with the Reading of the Names of our beloved deceased. Feb 19, Mar 12, Mar 19, *Mar 26, & June 4. The faithful are encouraged to submit a list of the first names of the beloved deceased. A donation is usually included for the priest. Use an envelope and list the names of your deceased on the envelope with your name at the top and drop it in the Sunday collection. Fr Stephen will publish the list after the First All Souls Liturgy

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
Special Intentions: Victor & Patricial Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez.

+FRANK WOODARD the brother-in-law to John Coffman fell asleep in the Lord. Kindly remember him in your prayers. We will offer him a Panachida Service (Memorial Service) after this mornings Liturgy. Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose.

DIVINE LITURGIES

**SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE
STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT
THROUGH stephen.washko.com**

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

15 Saturday Venerables Paul & John, p. 389

Divine Dorothy Deedy by Kiren MacKenzie.....9:30 am

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Judges 16: 1-30 & 2 Kings 6: 18-23

16 34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TONE 1, P. 125-127

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

The Third Hour9:40 am

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

Panachida Service for +Frank Woodard

Martin Luther King Civil Holiday

17 Mon Venerable Father Anthony the Great, p. 401

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

18 Tues Fathers: Athanasius & Cyril of Alexandria, p. 385

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

19 Wednesday Venerable Mauritius No Liturgy Scheduled

Holy Rosary (Come and Pray with us.....7:00 pm

20 Thursday Venerable & God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great, p. 376

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

21 Friday Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor, p. 401

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

22 Saturday Holy Apostle Timothy, p. 368

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah 60: 18-23 & Isaiah 66: 18-23

23 35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 2, p. 130

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

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

WHY DO WE LIGHT CANDLES?

Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich (Translated by R.D.)

First-because our faith is light. Christ said: I am the light of the world (John 8:12). The light of the vigil lamp reminds us of that light by which Christ illumines our souls.

Second-in order to remind us of the radiant character of the saint before whose icon we light the vigil lamp, for saints are called sons of light (John 12:36, Luke 16:8).

Third-in order to serve as a reproach to us for our dark deeds, for our evil thoughts and desires, and in order to call us to the path of evangelical light; and so that we would more zealously try to fulfill the commandments of the Savior: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works" (Matt. 5:16).

Fourth-so that the vigil lamp would be our small sacrifice to God, Who gave Himself completely as a sacrifice for us, and as a small sign of our great gratitude and radiant love for Him from Whom we ask in prayer for life, and health, and salvation and everything that only boundless heavenly love can bestow.

Fifth-so that terror would strike the evil powers who sometimes assail us even at the time of prayer and lead away our thoughts from the Creator. The evil powers love the darkness and tremble at every light, especially at that which belongs to God and to those who please Him.

Sixth-so that this light would rouse us to selflessness. Just as the oil and wick burn in the vigil lamp, submissive to our will, so let our souls also burn with the flame of love in all our sufferings, always being submissive to God's will.

Seventh-in order to teach us that just as the vigil lamp cannot be lit without our hand, so too, our heart, our inward vigil lamp, cannot be lit without the holy fire of God's grace, even if it were to be filled with all the virtues. All these virtues of ours are, after all, like combustible material, but the fire which ignites them proceeds from God.

Eighth-in order to remind us that before anything else the Creator of the world created light, and after that everything else in order: And God said, let there be light: and there was light (Genesis 1:3). And it must be so also at the beginning of our spiritual life, so that before anything else the light of Christ's truth would shine within us. From this light of Christ's truth subsequently every good is created, springs up and grows in us.

May the Light of Christ illumine you as well!