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OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for December 5 : *35 Souls in Attendance*

Tithes: \$532.00 and Candles: \$22.00

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

Upcoming events—mark your calendar

Tue Dec 14	CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will meet in the parish hall.
Thus Dec 23 7:00 pm	OFFICE OF READINGS
Fri Dec 24 7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL (MEATLESS DAY) Vesper/Liturgy Blessing of Loaves, Wheat, Wine & Oil. (Holy Day of Obligation)
Sat Dec 25	No Liturgy

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Sunday of the Forefathers & Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2021

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REMINDER an adult must accompany our children when leaving the church to go to the restroom in the parish hall.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT ST NICHOLAS LAST SUNDAY you missed our visit from St. Nicholas and our wonderful Prime Rib Lunch. Thank you for the benefactor and for the friendly fellowship after the Liturgy. We need more of that.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Maria and her wonder making crew for decorating the church for the Birth of our Lord.

PREPARING FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD Great time to make a good confession, attend the Solemn Holy Days and join us for a Wednesday night Rosary. Confession one half hour before all Services.

DON'T FORGET FOR CHRISTMAS we will have only one beautiful Vesper/Liturgy on Christmas Eve(Dec 24) at 7:00 pm. No Liturgy on Christmas Day. We want to keep our parish together. Tell your friends to prepare for it.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
 Special Intentions: 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

11 SATURDAY Venerable Daniel the Stylite, p. 376

Divine Liturgy Forgotten Souls by Maria Angla Lipovac.....9:30 am

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Judges 13: 1-5, 24-25, 14: 1-20—Isaiah 25: 1-9

12 SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS, TONE 4, AND THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE p. 281 & 141

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

13 Monday Martyrs Eustratius & others, p. 381

Divine Liturgy +Betty by John & Barbara Fishell.....9:30 am

14 Tuesday Martyrs Thrysus, Lucas & others, p. 381

Divine Liturgy +Anthony Stuijbergen by Kieran Mackenzie.....7:00 pm

15 Wednesday Bishop Martyr Eleutherius, p. 383

+Anthony Stuijbergen by Kieran Mackenzie.....9:30 am

Praying the Holy Rosary.....7:00 pm

16 Thursday No Divine Liturgy Scheduled

17 Friday No Divine Liturgy Scheduled

18 Saturday Before Christmas No Divine Liturgy Scheduled

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Sirach 4: 1-15 & Isaiah 11: 1-9

19 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF THE ANCESTORS & TONE 5, P. 285 & 146

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

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

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

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SAINT PHILIP'S FAST— Week 5 *Fr Chris Zegger*

By now we are coming close to "the holidays" - the current politically correct term for the Christmas celebration. The Visitation of Our Lady to Saint Elizabeth is not part of the Filipovka cycle, but it is important for us as we prepare to welcome the Savior. Our Lady went to what is now called Ein Karem, which is traditionally seen as the hometown of St. John the Baptist. When Mary greeted her elderly cousin, who had been granted a child by God in her old age who will prepare the people for Jesus' coming by his preaching, Elizabeth proclaimed that the baby in her womb leapt for joy. In icons, this moment is shown with St. John inclining his head toward Christ in the womb. Thus, this happens when Elizabeth is six months pregnant and Mary is just a few days into her miraculous pregnancy: on some Eastern calendars, the Visitation is on March 30, just five days later. The babies communicate to one another, and establish their unique relationship: John filled with joy, Jesus "speaking" to His cousin of their mission.

What is my response when I hear that Christ is coming to me? He comes in so many ways: His Word, in the Mystery of the Eucharist, in other people. His mere presence in His Mother's womb electrifies the unborn John! How much more should we, as born individuals with faculties of hearing and reason among other things, be electrified by Jesus' Presence in our lives. This week, let us take a moment to reflect on this awesome mystery: Jesus Christ is coming to me. He wants to be with me, He desires to come into me, He hungers to be with me. Do I desire Him? Do I really want Him? When I come to church, am I starving to be fed with His Sacred Body and Life-giving Blood?

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord of all, you call every one of us to come to the banquet of your heavenly kingdom. We implore you to give our churches an increase of faithful servants who would go into the world and compel people to enter this same banquet, especially for clergy and monastics who share your love and goodness to the world, we pray you hear and have mercy.

“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org