

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021 UPDATE

Our parish goal is \$5,850.71.

Pledged to date \$1,600.00

Balance..... \$4,250.71

4 households have responded: Lance & Sylvia Flambures, Andrew & Ophelia Gaydos, John Phillips and Lusyana Sandoval. THANK YOU. Please give what you can to help our Eparchy. For on-line use your browser, type ephx.org, on Home page, choose Giving, then choose Donate. You may give through St. Nicholas—just drop your pledge in the collection basket on Sunday or mail it to the parish office.

The Divine and Holy Liturgy is the celebration of the most awesome and secret mystery of our Christian faith, the mystery of our God's Holy Trinity. This Liturgy has been planted in the world as a paradise, a garden of living truth, a place of rebirth. It is essentially a service of praise, and act of Glorification of God that includes a commemoration and re-enactment of the redeeming death and resurrection of our Lord in God Jesus Christ in the ceremony of the preparations. Every ecclesial nation has to translate the mysteries of God according to the genius of its own mentality and the doctrine and pastoral problems that preoccupy its particular time and place. The problems the divine mysteries carry are inherent for all humanity, and are problems for all times in all places. These mysteries are,

God is the Trinity, our perfect love.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, as perfect God and perfect man.

The Holy Spirit, as perfect life and giver of life.

The Byzantine Liturgy seems to have found a way to deal with these problems, CELEBRATION! There is here a threefold celebration, first of all, the celebration of God-Trinity in the inner spirit of his life as love, uniting Father-Son-Holy Spirit in a threefold embrace of a single Godhead. In the outer spear of God's life, the Liturgy celebrates his relationship of love with his creation, the cosmos, and with humanity, stressing in a special way the divine dignity and infinite worth of the human person, man and woman.

There is also the celebration of the integrity of our Lord's divine person. He is the Son of God became man. He penetrated our humanity with his very divine person, integrating himself into the created universe and integrating the universe into himself.

Finally there is the celebration of the Holy Spirit and seal of assurance that the relationship of God Trinity with creation is a celebration of love. The divine 3G was developed in the course of the fourth and fifth centuries, in the great heresies arose. (to be continued)

From Joseph Raya

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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 9, 2021

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY we will offer the Panachida Service for our deceased mothers after the Ambon Prayer. Thank you to the kind lady who provided the flower for each mother.

COFFEE SOCIAL every Sunday after the Liturgy. Time to share stories and faith challenging events in our lives.

ASCENSION THURSDAY Holyday of Obligation. Be sure to make plans to attend one of the Liturgies for the Holy Day.

NEW DOORS INSTALLED to insure the safety and security of the church, hall and rectory. Now we have to paint them. We are considering blue to match the bell tower.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com Special Intention, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez. Thank you Lord for hearing us and sending the snow and rain this week

ONLINE MUSIC FILES - Access to ALL of the Metropolitan Cantor Institutes music files for the year 2021 can be found at [HTTPS://MCLARCHPITT.ORG/LITURGICALCALENDAR2021.HTML](https://MCLARCHPITT.ORG/LITURGICALCALENDAR2021.HTML)

DIVINE LITURGIES

**WED 7:30 PM & THURS 9:00 AM & SUNDAY 10:00 AM LITURGIES
ARE LIVE STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION ANAHEIM**

[FACEBOOK.COM/STEPHEN.WASHKO](https://www.facebook.com/STEPHEN.WASHKO)

CONFESSION one half hour before all Divine Liturgies. 9:30 am for Sunday and 9:00 am for Daily

8 SATURDAY The Apostle John the Theologian, p. 368

Divine Liturgy9:30 am

Special Intention

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah 42: 5-18 & Isaiah 29: 13-19

9 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND, P. 181

Parish Liturgy.....10:00 am

Fr. Stephen Washko will be the main celebrant this morning.

For our Parish Family and Friends

Be sure to join us for our Coffee and Doughnuts after the Liturgy

10 MONDAY The Apostle Simon the Zealot, p. 368

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

Jack & Marie MacKenzie

11 TUESDAY Apostles Cyril & Methodius, p. 370

Divine Liturgy9:30 am

Tom Schonbacher by Mr. MacKenzie

Father Stephen will not be here.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD In his human body, the Lord returned to the glory he has at the right hand of his Father on high. In this way, he lifts our human nature to deification and is enthroned as the High Priest who has suffered human death, yet is risen for the sake of human life. We glorify the Lord and await his coming again in glory.

Kontakion, Tone 6 When you fulfill the plan of salvation for us, and united the earthly with the heavenly, you were taken up in glory, or Christ our God. Never parting from us but remaining constantly, you proclaimed to those who love you, I am with you and no one can be against you.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Holyday of Obligation

12 WEDNESDAY Vigil for the Ascension of our Lord

Vesper/Liturgy.....7:00 pm

For our parish family and friends

Rosary and Prayer after the Liturgy.

13 THURSDAY Feast of the Ascension, p. 191

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

Stacey Pallen by Mr. MacKenzie

14 FRIDAY Post-festive of Ascension, p. 191

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

Tom Schonbacher by Mr. MacKenzie

15 SATURDAY Post-Festive of Ascension, p. 191

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

Dorothy Deedy by Mr. MacKenzie

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Genesis 12: 14-20, Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 & Deuteronomy 10: 14-21

**16 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL,
P. 196**

Divine Liturgy.....10:00 am

For our parish family and friends

COFFEE SOCIAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL & MAY

NAVARRETE, Daniel 4-11

BARONE, Debra 5-3

OLMOS, Javier 5-3

Paul 5-9

COFFMAN, John 5-14

HERNANDEZ, Ray 5-24

NAVARRETE, Isaac 5-28

WASHKO, Fr Stephen Priestly Anniversary 5-14

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for May 2nd 30 Souls in Attendance

Tithes: \$919.00

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT ON-LINE we encourage all women of all ages to register for this on-line retreat for Saturday June 26, 2021 8:30am to 12:30pm. www.ephx.org/myrrhbearers under news/events. \$15 per person or \$35 per family.