



Welcome to our Visitors: We are honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church rather different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We understand Communion to be an

act of the unity of our Faith; however, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist. Therefore, only baptized Catholics in the State of Grace are permitted to participate in the Holy Communion.

like to offer praises of thanksgiving? Please fill out an appropriate envelope in the narthex and place it in the collection basket.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS

Erik Cline, Anthony Gath, Greg Gath, Chance Michael Hamaker, Ian Ward, Liam Ward, Nigel Ward, Jonny Weil

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jean Anderson, Margie Aquilar, Marjory Bates, Betty Belanger, Mary Ann Bennett, Jennie Bergeron, Margaret Bivens, William Brown, Marc Brown, Ann Caldrin, Martha Cline, Dolores Demko, Launey Dovin, Fr. Harold Drexler, John Ewing, Danny Felix, Monica Flores, Ramon Flores, Estela Garcia, Michael Hamaker, Patricia Harrison, Dorothy Hazard, Alex Justic, Patricia Kanenbley, Deanna Keefe, Don & Irene Knapp, Ray & Felicia Kuna, Anthony Kuwae, Fr. James Lane, Don Jose Gallegos Marin, Jean Mayo, Nick Moyta, Elaine Nale, Karen Nale, Stella Navarrette, Veronica Navarrette, Peter Nesbella, Evdokiya Obushko, Helen Onder, Carol Pasmant, Katherine Peavey, Betty Perebza, Rosemarie Persek, Fr. John Petro, Fr. Christopher Petruska, Fr. Gregory Petruska, John Pipta, Mary Jane Pipta, Deacon Paul & Irene Pipta, Rita Pipta, Laura Schaufel, Richard Sesma, Diana Shea, Irene Shiring, Robert Skopec Sr., Gail Strachan, Dr. Stephen Torday, John Valdez, Maria Valdez, Robert Valdez, Robert Vida, Susie Vida, Pilar Vree, Robert Morris Weil, Don Wilson, Brian Wollwebber, Fr. Chris Zuger.

The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for May, 2014: Media-That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace. That our Holy Lady, as the Star of Evangelism, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all the nations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY:

Jerelle Hamaker, Allen Latimer, Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopec Jr.

DIVINE LITURGY & PARISH SCHEDULE

St. Thomas Sunday April 27th
 9 -9:40 Confessions
 10am Divine Liturgy
 12 Noon Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mon. 28th 9 am Liturgy +Joseph Terry (15th Anniversary of his death) (Bruce Terry & Family)

Tues. 29th 9 am Liturgy

Wed. 30th No Liturgy

Thur. 1st 9 am Liturgy

Fri. 2nd No Liturgy

Sat. 3rd 9 am Liturgy

Sun. 4th 9 - 9:45 am REHEARSAL
 10:00 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

Weeklong Candle Intentions

ETERNAL LIGHT: *Special Intentions of Sanctuary Group*

CHRIST: *Special Intention* (Betty Bohner)

CHRIST: ☐

THEOTOKOS: *Special Intention* (Helen Bruce)

THEOTOKOS: ☐

CHRIST ENTHRONED: ☐

Candle Intentions can be requested by filling out an envelope found in the Narthex. Donation is \$4.00

LITURGY & CANDLE INTENTIONS: Old Mother Hubbard's cupboards were bare in the Nursery Rhyme and so are ours. We are in need of Candle and Liturgy intentions for the next couple weeks and throughout the summer. Who among your family or friends is in need of prayers or for whom would you

Epistle/Cantor Schedule

4/27	George Petyo	Acts 5:12-20
5/04	Steve Kopko	Acts 6:1-7
5/11	Jonathan Weil	Acts 9:32-42
5/18	Ron Pasmant	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30
5/25	Mike Petyo	Acts 16:16-34
6/01	Marc Brown	Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38

BISHOP'S APPEAL: We are still in need of \$10,000 to meet our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$16,000. Please pray to see what amount the Spirit of our Lord might be moving you to contribute.

THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON is at the home of the Sheftic Family April 20th- May 4th. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord Blesses His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious.



Please remember that in the Byzantine Churches there is no kneeling and no prostrations from Pascha (Easter) to Pentecost. Thank you!

Tithes, Gifts & Finances: Pascha 2014

Adult Tithes	\$5,441.15
Youth Tithes	10.15
Annunciation Feast	20.00
Pascha Offering:	
Adult	4,581.60
Youth	36.60
Holy Wednesday	339.00
Holy Thursday	477.00
Holy Friday	279.00
Holy Saturday	291.00
Bishop's Appeal	150.00
Votives	9.00
Flowers	20.00
Easter Gift shop	
Raffle	333.00
Boutique	1,442.00
St. Boniface's Food Bank	\$1,042.53
Mortgage Reduction	25.00
Loan Principal Reduction	665.00
Total	\$15,162.03



MAY 4th CINCO DE MAYO
Stella Navarrette and the Family will sponsor a fantastic Mexican diner in memory of Carlos Navarrette. Dinner is \$12 per adult and \$5 per child. Take out will be available.

JUNE 27-29 MYRRH -BEARERS

Retreat in San Luis Obispo at Rancho El Chorro . This is an Eparchial retreat for girls, teens and women.

JULY 10-13 BYZANTINE YOUTH RALLY will be held at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

JULY 14-18 ICON WRITING WORKSHOP Fr. Marek Visnovsky of the Parma Eparchy will lead a 5 day class here at Annunciation, 9am -6pm each day. Cost: \$450 includes instructions and all materials.

JULY 24-27 ALIVE IN CHRIST for men and boys will be held at Camp Y.M.C.A. Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado.

DIVINE MERCY Please join us immediately after coffee today for our commemoration of the Divine Mercy. It should take about 30 minutes. This will take the place of ECF.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY OF STS CYRIL & METHODIUS Although Fr. Robert Pipta has left our fair shores for ministry to the larger Church, we can show our appreciation for all that he did for our Eparchy by sending gifts to assist the seminary in it mission. AND, through the Pittsburgh Day of Giving your contributions can go twice as far! *Tuesday, May 6th, is the date of the 2014 Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving. The Pittsburgh Foundation, along with Give Local America, will match a portion of your gift of \$25 up to \$1,000 made to our Seminary: Byzantine Catholic Seminary. This is a great opportunity to make your money go further! Will you please help? And you don't have to live in Pittsburgh to participate! Donations are accepted from across the country! Giving is easy! From 6 a.m. to midnight on May 6th, simply:*

- Go to **www.pittsburghgives.org**
- Click on Day of Giving. Click on Donate Now.
- Enter your name, email and phone number. From the drop down list of nonprofit(s), select Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Enter gift amount (\$25 minimum up to \$1,000). Enter your credit card information on the secure donation form and click "Submit."
- You will receive confirmation that your donation has been received and an email will be sent to you for tax purposes. Thank you in advance for your support! - Byzantine Catholic Seminary

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER DIVINE LITURGY TODAY!!! In remembrance of St. Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children today after Divine Liturgy.



POT OF GOLD We will start selling tickets for our monthly 50/50 raffles today, Sunday April 27th. With this raffle the winner gets 50% of the cash and our building fund gets 50%. Tickets for the monthly raffles will be available in the gift shop and at coffee social starting today and will continue to be sold for the entire month of May. The first drawing will be held Sunday June 1st. Be sure to let your friends and family know about our raffles; the more we sell the bigger the pot! Parishioners will be able to "check out" tickets to sell, then bring in the money and grow the gold. See George or Carol Petyo to purchase tickets and answer any questions. Our "Pot of Gold" growth chart will be at the coffee social Sunday. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Like us on Facebook for updates on the amount of gold in the pot, and other daily posts 😊

Holy Popes! Significance of the Canonization of John XXIII & John Paul II

From Salt & Light TV.org: Theories

abound as to why Pope Francis decided to canonize both John XXIII and John Paul II on April 27. Some imagine that this was a politically strategic move on the part of Francis to unify a divided Church and to reconcile the divisions that exist among the Roncalli fans and bearers of the “spirit of Vatican II” and the Wojtyla disciples of a robust, doctrinaire Pope. They reduce the lives of these two great men to be the adventures of a progressive pope who dreamed up the Council and a conservative pope who put the brakes on the speed of its implementation. Nothing could be further from the truth, and such thoughts usually reflect the machinations of those who have yet to understand the Petrine Ministry of unity and the Call to Holiness that lies at the foundation of our existence as Catholic Christians.

The church doesn’t beatify or canonize people and use them as banners or standards under which groups can assemble and march, nor does she ever raise up for us role models who are arrows or weapons to attack others for ignorance, error and sin. Rather, the church offers the lives of outstanding women and men such as Angelo Roncalli and Karol Wojtyla to present to us models of holiness.

Yes, John will be forever linked to the dream and convocation of the Ecumenical Council we now know as Vatican II, and John Paul II will be forever linked to a new era of a truly global Church that took its message from the home office on the Tiber to the ends of the earth.

But even more than those historical factors, John XXIII and John Paul II modeled for us the call to holiness and reminded us, by the simplicity and joy of their Gospel-rooted lives, that we, too, are called to be saints. The Church is the “home of holiness,” and holiness is our most accurate image, our authentic calling card and our greatest gift to the world. It describes best who and what we are and strive to be.

That a person is declared “Blessed” or “Saint” is not a statement about perfection. It does not mean that the person was without imperfection, blindness, deafness or sin. Nor is it a 360-degree evaluation of a particular pontificate or of the Vatican. Beatification and canonization mean that a person lived his or her life with God, relying totally on God’s infinite mercy, going forward with God’s strength and power, believing in the impossible, loving enemies and persecutors, forgiving in the midst of evil and violence, hoping beyond all hope, and leaving the world a better place. That person lets those around him or her know that there is a force or spirit animating his or her life that is not of this world, but of the next. Such a person lets us catch a glimpse of the greatness and holiness to which we are all called, and shows us the face of God as we journey on our pilgrim way on earth.

Angelo Roncalli was a man of international reach before he was pope. His preparation for the papacy was international in scope. He worked at the peripheries of Roman Catholicism, meeting with grace and peace the hostile

challenges of both Orthodox Christianity and Islam, long before the buzz words of ecumenism or interreligious dialogue were the order of the day. Roncalli’s mission was personal, human; he excelled in using his own, innate common sense, understanding, and warmth so mightily evident to all and his priestly ministry flowed from his deep humanity.

From the very beginning of his priestly, episcopal and Petrine ministry, Roncalli taught us to see goodness in others, to love people and to hope beyond all hope when situations indicated otherwise. He won over the world, in many similar ways that Pope Francis is doing now because of his unabashed simplicity and genuine goodness and humor. He showed us that far more than realizing every project and program, we must dream bold dreams, nurture them, and hand them on to future generations.

In the life of Karol Wojtyla, holiness was contagious. Pope John Paul II was not only our Holy Father, but a Father who was and is holy. On April 2, 2005, he died a public death that stopped the world for several days. When the throngs of people began chanting “Santo Subito!” at the end of Pope John Paul II’s funeral mass on April 8, 2005, what were they really saying? They were crying out that in Karol Wojtyla, they saw someone who lived with God and lived with us. He was a sinner who experienced God’s mercy and forgiveness. He was the prophetic teacher who preached the Word in season and out of season. He looked at us, loved us, touched us, healed us and gave us hope. He taught us not to be afraid. He showed us how to live, how to love, how to forgive and how to die. He taught us how to embrace the cross in the most excruciating moments of life, knowing that the cross was not God’s final answer.

Both men have deeply marked my entire life. I was born the year the Second Vatican Council was called and it has been the wind beneath my wings for my entire life, especially in my 28 years of ordained ministry. I had the privilege of working closely with Pope John Paul II on his last World Youth Day in 2002.

I am convinced that both men were gifts of God to the world at very specific moments in history. They also remind me that the Lord provides for the Church the shepherds we need at the right moments. That they receive the highest honor of my Church on the same day is a statement to the world of two important realities: that the Church’s best calling card is still holiness. And second: that Vatican II was their dream, their life’s work, their vision and their gift to the world. The world is a better place because Angelo Roncalli and Karol Wojtyla handed their dream on to us.

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