



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 Holy Communion.

**DIVINE LITURGY & PARISH SCHEDULE**

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> 9 am Blessings to Sally Pasmant  
 (Ron & Carol Pasmant)  
 Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm Akathist for  
 Our Lady of Czestochowa  
 Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am REQUIUM DIVINE LITURGY  
 for New Martyrs of Syria, Iraq  
 & Middle East  
 6 pm Blessings to Evdokiya Obushko  
 (Charlie & Tatyana Johnson)  
 Thur. 4<sup>th</sup> No Liturgy  
 Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm Blessed Repose Right Reverend  
 Januarius Izzo, OFM  
 Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am Anniversary Blessings to  
 Bruce & Ruth Terry (Kay Terry)  
 Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 10 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Weeklong Candle Intentions**

ETERNAL LIGHT: *Special Intentions of Sanctuary Group*  
 CHRIST: *Blessings to Bishop Kurt Burnett*  
 CHRIST: *Blessed Bishop John Kudrick*  
 THEOTOKOS: *Special Intention* (Helen Bruce)  
 THEOTOKOS: *Blessings to Archbishop William Skurla*  
 CHRIST ENTHRONED: *Blessings to Bishop Steven Riaca*  
*Blessings to Fr. Oscar Capilla*

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

**OUR ALTAR SERVERS**

Marc Brown, Erik Cline, Anthony Gath, Greg Gath, Marcus Cabrera, Ian Ward, Liam Ward, Nigel Ward, & Jonny Weil

THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON is at the home of a faithful parishioner. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord will bless His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious.



Please remember in your prayers: Carol Pasmant, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Jean Mayo (Rita's Mother), Rita and Robert Pipta, Ron Lowery & Family, Libby Distefano and her sister Margret, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Evdokiya Obushko, Robert M. Weil and Kay Weil, Janet Lambert and Jimmy Moran and Dolores Demko, and Gilbert & Sally Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. That the Lord have mercy and save His people undergoing persecution in Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt and other lands.

The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for August: **Refugees.** That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

**Oceania.** That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY:** Jerelle Hamaker, Allen Latimer, Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skoepck Jr.

**Epistle/Cantor Schedule**

9/7/2014	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Mike Petyo	Galatians 6:11-18
9/14/2014	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Kester Bailey	1 Corinthians 1:18-24

**Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 24 August, 2014**

Tithes	\$3,240.00
Youth	15.00
Dormition	15.00
Candles	22.00
Recycling	25.00
Coffee Social	50.00
Sanctuary Fund	60.00
Mortgage Reduction	25.00
Principal Reduction	425.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,877.00</b>

**FLOWER DONATIONS** You will have the opportunity to donate an arrangement of flowers on a specific Sunday or Holy Day throughout the next year. In the parish hall there is a Flower chart signup sheet on which you can pick the Sunday closest to a birthday or an anniversary you wish to remember and ask



the Lord's Blessing on (wedding, ordination, death, etc). Once you sign up, Father will call the florist who will make the arrangement and deliver it to the Church for the specific Sunday or Holy Day. The cost is \$40. Envelopes are also available in the Narthex.

**Sept. 1 † Beginning of the Ecclesiastical**

**Year** The First Ecumenical Council established that the Church's year would begin on September 1st, continuing the practice of the Roman Empire at that time. For centuries the beginning of the civil year coincided with the Church year, but later changed, first in Western Europe, then in Russia in the time of Peter the Great. It can be frustrating to move suddenly from the end, back to the beginning of something. But this is what Eastern believers do as we move from August 31st — the last day of the old year, to September 1st, the first day of the new year.

It is part of the goodness of God that He, who has no beginning and no ending, the Eternal Trinity, should take such care to give us a year which begins and ends, and then begins all over again. In our human and finite state we need fresh starts, and this is one of them. From the peaks of Pascha, Ascension, Pentecost, and Transfiguration, we move back to beginnings, the Nativity of the Mother of God, and then in December of the Son of God Himself. We start this wonderful cycle all over again. The Holy Spirit, as we trust Him, will renew this new year to us, and give us a whole new understanding of it.

"Behold I will do a new thing", God says through the prophet Isaiah (43:19). The new wine will come to us in new wineskins.

The God who has put eternity in our hearts, knows our human frailty. He knows that marriages need their anniversaries, and all of us, especially children, need their birthdays from year to year. We in the Catholic Church also hold a special place for the anniversaries of those who have died in Christ. We recall every year the glorious deaths of the saints. Through the God-inspired wisdom of our fathers and mothers, we have a beautifully constructed lectionary, which flows through the year, like the streams of an effortless river, blessing whatever they touch.

*"O Word of the Father from before the ages, Who, being in the form of God, broughtest creation into being out of nothing; Thou Who hast put the times and seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness; give peace unto Thy churches, victory unto Thy faithful hierarchs, fruitfulness unto the earth, and Great Mercy unto us."--Orthros of the Feast, Tone 3*

**Sept. 1 † Holy New Martyr Angelis (1680)** He was a goldsmith living in Constantinople. Angelis was brought before a judge and given the choice of converting to Islam or being put to torture and death. Though the young man had shown little seriousness about his faith before this, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly confessed Christ, willingly accepting a Martyr's end. He was beheaded on Sunday, September 1, 1680.

**Sept. 5 † Holy & Glorious Prophet Zacharias, Father of St John the Baptist** Much of his story is

told in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. The *Synaxarion* continues: 'After the birth of Christ, Zacharias plainly declared the virginity of Mary and showed her truly to be the Mother of God; for he appointed her a place in that part of the Temple reserved for the virgins and so brought upon himself the hatred of the priests and Levites.

'When John was six months old, Zacharias hid him and his mother in a cave beyond the Jordan because King Herod, hearing of the birth in Bethlehem of the king of the Jews and fearing a rival of his own worldly power, sent soldiers to kill all the male children of Bethlehem. His enemies seized this opportunity to denounce Zacharias to Herod, who had him pursued and put to death within the precinct of the Temple. As the Prophet's blood flowed within the sanctuary, it signified the withdrawing of the divine Presence. Priests came to take up his body and they buried him with his fathers. From that moment signs and prodigies occurred in the Temple, indicating that the rites of the Law would soon be abolished. No longer would the priests behold the angels of God, or have the grace of prophecy; no longer would they be able to deliver oracles or enlighten the people upon the dark places of holy Scripture, as they had been wont to do.'

**A TIMELY AND FASCINATING PRESENTATION BY FR. JOHN MONESTERO** at St Justin Martyr (2050 West Ball Road): **September 4, 2014: What is Going on in the Anglican and Catholic Dialogue?** New Developments and why they matter Classes are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Youth Room.



**PARISH PICNIC SEPT. 7<sup>TH</sup>** All are welcome to come, enjoy and share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks are already provided for. There is a sign up sheet in the hall for those who would like to bring items to share to make

this another great picnic. Please come!

**ECF (EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE) begins on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see Marya Weil to register your children or grandchildren.**

**Our 50/50 "Pot of Gold"** is now at \$550. The drawing for a lucky winner will be held during our parish picnic on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>. The winner gets half the pot so get your tickets before the 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday at coffee social but no tickets for the



July/August drawing will be sold on the 7<sup>th</sup>. You can contact George or Carol Petyo at (714) 832-2318 if you would like to purchase tickets but will not be a coffee social.



**THE “BLACK MADONNA” TO VISIT  
Our Annunciation Parish 2 September**

The icon of “Our Lady of Czestochowa” (“the Black Madonna”) is reputed to have been “written” on Mary’s table top from her house in Nazareth by Luke the Evangelist. She has been credited with numerous miracles and healings – both of a spiritual and physical nature. A beautiful copy of this icon has been blessed

and consecrated and entrusted to the defense of life and family. Now, after traveling 40,000 miles from Vladivostok in Russia through 24 countries in Europe, she will be visiting Annunciation on her global pilgrimage. Please join us as we welcome her to Annunciation to ask for her protection of life and family. A procession and Akathist will welcome the Holy Theotokos at 7 pm September 2nd. Fr. Al Baca will lead a Roman Catholic Night Prayer service at 8 pm. Divine Liturgy for the blessed repose of the new martyrs of Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, and all persecuted Christians will be offered at 9 am Wednesday morning (September 3rd).

**From Ocean to Ocean in Defense of Life, with the Black Madonna** By Father Peter West (Vice President for Mission, Human Life International)

“In the summer of 2012, a small band of pro-life missionaries began a pilgrimage across Russia and Europe. From a worldly perspective their efforts might seem insignificant. However, seen through the eyes of faith, their journey had the potential of enormous significance for the building of a culture of life and the family in Russia and all of Europe.

The small band left the port city of Vladivostok on the Pacific Coast of Russia on June 14th with a replica of the famous icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The revered image of our Blessed Mother, was venerated across eight time zones in Russia, traveling over 30,000 kilometers across Europe to Fatima, Portugal before coming to the United States.

What would motivate a small band of believers to undertake what is being called the “From Ocean to Ocean International Campaign in Defense of Life” – to go to such extreme measures for what many will perceive as a quaint religious observance? The pilgrimage, or peregrination, of the icon, is intended as a response to nearly a century of legalized abortion first imposed by the Soviet Union, then spread to other nations.

In the Old Testament, the Jews carried the Ark of the Covenant into battle. Many Fathers of the Church compare Mary to the Ark of the New Covenant. Saint Ambrose wrote “The Ark contained the Tablets of the Law; Mary contained in her womb the heir of the Testament. The Ark bore the Law; Mary bore the Gospel. The Ark made the voice of God heard; Mary gave us the very Word of God. The Ark shone forth with the purest gold; Mary shone forth both inwardly and outwardly with the splendor of her virginity. The gold which adorned the Ark came from the interior of the earth; the gold with which Mary shone forth came from the mines of Heaven.” (Serm. xlii. 6)

Though the practice of peregrination with icons of the Blessed Mother has fallen out of favor in much of the Catholic world, its history is worth noting. Even in the West, the faithful have over the centuries venerated the images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and called on her intercession in times of great distress. “

In this time of great international distress, please join us this Tuesday evening with your personal intentions as we ask our holy Lady lift Her omophorion of protection over us.

**THE ORTHODOX/CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB:**

**READINGS FOR 2014-2015** One of the great blessings of living in Southern California is proximity and warm fraternal relationships between our Byzantine and the Roman Catholic and Orthodox parishes. One of the manifestations of this is the Orthodox/ Catholic Book Club that meets on the second Tuesdays of month (9 months out of the year). The first gathering for the year will be **Tuesday, September 9th** – Potluck Dinner and Meeting at St. John Neumann 6:30pm. The book to read is: *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ.

**RETRouvaille ... A LIFELINE FOR**

**MARRIAGES:** A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? ... Retrouvaille provides marriage help! Location: Holiday Inn Orange County Airport. Registration Fee: \$250.00. Date: September 26, 2014. Contact: Mike and Eileen Kunkel: 714-306-6469 - [6011@retrouvaille.org](mailto:6011@retrouvaille.org) - [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

The Goals of Retrouvaille: The primary goal is to provide help for couples who live in the disappointment and pain of marriage problems. The weekend provides a safe setting that encourages couples to improve respectful communication.



**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUNCIATION CRAFT AND  
VINTAGE FAIR 9AM - 4 PM.**

Volunteers needed to make this a success. If you can help setting up, greeting people, baking or selling home made bake goods, etc. please speak to Nina Erickson.

