



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.

for my 56th year! It was a wonderful meal and opportunity to spend time together. Blessings!

Our thanks to Bob Pitpa and our choir for their dedication in attending so many practices and for their wonderful singing at the Ecumenical Prayer Service last Friday at St. Luke's Antiochian Church in Garden Grove. We pray there will be more opportunities for similar gatherings in the future.

 **Prayer Request**

Richard Sesma.

"I have noticed that many of the names on the list of prayers have remained the same since I arrived. Without notification of whether the individuals have made recoveries or if they are in continued need of prayer, I have no idea who should remain. So, I decided to begin afresh. If you would like prayers for yourself or immediate family members please write those names down and either email the names to me or put it in the collection basket. This way I will know who is requesting the prayers and can follow up the need to include them on the list." Fr. James

The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for June: Unemployed That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity. **Faith in Europe** That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

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

DIVINE LITURGY & PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday of 1st Ecumenical Council
 10 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*
 + *Peter Sheftic* (John & Connie Sheftic) Mons. Vida

Mon. 2nd 6 pm Alexandra Theis

Tues. 3rd No Liturgy

Wed. 4th 6 pm Justin Klump

Thur. 5th No Liturgy

Fri. 6th 6 pm Jacob Owens

Sat. 7th 9 am 5th All Soul Saturday

Sun. 8th Pentecost
 10 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*
 + *Jane Mazola* (John & Connie Sheftic) Mons. Vida

Epistle/Cantor Schedule

6/01/2014	Marc Brown	Acts 20:16-18,28-38
6/08/2014	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Kester Bailey	Acts 2:1-11
6/15/2014	George Petyo	Hebrews 11:32-12:2a
6/22/2014	REHEARSAL	9:00 - 9:45 am
	Steve Kopko	Romans 2:10-16
6/29/2014	Jon Weil	Romans 5:1-10
		2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9

Weeklong Candle Intentions

ETERNAL LIGHT: Special Intentions of Sanctuary Group

CHRIST: Special Intention (Betty Bohner)

CHRIST: Blessings to Therese Brown on her High School graduation (Her Family)

THEOTOKOS: Special Intention (Helen Bruce)

THEOTOKOS: Blessings to Marc & Regina Brown on their renewal of Marian consecration

CHRIST ENTHRONED: Masao Hasegawa

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

OUR ALTAR SERVERS

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

THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON is at the home of the Rock family June 1st – 15th. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord blesses His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. So, pray to the Lord of the harvest...." So says our Lord and Savior. We are in need of people to sign up to take the Vocation Icon home and pray to the Lord of the Harvest for faith-filled priests and religious. Please speak with Sally Rock if you will like to help in this way.



POT OF GOLD – Will be drawn today after Liturgy!!!! The pot is up to \$880. Thanks to all who participated!



THANK YOU!!! I want to thank all of you who participated in the tremendous birthday celebration

Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 25 May, 2014

Adult Tithes	\$4,007.76
Youth Tithes	20.01
Easter	104.00
Ascension	215.00
Bishop's Appeal	1,845.00
Votives	92.00
Kitchen Money Jar	137.43
Italian Lunch	533.00
Sanctuary	140.00
Recycle	8.00
Principal Reduction	1,760.00
Mortgage Reduction	100.00
Coffee Social	50.00
<u>Memorial in honor of Father of Karen Ybarra</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$9,512.20

JUNE 8TH -ITALIAN DINNER! Home made Lasagna (with home-made noodles), tiramisu, et cetera. Please see Rita Pipta for tickets.



JUNE 14th BYZANTEEN TRIP TO

GETTY VILLA. I am planning a trip for our youth to the Getty Villa to view art from our Byzantine heritage. We will be joining the youth of Holy Angels, San Diego and will conclude the day with Vespers here at Annunciation. If you are interested in going please speak to father. Byzantine artists drew from pagan and early Christian foundations to fashion the opulent and deeply spiritual world of Byzantium (A.D. 330-1453).

JUNE 27-29, 2014 IN SAN LUIS OBISPO at Rancho El Chorro we will have MYRRH-BEARERS Retreat for girls, teens and women. Registration Deadline is June 1st 2014. For more information and registration form see Father James.

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 instruction and all materials.

July 24-27 Alive in Christ Retreat Camp for Boys and their Fathers The "Alive in Christ" ascetical boot camp for Byzantine Catholic boys and their fathers will be held this year July 24-27th at "Snow Mountain Ranch" west of Denver, CO. (Boys 7-10 are required to have a male guardian with them.) Application deadline is June 16th.

BEST KEPT SECRET IN ORANGE COUNTY: Annunciation is the most beautiful, and I would say friendly, Catholic Church. Unfortunately, most people haven't heard of us. In order

to help us promote ourselves we are turning to our own Violet Olszyk (mother of the adorable baby Nicholas). She will be working over the next couple months on a new promotional video for our parish website. Anyone interested in participating may contact her at minispiel@gmail.com. Keep an eye out for further updates on the project.



The Lord's blessings to Therese Brown on her graduation from Serra High! She will be attending Ave Maria University this Fall.

God's Blessings to Fr. George Vida who celebrated his 57th anniversary of Holy Ordination May 19th! I hope he will forgive my forgetting to mention this earlier. Please join us after Liturgy this morning to wish him our love for his many years of service to our Lord, His Holy Church and our parish community of Annunciation

FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL

COUNCIL: Arius was a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, but rather a work or creation of God and different from the essence and glory of the Father. He also taught that the Son of God had a beginning. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed:

"We believe in one God. The Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, ... The Fathers also anathematized Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the

glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

EXCERPTS FROM THE COMMON DECLARATION OF POPE FRANCIS & ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW ON THEIR MEETING IN JERUSALEM MAY 25TH.

1. Like our venerable predecessors Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras who met here in Jerusalem fifty years ago, we too, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, were determined to meet in the Holy Land “where our common Redeemer, Christ our Lord, lived, taught, died, rose again, and ascended into Heaven, whence he sent the Holy Spirit on the infant Church” (Common communiqué of Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras, published after their meeting of 6 January 1964). Our meeting, another encounter of the Bishops of the Churches of Rome and Constantinople founded respectively by the two Brothers the Apostles Peter and Andrew, is a source of profound spiritual joy for us.

2. Our fraternal encounter today is a new and necessary step on the journey towards the unity to which only the Holy Spirit can lead us, that of communion in legitimate diversity. We call to mind with profound gratitude the steps that the Lord has already enabled us to undertake. The embrace exchanged between Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras here in Jerusalem, after many centuries of silence, paved the way for a momentous gesture, the removal from the memory and from the midst of the Church of the acts of mutual excommunication in 1054. ...Over these years, God, the source of all peace and love, has taught us to regard one another as members of the same Christian family, under one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to love one another, so that we may confess our faith in the same Gospel of Christ, as received by the Apostles and expressed and transmitted to us by the Ecumenical Councils and the Church Fathers. While fully aware of not having reached the goal of full communion, today we confirm our commitment to continue walking together towards the unity for which Christ our Lord prayed to the Father so “that all may be one” (Jn 17:21).

3. Well aware that unity is manifested in love of God and love of neighbour, we look forward in eager anticipation to the day in which we will finally partake together in the Eucharistic banquet. As Christians, we are called to prepare to receive this gift of Eucharistic communion, according to the teaching of Saint Irenaeus of Lyon (Against Heresies, IV,18,5, PG 7,1028), through the confession of the one faith, persevering prayer, inner conversion, renewal of life and fraternal dialogue. By achieving this hoped for goal, we will manifest to the world the love of God by which we are recognized as true disciples of Jesus Christ (cf. Jn 13:35).

4. To this end, the theological dialogue undertaken by the Joint International Commission offers a fundamental contribution to the search for full communion among Catholics and Orthodox. ...Thus we affirm once again that the theological dialogue does not seek a theological lowest common denominator on which to reach a compromise, but is rather about deepening one’s grasp of the whole truth that Christ has given to his Church, a truth that we never cease to understand better as we follow the Holy

Spirit’s promptings. Hence, we affirm together that our faithfulness to the Lord demands fraternal encounter and true dialogue. ...

5. Yet even as we make this journey towards full communion we already have the duty to offer common witness to the love of God for all people by working together in the service of humanity, especially in defending the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and the sanctity of family based on marriage, in promoting peace and the common good, and in responding to the suffering that continues to afflict our world. We acknowledge that hunger, poverty, illiteracy, the inequitable distribution of resources must constantly be addressed. It is our duty to seek to build together a just and humane society in which no-one feels excluded or emarginated.

6. It is our profound conviction that the future of the human family depends also on how we safeguard – both prudently and compassionately, with justice and fairness – the gift of creation that our Creator has entrusted to us. Therefore, we acknowledge in repentance the wrongful mistreatment of our planet, which is tantamount to sin before the eyes of God. We reaffirm our responsibility and obligation to foster a sense of humility and moderation so that all may feel the need to respect creation and to safeguard it with care. Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation; we appeal to all people of goodwill to consider ways of living less wastefully and more frugally, manifesting less greed and more generosity for the protection of God’s world and the benefit of His people.

7. There is likewise an urgent need for effective and committed cooperation of Christians in order to safeguard everywhere the right to express publicly one’s faith and to be treated fairly when promoting that which Christianity continues to offer to contemporary society and culture. In this regard, we invite all Christians to promote an authentic dialogue with Judaism, Islam and other religious traditions. Indifference and mutual ignorance can only lead to mistrust and unfortunately even conflict. 8. From this holy city of Jerusalem, we express our shared profound concern for the situation of Christians in the Middle East and for their right to remain full citizens of their homelands. In trust we turn to the almighty and merciful God in a prayer for peace in the Holy Land and in the Middle East in general. We especially pray for the Churches in Egypt, Syria, and Iraq, which have suffered most grievously due to recent events. We encourage all parties regardless of their religious convictions to continue to work for reconciliation and for the just recognition of peoples’ rights. We are persuaded that it is not arms, but dialogue, pardon and reconciliation that are the only possible means to achieve peace. 9. In an historical context marked by violence, indifference and egoism, many men and women today feel that they have lost their bearings. It is precisely through our common witness to the good news of the Gospel that we may be able to help the people of our time to rediscover the way that leads to truth, justice and peace. 10. In undertaking this shared pilgrimage to the site where our one same Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, buried and rose again, we humbly commend to the intercession of the Most Holy and Ever Virgin Mary our future steps on the path towards the fullness of unity, entrusting to God’s infinite love the entire human family. “ May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!” (Num 6:25-26). *Jerusalem, 25 May 2014*