



**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.**

**DIVINE LITURGY & PARISH SCHEDULE**

**Sun. Jan. 12th 9-9:40 am Confessions**  
 9:40 am **THIRD HOUR**  
 10:00 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

**Mon. 13th NO LITURGY**

**Tues. 14th NO LITURGY**

**Wed. 15th 8:30 am Heidi Herrera**

**Thur. 16th NO LITURGY**

**Fri. 17th 8:30 am**

**Sat. 18th 10 am**

**Sun. 19th 9-9:40 am Confessions**  
 9:40 am **THIRD HOUR**  
 10:00 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

**MYSTERY OF PENANCE** is offered every Saturday at 5 pm and before all Liturgies (or by appointment)

**Weeklong Candle Intentions**

**ETERNAL LIGHT: Special Intentions of Sanctuary Group**

**CHRIST:** ☐

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**THEOTOKOS: Special Intentions** (Helen Bruce)

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

**OUR ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Jean Anderson, Margie Aquilar, Dolores Barrand, Marjory Bates, Betty Belanger, Mary Ann Bennett, Jennie Bergeron, Margaret Bivens, William Brown, Ann Caldryn, Martha Cline, Gary Corsini, Dolores Demko, Launey Dovin, Fr. Harold Drexler, John Ewing, Danny Felix, Monica Flores, Ramon Flores, John Galamba, 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, Jutta Murray, Elaine Nale, Karen Nale, Stella Navarrette, Veronica Navarrette, Peter Nesbella, Evdokiya Obushko, Helen Onder, Carol Pasmant, Katherine Peavey, Betty Perebzkak, 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 Skopeck Sr., Gail Strachan, Dr. Stephen Torday, John Valdez, Maria Valdez, Robert Valdez, Robert Vida, Susie Vida, Pilar Vree, Don Wilson, Brian Wollwebber, Fr. Chris Zuger.

**The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for January:**

**UNIVERSAL:** That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples. **FOR EVANGELIZATION:** That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR**

**MILITARY:** Jerelle Hamaker, Allen Latimer, Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopeck Jr\_\_

**Epistle/Cantor Schedule**

1/12/2014	George Petyo	Ephesians 4: 7-13
1/19/2014	<b>Rehearsal</b> Mike Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am Colosians 3: 12-16

**THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON** is at the home of Mary Lou Lloyd Family until January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord Blesses His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious.

**PILGRIM VOCATIONAL ICON NOTICE** A new sign-up sheet is available for 2014. If you would like to have the Vocational Icon for a time in your home you may sign up for it on the bulletin board or see Sally Rock.

**Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 5 January, 2014**

Adult Tithes	\$3,935.01
Initial Offering	340.00
Youth Offerings	10.04
Votives	97.00
Holy Day:	
Christmas	50.00
Circumcision	425.00
Theophany	155.00
Loan Principal Reduction	4,538.00
Mortgage Reduction	730.00
T Mobile	2,300.00
Bake Sale	107.00
Gift Shop	50.00
January Luncheon	328.00
<u>Sanctuary Fund</u>	<u>75.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,140.05</b>



**ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE** As an ongoing fund raiser, Mike Petyo will be collecting aluminum cans. Please bring your washed out cans to the parish hall and drop them in the properly designated trash bin.

**HOROLOGION: January 17† Our Holy Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356).**

'Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The



manifold temptations he endured continually for the space of twenty years are incredible. His ascetical struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him, that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to

speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city. But the cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

'So passing his life, and becoming an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17 in the year 356, having lived together some 105 years.' (*Great Horologion*)

Speaking of the demonic temptations and struggles with the passions that beset those who seek their salvation, St Anthony said:

***"All these trials are to your advantage. Do away with temptation and no one will be saved."***

# NEW YEAR LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 12, 2014  
Immediately following the Liturgy  
Sponsored by the Kopko Family

## LUNCHEON MENU

Passion Fruit Cocktail  
Roast Pork Tenderloin with Apple Sauce  
Parsley Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Rolls and Butter  
Ice Cream  
Coffee / Soft Drinks / Wine

*Take-outs Available*  
*Door Prize and Raffle Prizes*

**Adults: \$12.00**  
**Children (4-12): \$6.00**

*See Rita Pipta for Tickets and Information*

**MONTHLY LUNCHEONS.** *We are still looking for people/families to host/sponsor our monthly luncheons -these have been some of our most constant fund raisers. Please speak with Steve Kopko. (A little bird told me that there are people willing to do the cooking if the sponsor would only wish to pay for it.)*

**Immaculee Two Day Retreat**  
Friday, January 31st - February 1, 2014  
St. Dominic Savio Church 13400 Bellflower Blvd.  
Bellflower, CA 90706

I would like to invite you and your parishioners to a beautiful two day Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza. Immaculee is a "Rwandan Genocide Survivor" and she gives witness to God's amazing grace! She shares how she experienced the beautiful gift of forgiveness through constant prayer and the miracles of the Holy Rosary. Her parents, family, friends & fellow countrymen were all mutilated during the 1994 genocide, yet she shares how God's love and true peace is found in forgiveness. Cardinal Dolan of New York calls her a wonderful blessing to our Church with her message of faith, hope and reconciliation.

**Cost: \$57.** Register at: <http://immaculee.biz/Treasures-of-Our-Faith-with-Immaculee-Long-Beach-CA.html>.

**Event Contacts:** Cindy Rodriguez - (562) 756-2791 / rodsquad12@msn.com



**Reserve the dates:** How can you beat a Super Bowl Party

& Mardi Gras?!?!? Plan to grab a few friends and come celebrate with us for these two events February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Upcoming Retreat: Fr. Jim Clarke  
"Growing an Adult Faith in a Time of Chaos"**

St Hedwig's parish: "Please join us for our Parish Mission on January 13, 14, 15 with options for a morning session at 9:30 a.m. or an evening session at 7:00 p.m. with Fr. Jim Clarke. Consciously nurturing our faith in a postmodern society is a real challenge that calls for a specific skill set. We will explore these various skills and wrestle with some real life questions and issues that call for our mature response.

Fr. Jim Clarke will also give a special presentation for all youth, Jr. High through High School on Sunday, January 12th at 7:00p.m. The theme for this evening is: **"In a world of chaos, why be Catholic?"**

Fr. Jim Clarke currently serves as Director of Spiritual Formation and Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology at St. John's Seminary. He is also the Chair of the Spirituality Commission of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and is an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests.

For more information call the Adult Ministry Office at 562-296-9030 St. Hedwig Parish is located at: 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd. Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**On the Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>) the VERY REVEREND ROBERT PIPTA will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for us at**

**Annunciation!** We will have a light reception in his honor following the Liturgy. The quiche and beverages will be provided. Please sign up to bring either coffee cake or Danish or fresh fruit.



**Theophany House Blessings**

Please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall if you would like to have Fr. James bless your home this Theophany season. Please indicate

which day of the week work would work best. **Why do we bless our homes with Theophany water?**

This world, this creation, is in captivity; it is enemy held territory. The evil one, having enslaved all of creation at the fall, has laid claim to every nook and cranny of this

earth. And for a while it looked as though he might be able to hold onto it. But then he reached too far and attempted to enslave the Master of All and to bind Life with the chains of death and his power was broken. But creation is still fallen; it is still contested land in the spiritual battle.

We, as Christians, are engaged in this struggle to reclaim fallen nature for the Kingdom of God. We often talk about this in terms of our own salvation, but the Church, addressing all of creation in a wholistic manner, also reaches out and reclaims a bit here and a bit there of creation in general. We do this in order that we might restore the usefulness of creation for working out our own salvation. Hence we bless anything that might help us in our salvation - and by blessing it we reclaim it for the Kingdom of God.

There are few things more vital to our lives than our homes. In our homes we pray, we work, we talk to others, we order our lives, we work out our marriages, etc. What more important place to reclaim for the Kingdom of God - or is it better to continue living in a place which is occupied by the enemy? For the most effective working out of our salvation, we must drive the enemy out of our homes, and keep him at bay by our prayers, our righteous life, and the annual sprinkling by Holy Water at Theophany.

**How to Prepare a Home for the Visit of the Priest**

When the priest comes to bless the family and the home after Theophany, the following preparations should take place: A table—generally the dining room or kitchen table—should be covered with a clean white cloth.

*On the table should be:*

1. An Orthodox icon
2. A lighted candle in a candle holder placed in front of the icon
3. A small bowl or open dish into which the holy water can be poured
4. A small container of holy water brought by the family from the church
5. A list of first names of all those who live in the household (as well as other family members to be prayed for, both living and departed), clearly printed on a piece of paper

*Out of simple courtesy, these other rules should be followed:*

1. All radios, TVs, etc., should be turned off.
2. All who are present in the house should come together and stand by the table until the very end of the service.
3. Those who are able should join in the singing of the hymns and responses of the service.
4. No gift is given to the priest. It is his gift to the families of the parish.