



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. 19th 9-9:40 am Confessions
10:00 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*
- Mon. 20th NO LITURGY
- Tues. 21th NO LITURGY
- Wed. 22nd 8:30 am + *Emily Mudge* (Violet Olszyk)
- Thur. 23rd NO LITURGY
- Fri. 24th 8:30 am
- Sat. 25^h 10 am *Blessings to Ida Brunasso*
(Greg & Beth Gath)
- Sun. 26th 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: Special Intention (Nina Erickson)

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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, Tom Kardos, 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 Perekzak, 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 Zugger.

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

1/19/2014	Rehearsal Mike Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am Colossians 3: 12-16
1/26/2014	Third Hour Marc Brown	9:40 am 1 Timothy 1: 15-17
2/02/2014	Rehearsal Kester Bailey	9:00 - 9:45 am 1 Timothy 4: 9-15 Hebrews 7: 7-17
2/09/2014	Third Hour Ron Pasmant	9:40 am 2 Timothy 3: 10-15

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

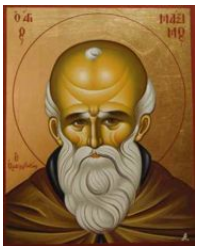
Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 12 January, 2014

Adult Tithes	\$3,973.10
Initial Offering	60.00
Youth Offerings	14.65
Votives	36.23
Holy Day: Christmas/Circumcision	40.00
Theophany	488.00
Loan Principal Reduction	165.00
Mortgage Reduction	165.00
Gift Shop	60.00
January Luncheon	763.00
Sanctuary Fund	75.00
Total	\$5,839.98

Our thanks to Joanne and Stephen Kopko and all those who helped and all who attended the dinner last weekend. It was a wonderful success: \$966 for the dinner, \$336 Raffle, and \$75 in drinks, for a total of \$1,377.



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 designated trash bin.



HOROLOGION: January 21† Our Venerable and Godbearing Father Maximus the Confessor (662). The Catholic Encyclopedia write of him: "Known as *the Theologian* and as *Maximus Confessor*, born at Constantinople about 580; died in exile 13 August, 662. He is one of the chief

names in the Monothelite controversy one of the chief doctors of the theology of the Incarnation and of ascetic mysticism, and remarkable as a witness to the respect for the papacy held by the Greek Church in his day. This great man was of a noble family of Constantinople. He became first secretary to the Emperor Heraclius, who prized him much, but he quitted the world and gave himself up to contemplation in a monastery at Chrysopolis, opposite Constantinople. He became abbot there- but seems to have left this retreat on account of its insecurity from hostile attacks. He speaks of the Palestinian ascetic St. Sophronius afterwards Patriarch of Jerusalem, as his master, father, and teacher (Ep. 13); so, he probably passed some time with him, and he was with him in Africa with other monks during the preparations which issued in the "watery union" by which Cyrus the Patriarch reconciled a number of Monophysites to the Church by rejecting the doctrine of "two operations" in Christ (see MONOTHELITISM).

Speaking of the primacy of the See of Rome, Maximus stated: *For, from the descent of the Incarnate Word amongst us, all the churches in every part of the world have held the greatest Church (i.e. Rome) alone to be their base and foundation, seeing that, according to the promise of Christ Our Savior, the gates of hell will never prevail against her, that she has the keys of the orthodox confession and right faith in Him, that she opens the true and exclusive religion to such men as approach with piety, and she shuts up and locks every heretical mouth which speaks against the Most High. (Maximus, Opuscula theologica et polemica, Migne, Patr. Graec. vol. 90). At another time he wrote: "I have the faith*

of the Latins, but the language of the Greeks."

The *Great Horologion* comments that "at that time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East." After years of exile in a distant land, living in terrible poverty, he was tried and condemned by the heretical emperor and patriarch. His punishment was severe: his tongue and right hand were cut away and again he was sent into exile where he died in 662. Nonetheless, his lonely and costly stand, whose fruit he did not see in his own lifetime, preserved the Catholic & Orthodox Faith when emperors and patriarchs alike had fallen away.

West Coast Biblical conference

~ PRESENTS ~

Eden to Eden

A Biblical Conference
on Salvation History

~ WITH ~

Bishop Nicholas Samra & Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo

Saturday, February 15 @ 9 am to 5 pm PST

Location:

Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church
451 West Madison Avenue, Placentia, CA

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(703) 504 - 8733 or e-mail DeaconSabatino@Melkite.org

Lectors We are considering training some additional men to serve as lectors during the Divine Liturgies. If you think the Lord might be calling you to do this, please speak to Father.

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. 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.

Peer to peer Fundraising: A basic truth in life is that we have a positive feeling towards our family and friends, a tendency to trust in them, and a desire to help them when we are able. Many Churches and non-profits have learned that *person to person* or *peer to peer* fundraising can be very successful. When a cause is important to you, your family and friends can sense it by the things you say and the joy and excitement present in your voice.

Yes, people can be skittish when asked for donations; this is mainly because they don't know the one making the request. However, your family and friends know you and your love and devotion to our parish church. If they were asked to help alleviate our need during this financial crisis, I am sure many would joyfully make a contribution in your name. May I suggest you begin with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment. Then, take out your Christmas card list, email list, or Facebook friends list. You could write a short paragraph or two stating the problem, demonstrate that there is a solution, and indicate that they are a definite and powerful part of the solution.

Let them know how important our parish has been in your life, and of the sacrifices you and your loved ones have made to build this beautiful temple to God's glory. Unfortunately, because of the downturn in the economy, parishioners moving away, and deaths in the parish family, contributions have decreased and the church went into default this year. We desperately need to raise \$200,000 to reduce our mortgage so we can refinance and get out from under the weight of our loan. You might suggest an amount you are attempting to raise yourself and/or suggest an amount from them. The amount is not as important as their showing solidarity with you.

Let me offer a sample, but anything you write from your heart would be wonderful.

"Dear friends and family,

I remember how my heart ached a few years ago when dear friends of mine lost their dream home, which they had struggled and sacrificed for and within which they had raised their children. It was devastating to them and to me. I had a similar feeling when it was announced a few weeks ago that my beautiful Byzantine Church of the Annunciation – which I (and spouse) have sacrificed for and within which we have raised our family - was declared in default by our lender because our contribution to indebtedness ratio was off. This was caused by the downturn in the economy, people moving elsewhere for better opportunities, and the deaths of benefactors and parishioners. All the financial institutions we have consulted inform us that we will have to reduce the principal by \$200,000 in a short time or face some very dire consequences.

You know of my tremendous love for our Lord and His holy Church, and how much my family has sacrificed over the years to help build our church from a small mission in a borrowed chapel to our beautiful facilities dedicated to our Holy Lady.

I have committed myself to raising \$4,000 (or whatever amount you might like to put) towards this goal. Any amount you could send the parish in my name would help greatly in reducing our indebtedness and provide relief from our crippling financial burden. Thank you and may our Lord richly bless you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,"

Of course, a personal note to some of your closest friends would be the best way to start. After that, you could send a general note to other family members and friends.