



*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. 23<sup>th</sup> 9-9:40 am Confessions  
9:40 am THIRD HOUR  
10:00 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*
- Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> NO LITURGY
- Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm *Health & Salvation of Ohm Family*  
(Subdeacon Michael Melnick)
- Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am *Health & Salvation of Melnick Family*  
(Subdeacon Michael Melnick)
- Thur. 27<sup>th</sup> NO LITURGY
- Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm *Health & Salvation of members of Annunciation parish* (Subdeacon Michael Melnick)
- Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> 9 am *Bruce Terry & Family* (Kay Terry)
- Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-9:40 am Confessions  
9-9:45 am CHOIR PRACTICE  
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** (Betty Bohner)
- CHRIST: Jan Liberti** (Nina Erickson)
- THEOTOKOS: Special Intentions** (Helen Bruce)
- THEOTOKOS: Anthony Demora** (Nina Erickson)
- CHRIST ENTHRONED: Susan LeMasters** (Nina Erickson)

*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, Marjory Bates, Betty Belanger, Mary Ann Bennett, Jennie Bergeron, Margaret Bivens, William Brown, Marc Brown, Ann Caldrin, Martha Cline, Dolores Demko, Launev 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 Skopeck 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 February: Elders.** That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people. And:

**Collaboration in Evangelization.** That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity.

**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**

2/23/2014	George Petyo	1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
3/02/2014	<b>Rehearsal</b> Mike Petyo	9:00 - 9:45 am Romans 13:11-14: 4

**THE VOCATION TRAVELING ICON** is at the home of Don & Irene Knapp Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join your prayers with theirs that the Lord Blesses His Holy Church with more priests, monks and religious.

**Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 16 February, 2014**

Adult Tithes	\$3,907.63
Youth Offerings	13.50
Theophany	2.00
Circumcision	3.00
Bishop's Appeal	1,205.00
Initial Offering	20.00
Votives	4.00
Cans	19.00
Gift Shop	60.00
Loan Principal Reduction	850.00
Mortgage Reduction	125.00
Mardi Gras	100.00
Mardi Gras (tickets)	450.00
Sanctuary Fund	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,784.13</b>

**ALL SOULS: The second All Souls Liturgy will be offered Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**



**Mardi Gras Dinner**

**Pre Lenten Celebration**  
*Fat Tuesday on Saturday*  
 March 1, 2014 - 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.  
 Dinner Menu

*Parish Favorite Home Made Appetizers*  
*Southern Country Style Brisket*  
*Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes*  
*Mardi Gras Roasted Vegetable Medley*  
*Bread & Biscuits & Butter*  
*Crema Brulee*  
*Coffee, Soda, Wine*  
 Vegetarian dinner also available

Chinese Auction, Door and Raffle Prizes, Entertainment  
 Photo's (Wear a Costume)  
 No-Host Bar Great Fun Food and Friends!!!

**Annunciation Parish Center**  
 995 North West Street  
 Anaheim, CA

Adults \$35.00, Children, under 12 \$15.00  
 Pre-Sale Tickets Only- See Rita M. Pipta for Tickets - 714-838-6067

and conclusion at 7 PM. Father Justin Rose of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton is giving two talks with time for questions. His themes will include trusting in God, repentance, awakening to God's presence, and the New Evangelization. The day will include liturgical prayer, the holy mysteries of repentance and anointing of the sick, time for silence, and buffet lunch and dinner. Cost per person is \$20. For further information, please contact Fr. James at 714-533-6292.



**HOROLOGION**  
**February 24 First (4th c.) and Second (9th c.) Findings of the Precious Head of St John the Baptist**

After the Forerunner was beheaded at the order of Herod and his illicit wife Herodias, his head was

discarded in what the *Synaxarion* calls "an unseemly location," presumably a privy. According to some, it was secretly recovered by Joanna, one of the Myrrhbearing women, and given honorable burial near Jerusalem. There it was found, through a revelation of the Forerunner, by two monks who had come to Jerusalem to worship at the tomb of our Savior (the first finding). Putting the head in a bag, the monks returned home. On the way, they met an indigent potter from Emesa. That night the Forerunner appeared to the poor man and instructed him to make off with the relic. He returned with it to Emesa and immediately began to prosper in his business. Just before he died, he put the holy relic in a chest, which he left to his sister with these instructions: never to open it without instructions from the one hidden inside it; and to pass it on to a pious man beloved of God. Thus the Head of the Baptist passed through many generations, eventually being concealed in a cave near a monastery founded during the reign of Marcian (450-457), whose abbot was the godly Marcellus.

The blessed Forerunner appeared several times to Marcellus, ordering him to go to a cave and dig under a marble slab. Under it was a large jar containing the precious Head. The holy relic was taken with rejoicing to the cathedral in Emesa, where it worked many wonders. In the reign of Michael III (842-867), it was taken to Constantinople. It was at this translation that the present Feast was instituted.

The version given here is that of St Symeon Metaphrastes. The *Prologue* observes: "It is important and interesting to note that, while he was alive, John did not work a single miracle (Jn 10:41), but to his relics was given the blessed power of working miracles."

**ORDER SHEETS are available for Pascha foods this morning in your bulletin, or speak to Helen Bruce. By ordering early you allow us to plan more effectively.**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED SO HARD IN THE KITCHEN LAST WEEKEND TO MAKE FR. PIPTA'S LUNCHEON A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!**



**ECPA SPONSORED LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** In an effort to reap the greatest possible benefits from the time of the Great Fast while sharing greater fraternity among our parishes, the clergy of the Eastern

Catholic Pastoral Association of Southern California invite the faithful of their parishes to a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, 8 March 2014. The event is to take place at Saint Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church in Fontana, California. Starting time is 10:30 AM



**PYSANKI WORKSHOP!** Our own Don Knapp will be teaching classes on the ancient tradition of making PYSANKI. The classes will be from 10-2:30 pm Saturday, March 22nd. Please reserve a place by speaking to Sue Petyo.

Cost will be \$20.



**“Byzantine Catholic Fasting isn't Orthodox enough- or- Should I stir in the almond oil?”** This is the title of a blog written by a Ruthenian Catholic priest's wife

last year. She covers the mechanics very well.

**“The Mandatory Fast** for Ruthenian Byzantine Catholics during the Great Fast (Lent) :

---Strict Fast (no meat, dairy) on Pure Monday (Monday before Roman-rite Ash Wednesday) and on Great and Holy Friday

---Simple Fast (no meat) on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast and Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday

**For Those Wishing to Follow the Ancient Fasting Regimen**

---No Meat from Sunday of Meatfare (2 Sundays before Lent begins, February 23<sup>rd</sup>) till Easter Sunday

---No Dairy or Eggs from Sunday of Cheesefare (Sunday before Lent begins, March 2<sup>nd</sup>) until Easter Sunday.

And for the purists: --- No fish, oil, wine with exceptions”

I would say this is the Fast that I keep, EXCEPT, I do eat fish and use oil during the Great Fast. The rule of thumb is that anyone who is eligible for the Holy Communion is obliged to follow the minimal fast.

Also, in our Metropolitan Church the Council of Hierarchs (Bishops) have asked that the season be more one of penance (going to Confession more often) and practicing more corporal acts of mercy.

**DIVINE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED**

**GIFTS:** One of the great Byzantine contributions to Liturgy is the stunningly beautiful Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts. Our first one will be offered on the first day of the Great Fast, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Eucharistic Divine Liturgy is not celebrated in the Byzantine/Orthodox Church on Lenten weekdays. In order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in Holy Communion, the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is served. The service is an ancient one in the Eastern Church. We officially hear about it in the canons of the seventh century, which obviously indicates its development at a much earlier date. *“On all days of the holy fast of Lent, except on the Sabbath, the Lord's Day, and the holy day of the Annunciation, the Liturgy of the Presanctified is to be served” (Canon 52, Quinisext, 692).*

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is an evening service. It is the solemn Lenten Vespers with the administration of Holy Communion added to it. There is no consecration of the Eucharistic gifts at the Presanctified Liturgy. Holy Communion is given from the Eucharistic gifts sanctified on the previous Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, unless, of course, the feast of the Annunciation should intervene; hence its name of “presanctified.”

Generally, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served on Wednesday and Friday evenings, although some churches may celebrate it only on one of these days. Historically, it came in the evening after a day of spiritual preparation and total abstinence.

During the psalms of Vespers, the Presanctified Gifts are prepared for communion. They are transferred from the altar table where they have been reserved since the Divine Liturgy, and are placed on the table of oblation. After the evening hymn, the Old Testament scriptures of **Genesis** and **Proverbs** are read, between which the celebrant blesses the kneeling congregation with a lighted candle and the words: “The Light of Christ illumines all,” indicating that all wisdom is given by Christ in the Church through the scriptures and sacraments.

After the readings, the evening Psalm 141 is solemnly sung once again with the offering of incense. Then, after the litanies of intercession and those at which the catechumens were dismissed in former days, the Presanctified Eucharistic Gifts are brought to the altar in a solemn, silent procession. The song of the entrance calls the faithful to communion. *“Now the heavenly powers (i.e., the angels) do minister invisibly with us. For behold the King of Glory enters. Behold the mystical sacrifice, all fulfilled, is ushered in. Let us with faith and love draw near that we may be partakers of everlasting life. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.”*

After the litany and prayers, the **Our Father** is sung and the faithful receive Holy Communion to the chanting of the verse from Psalm 34: “O taste and see how good is the Lord. Alleluia.” The post-communion hymns are sung and the faithful depart with a prayer to God who “has brought us to these all-holy days for the cleansing of carnal passions,” that he will bless us “to fight the good fight, to accomplish the course of the fast, and to attain unto and to adore the holy resurrection” of Christ.

## ***SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE***

***23 FEBRUARY, 2014***

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is traditionally considered to be the work of the sixth-century pope, Saint Gregory of Rome. The present service, however, is obviously the inspired liturgical creation of Christian Byzantium.