

## Saint Nicholas of Myra

### Byzantine Catholic Church

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### Holy Protection of Mary

### Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

The Most Reverend Artur Bubnevych, D.D., S.T.L.,

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A suffragan eparchy of

### The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

The Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D., Metropolitan

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### Served by

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**Sunday Liturgy 5:00 pm Confession: 4:30 pm**

**Holy Day Liturgy 7:00 pm Confession: 6:30 pm**

**3:30 pm Inquiry Meetings** with Robert Escobedo

### SUN AUG 30 14TH PENTECOST SUNDAY TONE 5 & Post-festive of John the Baptist, P. 146 & 355

#### No Morning Liturgy

3:30 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confessions

& Akathistos Service to the Theotokos

**5:00 pm Divine Liturgy +Steve Washko**  
by Fr Stephen

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

NO DAILY LITURGIES

### SUN, Sept 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6, p. 152

#### No Morning Liturgy

3:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confession & The Akathistos Service

**5:00 pm Divine Liturgy +James Emery**  
Washko by Fr Stephen

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

**PRAYERS NEEDED** for our parish family, Esther Calamore, Elmira Calamore, Charles Amelin, Paul & Marcy Basay, Enedina Lopez & Special Intentions.

**Expectant Mothers:** Eileen Escobedo & Meagan Odicino.

**Clergy:** Fr James Bankston, Msgr Michael Moran, Fr Robert Rankin & Fr Marcus Gomori.

**7 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS** (donation \$10)

Contact Fr Stephen or Andy Gaydos

**Eternal Light** available

**Icon of the Theotokos** available

**Icon of our Lord** available

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**H**oly Lord, you invite  
us to the wedding  
feast of union

between yourself and your  
Church. Help us to answer  
your call with lives of  
holiness that we may be  
found wearing the spiritual  
wedding garment of union

with you. We especially ask that you call those servants  
who prepare the way for you, those priests, deacons,  
monks and nuns who go to the ends of the earth and share  
your love and truth, we pray you hear and have mercy.



“Indeed, many are called but few are chosen!” Our Lord shows mercy to all and calls each of us to our own particular vocation. Will we respond to his call with an open heart? For most of us, this is the life of the family, the domestic Church. For some of us, he is calling us to consider a life as a priest, deacon, monk, or a nun, to build up his kingdom and celebrate the wedding feast of the Lord in a special way. If this may be his will for you or someone you know, please call the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU TO** the gentlemen who put away the Holy Tomb after the Liturgy last week.

### BE SURE TO VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE

Special Thank you to Jessica Acevedo (from Annunciation) for updating our Web Site.

[stnicholasfontana.org](http://stnicholasfontana.org) We thank Alexander Huber for helping our Web Site and we keep him in our prayers.

### OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship August 23

Souls in Attendance 32

Tithes: \$302.00, Zelle: \$556.00, Lion's Club:

\$2,000.00. Thank you!

**We depend on you** to support our parish. You may mail your or use e-checks, or Zelle for your contributions ([saintnicholasofmyra12-06](mailto:saintnicholasofmyra12-06)) or use the QR code to send your donations. Thank you

### Beginning of Ecclesiastical Year – Sept. 1

**(Indiction) Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am**

September 1 marked the beginning of the indiction (from the Latin ‘to impost’) or New Year for the Romans. Christians also observed this calendar

## 14th Sunday After Pentecost

which has been followed by the Byzantine Church since the time of Constantine the Great, who observed it as a day of taxation. His purpose was to erect an entire city to be known as Constantinople, the capitol of the Byzantine world; the completion of which served to remind civilization that in this city was to be built the greatest of Byzantine churches.

It followed, therefore, that the magnificent city was not only a tribute to the world's greatest empire but a tribute to the spirit of the Greeks who also saw a glorification of God in their handsome architecture and unparalleled culture.

Emperor Constantine the Great, revered as a saint in the Byzantine world, had the Savior in mind, with crosses everywhere, even on his soldiers' shields, when he passed the hat for God and country.

There are other New Year observances, particularly on the New Year of Our Lord which are celebrated in gala fashion, but the ecclesiastical year of the Byzantine Church goes unnoticed by all but a few of the most devout who usher in the religious year with quiet solemnity. This lightly observed first day of the ecclesiastical year of the Byzantine Church goes unnoticed by all but a few of the most devout who usher in the religious year with quiet solemnity. This lightly observed first day of the ecclesiastical year should not be shouted out since it marks another Year of the Lord.

At first, a day marking the end of a cycle of fifteen years in order to reassess taxes by the Romans, September 1 is now a day for a reassessment of the Byzantine faith and, therefore, a reaffirmation of our commitment to Jesus Christ. This transfer of an ancient Roman law is in keeping with the character of the Greeks which allowed them in ancient times to step out of temples worshipping myths and to stand before Christ. Centuries of mythological gods vanished in the embrace of the Messiah.

**Add these prayers to your morning & evening prayer.**

### Troparion, tone 2

Fashioner of all creation, Who fixes times and seasons by Thine own authority, Bless the crown of the year with your goodness, Lord, Preserving rulers and Thy city in peace, By the prayers of the Theotokos, and save us.

### Kontakion, tone 2

Living in the Highest, Christ the King,

## Tone 5

August 30, 2026

The Creator and Fashioner of all things visible and invisible, Who creates the days and nights, times and seasons: Bless now the crown of the year And protect Thine Orthodox rulers, cities and people in peace, O Greatly merciful One.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BIRTH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD-Solemn Holy Day

**Sept 8 Tuesday**

**7:00 pm Divine Liturgy—St Nicholas Fontana**

#### SUNDAY & EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS-Solemn Holy Day (Red Vestments)

**Sept 13 Sunday**

**5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy —St Nicholas Fontana**

**Sept 19 Saturday CRAFT FAIR at Annunciation Anaheim.**

### HOLY PROTECTION OF MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents of concerns, please contact:  
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## Anaheim Craft & Vintage Fair

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026**

**9:00AM TO 4:00PM**

**Where: Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church  
995 N. West St., Anaheim, CA 92801**

**\*Crafters and artists selling their own creations  
\*No multi-level marketing vendors \*Food sale including  
homemade Eastern European favorites, baked goods  
\*Convenient free parking \*Handicapped accessible  
\*No entrance fee \*Stop on by and have a great time!**

