



Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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Troparion (*Nativity of the Theotokos*)

Thy nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!
The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God,
has shone from thee, O Theotokos.

Anniversaries: Fr. Michael-Sept. 10
Xenia Demko-Sept. 11

Remember in your Prayers: Archbishop Nikon, Bishop Herman, Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest Nicholas, Priest James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine, Jennifer, Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Marie, Jenny, Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke, Melanie, Amalia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt, Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron, Elizabeth, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy, Maggie, Tom, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine, Cali, Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George, David, Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally, Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward, Rick, Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian, Jean, Jesse, Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley, Michael, Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Paul, Gloria, Justina, Jean, Keegan, Jimmy, Roger, Harold, Michele, Dona

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday September 8- *Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos* Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed by fellowship.

Monday September 9-Free Community Meal 5pm

Friday September 13-Vespers with Litya 5pm

Saturday September 14-*Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross* Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Sunday September 15- Church School 9:25 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed by fellowship.

Collection for September 1

Candles-\$40.00; Loose Money-\$101.00; Weekly Envelopes-\$3,068.00; Special Funds (CAP.)-\$100.00; Total-\$3,309.00

What was Christ's love like? Did it withhold anything? Did it observe or measure its own spiritual gifts? What did it regret? Where was it ever stingy? Christ's humanity was spat upon, struck, crucified. Christ's divinity was incarnate fully and to the end in his spat-upon, battered, humiliated, and crucified humanity. The cross – an instrument of shameful death – has become for the world a symbol of self-denying love ... Love truly does not seek its own, even if this be the salvation of one's own soul. Such love takes everything from us, deprives us of everything, almost as if it were emptying us. And where does it lead? To spiritual poverty. In the Beatitudes we are promised blessedness in return for being poor in spirit. The person who is poor in spirit is the one who lays down his soul for his friends, offering this spirit out of love, not withholding his spiritual treasures. (*St. Maria Skobtsova*)