

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Old Has Passed Away: All Things Are Made New

The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished His work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in Himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from

our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for Him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator

St. Andrew of Crete

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Icon of the Nativity of the Mother of God -- September 8th



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September 3, 2023 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	3	14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	7	Vigil of the Feast of The Nativity of The Mother of God 7:00 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy - +Katherine Jorkon by Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach
Saturday	9	Saturday Before the Exaltation of The Holy Cross & Synaxis of Joachim and Anne 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Harriet Jarosz by Family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	10	Sunday Before the Exaltation of The Holy Cross 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak
Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Sally Hughes
William Horne	William Davis	Claire Resuta

We pray for our Catechumens of our parish:

Lea Rodbarry	Kate Colome
Anthony Mazzeo	Stephen Beardsley

Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.

Parish Membership is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

A Biblically based stewardship is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

Couples who are planning to be married at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages," as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound should contact the pastor or parish business office.

Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

No eulogies or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

Cremation is permitted but not encouraged. Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

Appropriate behavior and dress are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday. If this is not possible an equivalent

Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 8th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 12th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 10th

Countdown - 99 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...

Dont' stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(93)	(9,300)	26.57%
Unsold	257	\$25,700	73.43%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Jim Forkal, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Bill Gulas, Maria Gulas, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Marilyn Lopez, Diane Zelnick Milmont, Dennis Mrowca, Cecelia Okonski, John & Mary Oreluk, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Justin Orenic, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Joe Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Daniel Snidauf, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Bishop Kurt announces the appointment of Very Rev. Robert Mark Pipta as sixth Bishop of Parma



Bishop Kurt Burnette

PROCLAMATION

The thirty first day of August the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

To the good people of the Eparchy of Parma, and to everyone in the Catholic Church:

“Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of Mercies and God of all consolation!”

It is with the greatest joy that I inform you that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed the Very Rev. Robert Mark Pipta as the sixth Bishop of Parma. Father Pipta is a priest of the Eparchy of Phoenix and has been serving honorably as the Rector of our seminary in Pittsburgh, Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary.

During the past seven months, I have come to know and admire and love the good people of the Eparchy of Parma,

including clergy, religious, and lay people. Having become affectionate towards the Eparchy, I am very consoled to know that the Holy Father has chosen Father Pipta. I have known the Bishop Elect since 1990 when he entered our seminary in Pittsburgh. I also know his father who was the cantor at our Anaheim parish for decades. Father Pipta was born and raised in our Ruthenian Byzantine Church and has given his entire life to service for the Body of Christ in our Church since his priestly ordination on April 21, 1994. He is a man of humility, integrity, good humor, and absolute dedication to Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Bishop Elect as chosen to be consecrated on November 8, the Feast of St. Michael and all the Holy Incorporeal Powers. I look forward to handing over the governance of the Eparchy to the new bishop, with confidence and peace of mind, knowing that he will be a good shepherd to his flock.

May the Lord God grand to his priestly servant Robert peace, health, and happiness for many blessed and fruitful years! Mnohaja i blahaja l'ita

Most Rev. Kurt Richard Burnette, PhD, JD, JCL
Apostolic Administrator of Parma
Bishop of Passaic

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Statement of Bishop-Elect Robert Mark Pipta

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Giving thanks to God and in obedience to His will, I accept the appointment of the holy father, Francis, Pope of Rome, to serve the people of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma as their sixth bishop.

Our Lord Jesus Christ called the apostles to be guiding shepherds by sharing His gospel of love, peace, healing, true freedom, and eternal life. I ask for prayerful petitions that my response to this apostolic calling be faithful, fruitful, and steadfast.

I open myself for the grace of episcopal ordination thus enabling my ministerial work alongside the clergy of the Parma Eparchy, my prayer, fasting, and repentance with its religious, and my God-loving service to its lay faithful.

Being the heartland of our Metropolitan Church, the Eparchy of Parma exhibits its cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit in countless ways. Since its establishment over 50 years ago, it has shown itself a leader in return to authentic liturgical practice and has enhanced its parishes in the liturgical arts. Efforts of evangelization and outreach are notable in the eparchy, including guidance to assist college students in remaining connected to their Byzantine Catholic upbringing. I'm eager to do my part for the increase of these and many other Spirit-guided endeavors.

I look forward to a fraternal and willing association with the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States and its strong sense of unity with our mother Church in Europe and its cooperation with other American jurisdictions.

Having served as a priest for nearly 30 years – 20 of which were spent in parochial ministry followed to present by my service as rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, it's with a heavy heart that I take leave of the priestly duties I've been blessed to fulfill over these past years. It's been a joy for me to serve the Seminary with the support of its Board of Directors, the gifts and friendships of its staff, the talents and sacrifices of its faculty, the fervor and hope of its students, and the generosity of its benefactors.

Confident in the prayerful support of those I've come to know during my priestly years, together with the love, goodness, and encouragement of my parents, family, and friends, I move on to my new ministry with peace and in the name of the Lord.

As I approach episcopal ordination, I sing with our Venerable Father Romanus the Melodist in his Akathist on the Mission of the Apostles: "May I obey what I preach and be the first to do what I teach."

Please pray that Christ the Good Shepherd strengthen me for this new ministerial work.



About Bishop-Elect Robert Mark Pipta

Episcopal Candidate Robert M. Pipta has served as an ordained priest in the Byzantine Catholic Church for nearly 30 years. He was born in April 1967 in Anaheim, California. Raised in southern California, he attended public schools there and completed a Bachelor of Arts program in Music at the University of California, Irvine in 1990.

He was a member of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim from shortly after its founding in 1969. All of his ordinations took place at his home parish where he served at the altar from the age of six and served as a weekday cantor during his college years. He was formed for the priesthood at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from September 1990 until his priestly ordination on 21 April 1994.

As a priest of the Eparchy of Van Nuys (now Phoenix) he served Saint Stephen Pro-Cathedral (now Cathedral) in Phoenix, Arizona as parochial vicar from May 1994 until August 1997. He then served as administrator of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church in Las Vegas, Nevada until February 2004. He served as the pastor of Holy Angels Church in San Diego, California until April 2014.

Since 1 May 2014, he has been serving as the rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh.

He has served on the Intereparchial Liturgy and Music Commissions and had served as Eparchial Vocations Director for over nineteen years.

Regarding his hobbies, he enjoys listening to, playing, and singing various types of music, as well as studying-up on the history and physics of manned space travel.



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Please Note: We will not begin commemorating Bishop-Elect Robert Pipta during the Divine Liturgy until after his installation on November 8th.