

IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, and Ken Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory	Health and Blessings for the Lachowicz Family	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS for Marion D'andrea
In Gratitude for our Family. Pete and Anna Tiutiunnyk	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ELEANOR AND MICHAEL VASKO	Health and Blessings For FRAN CLAGETT
Pace e Bene (Peace and All Good) For information on living the Gospel life through the teachings of St. Francis call: Ann & Wayne Tao, OFS Secular Franciscans 702-362-7989	<i>IN LOVING MEMORY Richard Meara Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory</i>	Health and Blessings for Micheal Espinoza
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR Mark Elefante and Kathy Rice- Elefante	Health and blessings for Elijah Kreutzer	Health and Blessings for Terry Zakanycz
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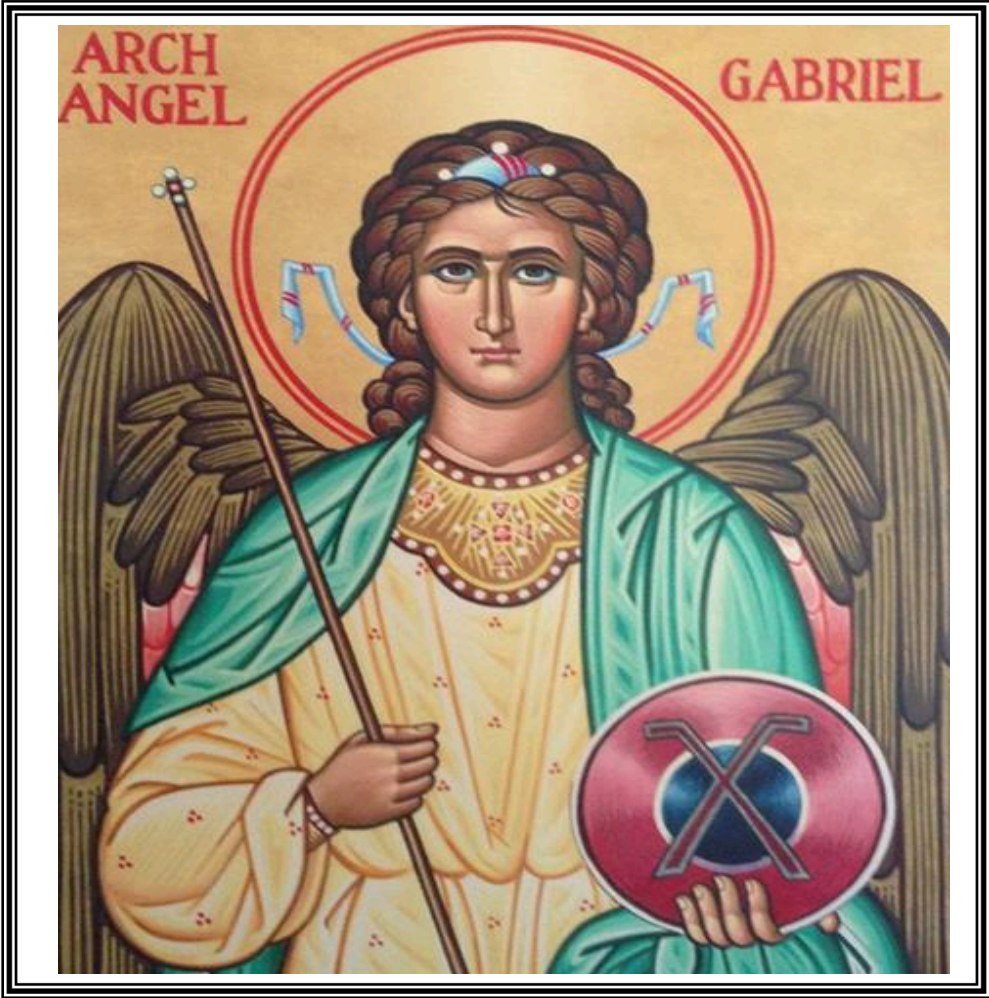
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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

25 MAY 2025

Divine Liturgy Each Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am

A Catholic Parish Established Under the Authority of Holy Protection of Mary

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

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

Very Reverend Marcus A. Gomori, M.A.P.S., Pastor

Reverend Deacon Brett Krautstrunk

WEEKLY SERVICES

SATURDAY

Divine Liturgy (Mass/Vigil) at 4:00 pm

SUNDAY

Third Hour at 9:45 am

Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10:00 am

Holy Mystery of Penance

Forty-five minutes before Saturday Liturgy or by appointment.
Confessions NOT available before Sunday Liturgy.

Parish Advisory Council

The Parish Advisory Council is led by Father Marcus. We welcome any suggestions, comments and ideas that would help our Parish grow and raise money.
Please contact us by email at sgabrielchurchboard@gmail.com or call/Text

Monica Lopez (702) 355-2247 (President)

Saul Ramos (213) 880-1544 (Vice-President)

To reserve the hall to host a social or private event
Please call Monica at (702) 355-2247 to avoid
double booking

Finance Council

Please email the Financial Office for General questions regarding financial matters, Church services, deliveries, purchasing .

Email Address: stgabrielfinance@yahoo.com

Mike Parven (310) 592-1849 (Financial Officer)

FATHER MARCUS' DAY OFF

Mondays are Father Marcus' day off. Please do not call or visit the Rectory on Monday unless it is a true emergency.
Thank You!

In Loving Memory for Ruth Georgia and Vivian Blaine	THIS SPACE OPEN FOR RENT Only \$100 a year Contact Jan 702-810-9613	Health and Blessings for Irene Maskasziw
HEALTH & BLESSINGS for Deborah Pietrzak	Health and Blessings for the Porras (Bonilla) Family	Health and Blessings Moses and Josie Pastor
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL CHILIPKA, CAFFARELLI, MESZAROS, OLTAY, SIMON, SOLT AND VASH FAMILIES IN THE USA AND HUNGARY	HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR F. MICHAEL & JOYCE O'BRIEN	Health and Blessings for Kenneth and Cheri Ervin
Health and Blessings for Michael & Ruth Parven	HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR FR. MARCUS THROUGH WHOM THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS	Health and Blessings for Michael Connolly
HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR REVEREND DEACON BRETT KRAUTSTRUNK	HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR AMY CANNATELLI	Health and Blessings for Cindy Bonko & Jan Manning
PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTIONS		

The Gospel of John: a commentary & meditation "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see" (Please reference a bible for the full gospel of John 9: 1-38)

Meditation: What's worse: physical blindness or moral and spiritual darkness? Sin clouds the mind in darkness and closes the heart to God's love and truth. Only in the light of God's truth can we see sin for what it really is, a rejection of God and opposition to his will. The Pharisees equated physical blindness and sickness with sin. While the scriptures indicate that sin can make the body and mind sick as well as the soul, not all sickness, however is the result of sin. Sickness befalls us for a variety of reasons. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "in everything God works for good with those who love him" (Romans 8:28) One of the most remarkable miracles of Jesus is the healing of the man who was blind from birth. Even the blind man, once cured, marveled and proclaimed that "never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind" (John 9:32). This miracle remarkably reveals the power and glory of God.

Why did Jesus use his own spittle in healing this man? Jesus wanted to identify with this man's misery and to draw faith and confidence in him as well. He covers his eyes with clay and bids him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. This pool was one of the landmarks of Jerusalem. Hezekiah had a secret tunnel bored through 583 yards of solid rock in the hillside in order to bring water from the Gihon Spring, which was outside the city walls, into the city proper (2Chr.32:2-8,30; Isa.22:9-11; 2Kgs.20:20). At the Feast of Sukkoth (also known as the Festival of Tabernacles or Booths) water from this pool was brought by one of the priests to the temple with great trumpet blasts while the people recited the words of Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." It was poured together with wine beside the altar and ultimately flowed into the Kidron Valley. This was both a thanksgiving offering for the summer harvest and a petition that God would continue to provide water and growth for the newly planted seeds for the next harvest. It was during the Feast of Sukkoth that Jesus identified himself as the source of this life-giving water (John 7:37). Jesus gave not only physical sight to the blind man, but spiritual vision as well. That is why Jesus proclaimed himself the "light of the world" (John 9:4). This miracle at the Pool of Siloam points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38). Do you thirst for this life-giving water?

The Pharisees were upset with Jesus on two counts. First, he healed the blind man on the Sabbath, which they considered a violation of the Sabbath rest. Second, how could a sinner and a sabbath-breaker do such a marvelous work of God! The cured man must not have really been blind at all! This blind man was well known to many people and his parents testified under oath that he had indeed been blind since birth. Their prejudice made them blind to God's intention for the Sabbath and to Jesus' claim to be the One sent from the Father in heaven to bring freedom and light to his people. They tried to intimidate both this cured man and his parents by threatening them with excommunication from the synagogue. This man was ostracized by the religious authorities because he gave witness to the Lord Jesus in his life. John Chrysostom, commenting on this passage, remarked: "The Jews (the Pharisees) cast him out of the Temple; the Lord of the Temple found him." If our witness of Jesus and his redeeming power in our lives separates us from our fellow neighbors, it nonetheless draws us nearer to Jesus himself. Paul the Apostle warns us to avoid the darkness of sin that we might walk more clearly in the light of Christ (Ephes. 5:8-12). Do you allow any blindspots to blur your vision of what God is offering you and requiring of you?

Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. Isaiah prophesied that the "Suffering Servant" would be bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we would be healed (Isaiah 53:5). The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Augustine of Hippo, in his commentary on this gospel passage, remarks: "If we reflect on the meaning of this miracle, we will see that the blind man is the human race ...You already know, of course, who the "One Sent" is. Unless he had been sent, none of us would have been freed from sin."

"Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do."

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BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX SUBSCRIBES TO THE
Charter 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 young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, May 24th 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)
+ BR & EM for Candice Lotterhos by Ed Lotterhos

Sunday, May 25th 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)
Health & Healing for Abigail Garcia by Sonia Breeland

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

May 1st thru May 14th
May 15th thru May 31st

Peace in Israel
Peace in Ukraine

NEXT WEEK’S GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING: John 17: 1-13

CANDLE OFFERINGS

Use the specially marked envelopes located at the back of the Church for Altar Candles or Eternal Light Candles. Candles will be lit on Saturdays, and remain lit for the duration of their offering.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

One Saturday or Sunday Intention per week is reserved for
“Parishioners of the Parish”.
Please contact the Parish Office at 702.361.2431
for available Liturgy intention dates and times.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

2nd weekend of the Month

There are green Love Thy Neighbor envelopes n the 2nd weekend of each month to help serve the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your charitable support of this ministry.

HOLY WATER

Available in the rear of the Church.

Please remember St. Gabriel’s in your Estate and Will Planning. Thank You!

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Lord, look upon your servants with eyes of mercy. May your healing hand rest upon them. May your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying and restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

William Ralf	Bev, Joe & Angel Guarino	Frank & Carolyn Gervasio	Sara Beth Hopkins
Deb & Joe Guarino	Alexander Gomori	Gregory Gomori	Amy Cannatelli
Cindy Bonko	John Krobock	Bill Kviz	Jan Shadowen
Betty Chilipka	Marion D’Andrea	Ann & Wayne Tao	Tommy & Rosie Morgan
Mike Vasko	Carrie Alumbaugh	Peggy Randell	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week’s Offerings: 5/17-18/2025

Donations: \$ 1,855.00 Candles: \$ 35.00 SAT 38 & SUN 79

Our parish needs \$3,000.00 per week to meet expenses.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Gabriel’s especially in these difficult economic times. It is encouraging to see families making an effort to see that our parish meets its bills. Thank you also for the good number of people that mail-in and include the parish in their financial planning. Sincerely, Very Rev. Marcus Gomori, Pastor+

We will be randomly giving registered parishioners one month of a free square in the back of our bulletin. The usual cost is \$100 but this is free and you will be able to put family birthdays, anniversary announcements, or even business information. If I don’t hear from you at least the Sunday prior the ad will read “Health and Blessings for and family name”. If you want to change your square every week I can if you send me the info this includes the people who already have a square. Contact Jan at 702-810-9613 and leave a message or write me a note (with phone #) and either give to me (I’m the one with the walker with the cats for those who do not know me) or give to Father.

- January #20 T. Demyon, #46 B. Kviz, #2 J. Andross
- February #14 F. Clagett, #121 E. Cruz, #75 A. Tao
- March #97 M. Sanders, #136 D.Kouris April #130 R. Haskins, #128 P. McDonald May #5 M. Espinoza, #84 T. Zakanycz June #141 D. Georgia, #13 B. Chillpka July #79 M. Hill, #93 B. Dakake August #6059 D. Derbish, #6244 J. Gehring September #148 C. Perdok, #6179 P. Anthony October #43 R. Hawkins, #29 F. Gervasio November #25 J. Ploegman, #134 B.Shypkoski December #6107 A. Scott, #85 I. Williams

PARISH NEWS

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL

This year you can give your contribution to the Bishops Appeal through Saint Gabriel’s and we will send it to the Eparchy in your name for credit.

Please write the check to Saint Gabriel’s and make a note it is for the Bishop’s Appeal or put it in the “Special Envelope”.

All Souls Saturday Schedule

- 1st All Souls Saturday February 22nd
- 2nd All Souls Saturday March 15th
- 3rd All Souls Saturday March 22nd
- 4th All Souls Saturday March 29th
- 5th All Souls Saturday June 7th

All Souls Saturday envelopes available at church entrance. Please make sure new names are on the envelope or write “no additional names”. Make Check payable to Fr. Marcus Gomori Thank you!

COMMUNITY

The Fraternity of St. Margaret of Cortona of the Secular Franciscan Order is a community of people dedicated to living the gospel life through the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare with service to the poor and homeless. We strive to live promises of poverty, obedience and chastity. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to the life of a Secular Vocation? Contact Ann Tao, OFS at 702-362-7989

THE GIFT SHOP

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BEWARE OF CHARITY SCAM!

Suspicious text and emails are circulating that appear to be coming from Fr. Marcus Gomori to our parishioners requesting donations. **THIS IS A SCAM! DO NOT RESPOND OR ACT ON IT.** Please verify it’s legitimacy by contacting Fr. Marcus at (702) 361-2431 or in person before/after liturgy.