

<p>IN LOVING MEMORY Betty & Leonard Jones, Larry, Michael, and Ken Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory</p>	<p>Health and Blessings for the Lachowicz Family</p>	<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS for Marion D'andrea</p>
<p>In Gratitude for our Family. Pete and Anna Tiutiunnyk</p>	<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ELEANOR AND MICHAEL VASKO</p>	<p>Health and Blessings For FRAN CLAGETT</p>
<p>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</p>	<p><i>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR ALL SAINT GABRIEL FAMILIES</i></p>	<p>Health and Blessings for Micheal Espinoza</p>
<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR Mark Elefante and Kathy Rice- Elefante</p>	<p>Health and blessings for Elijah Kreutzer</p>	<p>Health and Blessings for Terry Zakanycz</p>
<p>Bulletin ads can be personalized for birthday and other occasions for only \$100.00 a year! Call the Parish Office at 702-810-9613</p>	<p>WE THANK ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO SPONSOR OUR WEEKEND SOCIALS</p>	<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR THE Lopez & Babakhan Families</p>
<p>HEALTH AND BLESSINGS FOR MYCHELLE & ALEX WEART</p>	<p>SELECT PROPERTIES GROUP Greta Young REALTOR/PROPERTY MANAGER NV Lic S.184268 I PM.0167492 greta@greta-young.com 2575 S. Cimarron Rd #104 Las Vegas, NV 89117</p>	

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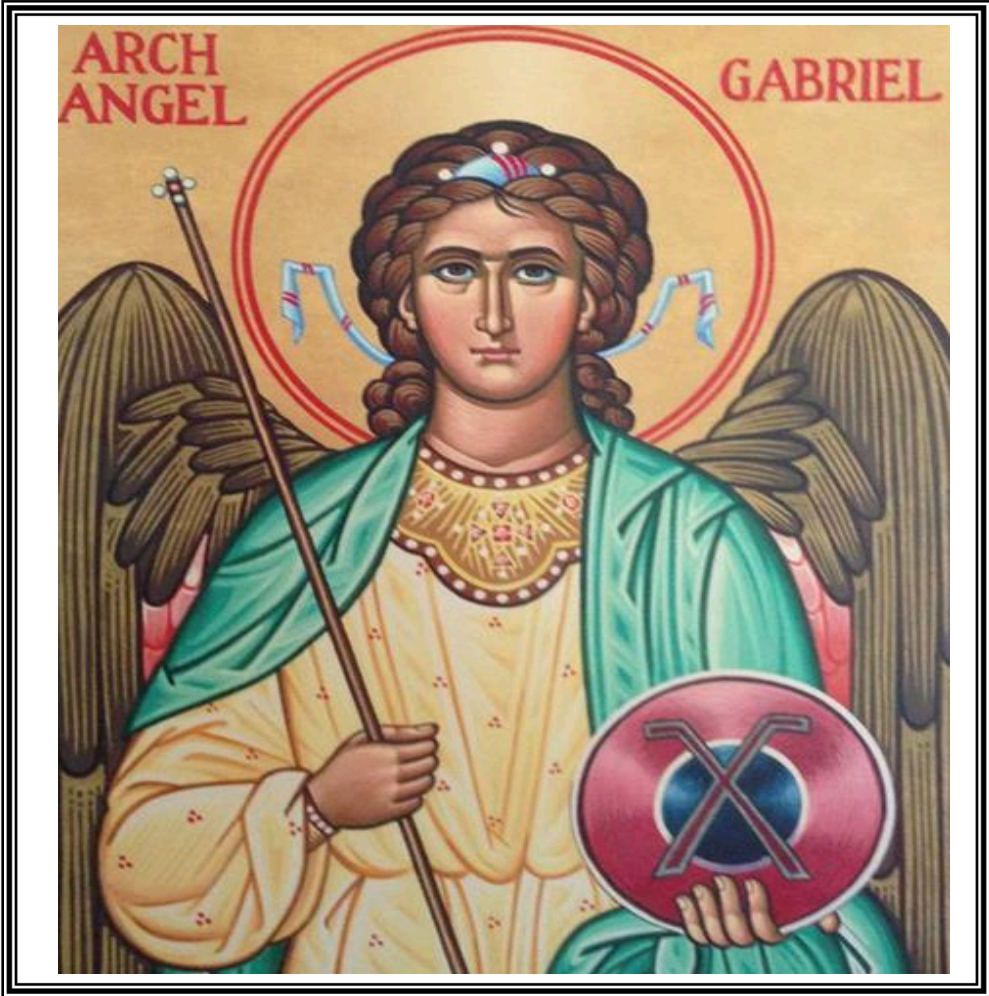
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SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARERS

04 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
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	<i>Health and Blessings for Michael Connolly</i>
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 Mark: a commentary & meditation

"He has risen; see the place where they laid him"

Gospel reading: Mark 16:1-13

1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid. 9 Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. 12 After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Meditation: On Sunday morning the women went to the tomb to pay their last tribute to a dead body. The disciples thought that everything had finished in tragedy. Neither were ready to see an empty tomb and hear the angel's message, "Why do you seek the living among the dead (Luke 24:5)? Is it any small wonder that it was the women, rather than the apostles, who first witnessed the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord? Isidore of Seville, a 7th century church father comments on this: "As a woman (Eve) was first to taste death, so a woman (Mary Magdalene) was first to taste life. As a woman was prescient in the fall, so a woman was prescient in beholding the dawning of redemption, thus reversing the curse upon Eve." The first to testify to the risen Lord was a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? It would have taken several people to roll away such a stone. And besides, the sealed tomb had been guarded by soldiers! This is clearly the first sign of the resurrection. Bede, a church father from the 8th century, comments: "[The angel] rolled back the stone not to throw open a way for our Lord to come forth, but to provide evidence to people that he had already come forth. As the virgin's womb was closed, so the sepulcher was closed, yet he entered the world through her closed womb, and so he left the world through the closed sepulcher." (From Homilies on the Gospels 2,7,24) Another church father remarked: "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts" (Peter Chrysologus, 5th century). Do you know the joy of the resurrection?

It is significant that the disciples had to first deal with the empty tomb before they could come to grips with the fact that scripture had foretold that Jesus would die for our sins and then rise triumphant. They disbelieved until they saw the empty tomb. Bede explains why the Risen Lord revealed himself gradually to the disciples: "Our Lord and redeemer revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time, undoubtedly because so great was the virtue of the miracle that the weak hearts of mortals could not grasp [the significance of] this all at once. Thus, he had regard for the frailty of those seeking him. To those who came first to the tomb, both the women who were aflame with love for him and the men, he showed the stone rolled back. Since his body had been carried away, he showed them the linen cloths in which it had been wrapped lying there alone. Then, to the women who were searching eagerly, who were confused in their minds about what they had found out about him, he showed a vision of angels who disclosed evidences of the fact that he had risen again. Thus, with the report of his resurrection already accomplished, going ahead of him, the Lord of hosts and the king of glory himself, at length appeared and made clear with what great might he had overcome the death he had temporarily tasted." (From Homilies on the Gospels 2,9,25)

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Lord and to know him personally. Do you celebrate the feast of Easter with joy and thanksgiving for the victory which Jesus has won for you over sin and death?

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won new life for us. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love and power."

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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 3rd 4:00 PM –Divine Liturgy (Mass)
Health & Blessings for the Parishioners of St. Gabriel’s

Sunday, May 4th 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Mass)
Health & Blessings for the Parishioners of St. Gabriel’s

7 DAY CANDLE OFFERING

OPEN

14 DAY CANDLE OFFERINGS

May 1st thru May 14th
May 15th thru May 301st

Peace in Israel
Peace in Ukraine

NEXT WEEK’S GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL READING: John 5: 1-15

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: 4/26-27/2025

Donations: \$ 1,496.00 Candles: \$32.00 SAT 45 & SUN 60

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

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Community of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Carmelite Seculars, together with the Friars, and Nuns are sons and daughters of the Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus. In our secular vocation, we strive to live a life of prayer, centered on the Gospels, the Liturgy, and the evangelical councils of chastity, poverty, obedience, and the spirit of the beatitudes in our daily lives. Is God calling you to a Secular Vocation? For more information, please contact Mike Parven at 310-592-1849

GREAT NEWS OUR GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN IN OUR HALL. IT ‘S OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER ALL LITURGIES. GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASION S! PLEASE CONSIDER DOING YOUR GIFT SHOPPING THERE TO HELP RAISE NEEDED FUNDS FOR SAINT GABRIEL.