

**PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS & EVER-VIRGIN MARY**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 1, 2023**



*Protection of the Theotokos*



*Jesus said to Martha, "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." –Luke 10:42*

**St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church**

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Holy Protection of Mary

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Welcome! We are honored to have you come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you would like to be an active member of our Byzantine Catholic community, please contact the parish office. Since we are one Catholic Church with many Traditions (each that includes a liturgical rite), becoming a parishioner does not require that you make a canonical transfer of Rite, for example, from the Roman Rite to our Byzantine Rite. Yet we invite you to join us in our traditions, fast days, and feast days so as to better understand and perhaps one day embrace our Eastern Catholic spirituality. Please join us for our Coffee Social, held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy and make yourself known to our Pastor who would be happy to answer your questions. Welcome to St. Anne's!

St. Anne bulletin email list: Would you like to have our bulletin emailed to you each week? Request it at [stanneslo@gmail.com](mailto:stanneslo@gmail.com)

## Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

**This week's liturgical schedule:** (Check the MCI <https://mci.archpitt.org> for music and prayers.) Livestreaming of Sunday in the parking lot is available for those taking extra health precautions. Contact the pastor.

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| <p><i>Saturday,<br/>September 30</i><br/>Use handout</p>                   | <p><b>5 PM Great Vespers</b></p>  | <p>Genesis 28:10-17; Ezechiel 43:27 - 44:4;<br/>Proverbs 9:1-11.</p>   |
| <p><i>Sunday,<br/>October 1</i><br/>Use handout</p>                        | <p><b>7:30 AM Festal Matins</b><br/>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM<br/><b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b><br/>Intention: For Parishioners</p> <p><b>12 PM - ECF classes</b></p>               | <p><b><i>THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS<br/>AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY<br/>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER<br/>PENTECOST</i></b></p> <p>2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 6:31-36;<br/>Luke 10:38-42 &amp; 11:27-28. <u>Tone 1</u></p>  |
| <p><i>Monday,<br/>October 2</i><br/>MCI or p. 383</p>                      | <p>No liturgical services today.<br/>Parish Office Closed</p>   | <p><b><i>Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian</i></b><br/>Philippians 1:1-7; Luke 6:24-30.</p>   |
| <p><i>Tuesday,<br/>October 3</i><br/>MCI or p. 383</p>                     | <p><b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b><br/>+Fr. Gerald Brunet<br/>by Nicholas Brunet</p>   | <p><b><i>Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite</i></b><br/>Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 6:37-45.<br/>Parish Office Open</p>  |
| <p><i>Wednesday,<br/>October 4</i><br/>MCI or p. 383</p>                   | <p><b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b><br/>The Cardona Family<br/>by Rose Mary Johnson</p>   | <p><b><i>Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens</i></b><br/><i>Venerable Father Francis of Assisi</i><br/>Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 6:46 - 7:1.<br/>Parish Office Open</p>   |
| <p><i>Thursday,<br/>October 5</i><br/>MCI or p. 391</p>                    | <p><b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b><br/>+Laurence Brunet<br/>by Nicholas Brunet</p>   | <p><b><i>Holy Martyr Charitina</i></b><br/>Philippians 1:20-27; Luke 7:17-30.<br/>Parish Office Open</p>   |
| <p><i>Friday,<br/>October 6</i><br/>MCI or p. 368</p>                      | <p>Parish Office Open</p> <p><b>5 PM</b><br/><b>6 PM to 9 AM Saturday</b></p>   | <p><b><i>Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas</i></b><br/>1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 20:19-31.<br/><b><u>Prayer Bouquet of Victory to the Theotokos</u></b><br/><b><u>Prayer Rule of the Theotokos</u></b> (Byzantine Rosary)<br/><b><u>All-night Vigil</u></b> with praying of the Book of Psalms</p> |
| <p><i>Saturday,<br/>October 7</i><br/>MCI or p. 381</p> <p>Use handout</p> | <p>Confessions: 9-9:30 AM<br/><b>10AM Divine Liturgy</b><br/>For our country and for the<br/>Church<br/><b>11:15 AM</b><br/><b>12 - 1:30 PM</b><br/><b>4 PM Great Vespers</b></p> | <p><b><i>Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus</i></b><br/>1 Corinthians 15:58 - 16:3; Luke 5:27-32.<br/>Parish Office Open</p> <p><b><u>Patriotic Rosary, Coast to Coast</u></b><br/><b><u>Paraklesis to the Mother of God</u></b><br/>2 Kings 4:8-37; Isaiah 57:14-21.</p>                            |

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| <p><b>Sunday,<br/>October 8</b><br/>Use handout</p> | <p>Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM<br/>9:30 AM Matins<br/><b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b><br/>Intention: For Parishioners<br/><b>12 PM</b></p> | <p><b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER<br/>PENTECOST</b><br/>2 Corinthians 11:31 - 12:9; Luke 7:11-16. <u>Tone 2.</u><br/><br/>ECF classes</p> |
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**UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES**

**Fri. & Sat., Oct. 6 & 7: Prayer Bouquet for Victory to Mary, the Holy Theotokos**  
See page 6-7 of this bulletin for more information about this all-night vigil and Rosary Coast to Coast.

**Sunday, October 29: Usher Training from 12:30 to 1pm.**  
See page 5 of this bulletin for more information

**Sunday, October 29: Oktoberfest Potluck**

**Metropolitan Assembly**



**The registration deadline is today, October 1, 2023.**

**November 2-5:** Assembly of the Byzantine Church 2023: Gathering of Byzantine Catholics from across America in Hillsborough, NJ. The last time an opportunity took place to be part of a conference of this great caliber for clergy and laity, was about **ten years ago**. Truly a fantastic event to learn more about our Byzantine Tradition, have fun, and become networked with Byzantine Catholics and great speakers from across the country!

The assembly website is <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org/>  
and the email is [byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com).

**Birthdays:** October 5—Paul Sawko  
**Anniversaries:** October 5—Jim & Donna Snead  
**God grant them many blessed years!**

**Liturgy Intentions:** Please fill out one of the Liturgy Intention envelopes on the greeting table in the narthex with the name of your living or deceased person. Make checks payable to **St. Anne Stipends** and write “Liturgy Stipend” in your memo line. Donations are not required, though the suggested stipend from the Pastoral Handbook is \$10, which is later paid to the priest offering the Liturgy. (These donations are probably not tax-deductible and are not included in your tax-deductible letter.)

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

### September 24, 2023:

Total bank Deposit: \$17,304.

**Regular parish income: \$1,509.**

**Tithes: \$720.**

**Donations: \$531.**

**Candles: \$62.**

**Landscape: \$50.**

**ECF Classes: \$80.**

**Gift Shop: \$66.**

**\*Restricted Donation for  
Rectory Deck: \$8,000.**

**\*Restricted Donation for Slurry  
Coat for Parking Lot: \$7,795.**

**\* Restricted donations**

Your donations are enabling us to continue paying our bills at St Anne's. Thank you!

Please note that you have three ways to contribute: 1) Place your donation in the collection basket or the secure locked box in the Narthex; 2) Mail it; or 3) Go to [www.stanneslo.org](http://www.stanneslo.org) and click on the Giving tab.

**May God bless your generosity to His Church!**

## OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

**Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church: +Janice Sawko by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: +Ann & Alex Sawko by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Icon of Jesus Christ: +Alex & Catharine Sawko by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Icon of the Theotokos: +Michael & Antonia Kozub by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Icon of St. Anne: +Ann & James O'Malley by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: +Sheryl Ibarra by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Icon of St. John the Baptist: +Neil & Velma Perry by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Icon of St. Nicholas: +Nicholas Sawko by Paul Sawko (10/14/23)**

**Oil Lamp Intentions:** The large "eternal" vigil oil lamps have a suggested offering of \$10 and will burn continuously from Sunday through Saturday. The other smaller oil lamps are each available for a suggested \$2 offering, which will burn for each Divine Liturgy for one week. The bulletin will remind your fellow parishioners of your special intention or loved one above. (These donations are probably not tax-deductible and are not included in your tax-deductible letter.) See narthex envelopes to sponsor a lamp. Make checks payable to **St. Anne Catholic Church.**

**Liturgy Intentions-Urgent:** For some time we have had a long backlog of Liturgy Intentions. We thank all those who waited patiently for their requested Liturgies to be celebrated. Several months ago, it was announced that we were about a year behind so people were encouraged to slow the pace of their requests. Now, we have the opposite problem. If we don't get some more Liturgy Intention requests in the next couple of weeks, we won't have any. If there are Liturgy Intentions you have been putting off due to the backlog, now is the time to turn in a blue Liturgy Intention request envelope found in the narthex. Thank you.

**Attention Moms and Kids:** Here is a great Byzantine resource for you: <https://www.byzimom.com/> with a corollary for kids: <https://www.byzimom.com/byzikids>

**Online Byzantine courses and resources:**


**Resource to prepare for each Sunday's Readings: God With Us Online,** <https://godwithusonline.org/catechetical-resources/ruthenian>, has created a tremendous opportunity to read and study the Gospels and Epistles before hearing them on Sundays. The site includes the weekly readings along with teaching resources and talking points to share with your children at each grade level. Everyone is encouraged to reflect on the readings using this excellent resource. Such preparation will make the Sunday readings much richer.

Another great website of Byzantine Catholic resources can be found at **Institute of Catholic Culture** at <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org>.

**Becoming Byzantine Online Series:** Check out [www.BecomingByzantine.net](http://www.BecomingByzantine.net) where you can watch the Study Series on the Christ Our Pascha Catechism, listen to the podcast version of this series, download new tools and resources, register for other series, and more!

### **Vocation Corner:**

“Therefore, be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.” Our Lord teaches us how to love one another in today's Gospel, taking us beyond our human understanding of only being good to those who do good to us. Monasticism and holy orders are special paths to give one's life to all people. Is this something that God may have in store for your life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE.** Join your community in peaceful, prayerful, vigil to protect life and end abortion. From Sept. 27 through November 5, you are invited to stand and peacefully pray for 1 hour per week during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 743 Pismo Street. Prayer is powerful...**Prayerful PRESENCE** is even more powerful!

For more information, please visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/san-luis-obispo> or contact Kirt or Katie Collins at (805) 801-5680 to reserve your hour. Be a voice for the voiceless!



## SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

**CONFESSIONS:** Check current bulletin. Also, by appointment.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** After the Holy Services in church before hospitalization. For emergencies, please call the parish office immediately.

**BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/EUCHARIST:** Must be arranged at least three months in advance.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE:** Must be arranged at least six months in advance.

**Special Collection for Priests' Medical Insurance:** This important special collection, to be taken up on Sunday, October 15, was instituted by the eparchy in 2017 because of the rising cost of medical coverage. Even though every parish pays a monthly premium to the eparchy for medical insurance, our premiums do not cover the entire cost of the insurance. As a result, the eparchy incurs a deficit each month. This special collection helps to reduce the severity of that deficit. Your donations each October are very helpful and very welcome, with 100% of the proceeds applied to offsetting the cost of medical insurance for our priests.

So PLEASE be generous. If writing a check, make it out to *St. Anne Catholic Church* and be sure to write "Medical Insurance" in the memo line. You may donate to this special collection through Sunday, November 12.

**Usher Training:** We would like all of our **adult acolytes** (adult altar servers) and as many **adult parishioner dads and other adult parishioners** as possible to be present for this **orientation class** taught by Roy Aguirre on **Sunday, October 29, from 12:30 to 1pm**. This will give time for us to eat at the Agape Meal (aka Coffee Social) which happens to also be a Potluck Sunday. The plan is that on Sundays in which our normal rotation of ushers is not available, we will first ask a couple of adult acolytes to serve as ushers that Sunday instead of at the altar. If even most of them are out of town, then we will ask two dads who are trained as ushers to serve that Sunday. It will therefore be rare that we need a dad of young children to help in this manner, but being trained in this capacity will keep everything running smoothly on such rare days.

### Safe Environment Info

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 USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents or concerns, please contact:

Sbdcn Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Program Coordinator

Cell: (480) 745-0316 -- Office: (602) 861-9778 ext. 203

Email: [sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org](mailto:sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org)

Dcn. Michael Hanafin, Victim Assistance Coordinator

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## Prayer Bouquet of Victory to the Theotokos All-night Vigil and Rosary Coast to Coast:

In this period of intense supplication, we offer these prayers as a spiritual bouquet to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Theotokos. We request that she pray to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring healing and conversion to our nation. In particular, with this event, we call to mind two powerful occasions of Our Lady's intervention.

First, it takes place shortly after the Solemn Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos, October 1. In the East, this feast commemorates the protection of the people of Constantinople from the Saracen invaders in the tenth century as they held an all-night vigil for her assistance.

Second, it takes place on the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, October 7. In the West, this commemorates the decisive victory of Christian Europe over the Ottoman Turks at the Battle of Lepanto in the sixteenth century, during which the faithful prayed the Rosary for the protection of Europe.

In a similar way, we are calling out to Our Lady to seek her intercession for our homeland. And, we offer this bouquet as one of victory, with the knowledge that, as Our Lady promised at Fatima, "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

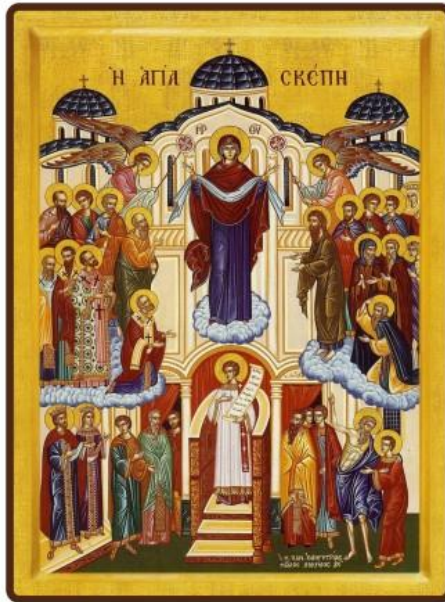
The Prayer Rule of the Theotokos: St. Seraphim of Sarov promoted and revived this prayer in the 19th century. It consists of 150 Angelic Salutations (similar to the Hail Mary) divided into 15 decades, like the Rosary. St. Seraphim's spiritual son, Fr. Zosima, says the Mother of God gave it to Christians in the 8th century, and it was at one time very popular. The Prayer Rule may be recited on a Chotki (Prayer Rope) or a Rosary.

All-Night Vigil: The entire Psalter (Book of Psalms) will be chanted or read during the vigil, with particular Psalms assigned to each hour. In the West, the 150 Hail Marys of the Rosary (in the traditional 15 decades) originally corresponded to the 150 Psalms, and the rosary was a way for the average layman to participate in the Psalms that the monks prayed daily.

Vigil sign-up: at least two people must register per hour. Sign up at [bit.ly/44YW0Eh](http://bit.ly/44YW0Eh) or use the QR code provided. Please note: Children and teens under age 18 are welcome and encouraged to join in the prayer. However, at least one parent or two unrelated adults must be present in the church while a minor or minors are present.



Contact Nicholas Brunet ([clausworks@zoho.com](mailto:clausworks@zoho.com), 661-576-4220) with questions.



## FRIDAY

**5pm:** Prayer Rule of the Theotokos  
*The Byzantine Rosary*

## DURING THE NIGHT

**6pm – 9am:** All-Night Vigil  
*The Psalter will be prayed during the vigil. See previous page for more info.*

## SATURDAY

**10am:** Divine Liturgy  
**11:15am:** Patriotic Rosary  
**12pm:** Paraklesis to the Mother of God