

# **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 26, 2023**



“He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God.” –*Luke 13:13*

## **St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church**

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Deacon John Bradley

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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.

<b>Saturday, November 25</b> Use handout	<b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	Sirach 18:1-14; Isaiah 29:13-24.
<b>Sunday, November 26</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Ephesians 5:9-19; Luke 13:10-17. <u>Tone 1</u>  <b>ECF classes</b>
<b>Monday, November 27</b> MCI or p. 379	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed	<b>Holy Martyr James the Persian</b> 1 Timothy 5:1-10; Luke 19:37-44.
<b>Tuesday, November 28</b> MCI or p. 379	<b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Mary Lynn Cihak by Fr. Michael	<b>Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger</b> 1 Timothy 5:11-21; Luke 19:45-48. Parish Office Open
<b>Wednesday, November 29</b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Third Hour and Emmanuel Moleben</b> Day of Alleluia	<b>Holy Martyrs Paramon and Philemon</b> 1 Timothy 5:22 - 6:11; Luke 20:1-8. Parish Office Open
<b>Thursday, November 30</b> MCI or p. 368	<b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Mary Magdalen Hernandez by Belinda Reyna <b>6 PM</b>	<b>Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-Called</b> 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:35-51. Parish Office Open <b>RCIA</b>
<b>Friday, December 1</b> Use handout	<b>5:30 PM Sixth Hour and Emmanuel Moleben</b> Day of Alleluia	<b>Holy Prophet Nahum</b> 2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18; Luke 20:19-26. Parish Office Open
<b>Saturday, December 2</b> MCI or p. 366  Use handout	Confessions: 9-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Katherine Bradley by James Rowen <b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	<b>Holy Prophet Habakkuk</b> Galatians 5:22 - 6:2; Luke 12:32-40. Parish Office Open  Deuteronomy 5:1-22; Sirach 31:1-7.
<b>Sunday, December 3</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM</b>	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 18:18-27. <u>Tone 2</u>  <b>ECF classes</b>

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

**RCIA classes almost every Thursday at 6pm.**  
Please contact Fr. Michael for more info and for the schedule

**Phillip's Fast**  
November 15 – December 24

**Wednesday, December 6: Nicholas of Myrna, Archbishop—Solemn Feast**

December 5 at 6:30pm—Great Vespers  
December 6 at **7:30am**—Festal Matins, 10am—Divine Liturgy

**Friday, December 8: Maternity of Holy Anna—Solemn Feast**

December 7 at 6:30pm—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy  
December 8 at 8am—Festal Matins, 10am—Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 10: St. Nicholas Potluck at 12pm (noon)**

**Movie Night: Gender Transformation—the Untold Realities**

Friday, January 26 at 7pm. See bulletin announcement

**2024 Liturgical Wall Calendars:** Please pick up a new Liturgical Wall Calendar in the narthex or social hall.



## 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.

**Birthdays:** November 26—Brenda Garcia

**Anniversaries:** [none]

**God grant them many blessed years!**

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

### November 19, 2023:

Total bank Deposit: \$5,606.75

Regular parish income: \$5,606.75

Tithes: \$3,740.

Building Fund: \$100.

Donations: \$853.75

Candles: \$63.

Bake Sale: \$343.

Gift Shop: \$157

Reimbursement for  
catechisms: \$350.

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: **[available]**

Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: **[available]**

Icon of Jesus Christ: **For vocations in the Eparchy of Phoenix by James Rowen (October 29 through December 2)**

Icon of the Theotokos: **Katherine Bradley by James Rowen (October 29 through December 2)**

Icon of St. Anne: **[available]**

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: **[available]**

Icon of St. John the Baptist: **[available]**

Icon of St. Nicholas: **[available]**

**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:** 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.)

**Bake Sale Volunteers requested:** If you would like to help with the baking of sweet rolls (Kolache), please contact Christina Aguirre at [rcaguirregang@gmail.com](mailto:rcaguirregang@gmail.com). Please bring a sack lunch and a drink to the baking day on Wednesday, November 29, at 9:30am.

**Financial Help Needed:** The exterior stucco project is going to cost more than is in our savings account. We only received all the bids after the exploratory work on November 16 and 17. Any extra donations toward this project will be greatly appreciated. The project aims at fixing water damage and preventing it from happening in the future. Please talk to Fr. Michael about how to prepare your donation if it is \$1,000 or more. We are applying for grants for this as well. Please pray we are able to be quickly awarded funds for this essential project. For more information on what will be done, please talk to Fr. Michael or any member of the Advisory Council.

### **Vocation Corner:**

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“Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!” As the Physician of souls and bodies, our Lord shows mercy to the woman who had an infirmity for eighteen years. His healing can restore any brokenness, and the life in Christ allows us to bring his healing to the world. Are you being called to do so through the priestly, diaconal, monastic or religious life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### **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  
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## Next Movie Night: Gender Transformation—The Untold Realities:

In today's world, many children and teenagers are experiencing a deep confusion about their identity as either male or female. Unfortunately, during such a delicate time for these boys and girls, many counselors, most public schools, and many doctors are pushing them to "transition" or "change" to a gender they were never born with. Finding themselves more depressed, this has led to permanent changes that they have regretted and cannot fully reverse. The underlying issues that brought a person to want to transition were not fixed by such a "change." **Come and watch this well-done, 1.5-hour docudrama at St. Anne's on Friday, January 26, at 7pm.** Feel free to bring snacks or a meal. A preview of the movie is available here:

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/gender-transformation-5280005> and the official website and another trailer can be found here:

<https://www.gendertransformation.com/>

Note: This movie is recommended for ages 16 and up.



## **Description from the Epoch Times of the docudrama, Gender Transformation—The Untold Realities:**

The transgender movement has recently gained national attention; from the recent controversy of big corporations like Budweiser and Target over their support for the transgender movement, to transgender competitors outperforming female athletes and male prisoners identifying as trans to transfer into female prisons. A new trend has emerged among children who are being taught at young ages that they can choose their own gender. What is behind the rise of the transgender movement today? And what are the implications on our children and youth?

Gender Transformation: The Untold Realities is an Epoch Original docudrama examining the complex issues surrounding transgenderism and youth. The film explores the roles played by the education system, medical and pharmaceutical industries, the financial interests behind the transgender movement, and the societal and political mechanisms at work.

The docudrama tells the real-life stories of several former transgender youth who started the gender transitioning process and their experiences at various stages of the journey through live interviews and re-enactments.

Experts interviewed in the film reveal the life-altering medical and psychological impacts of the experimental medication used, including the irreversible side effects of puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and surgeries that are not reported by the media.

Award-winning director Tobias Elvhage, whose most recent awards include Best Short Film at the 2023 LA Documentary Film Festival and Winner of the 2023 European Cinematography Awards, brings to light the untold realities and the implications of the transgender movement on our children and youth in this docudrama.

The courageous youth in Gender Transformation break through the silence and bring hope to other struggling children. Every one of their stories is powerful, important, and needs to be told.



## Byzantine Catholic Retreat and Pilgrimage to Guadalupe, Mexico:



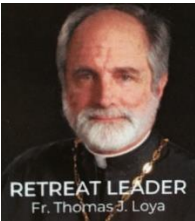
Join in celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, with an eight-day retreat and pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

\$3,250 per person, double occupancy  
April 20-27, 2024

### Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- Entrance fees as per scheduled visits
- Private Divine Liturgies and services
- Four-star hotels in historic districts
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Land travel in air-conditioned motor coach
- Pilgrim prayer pack
- All tips and gratuities

Journey with Retreat Leader, Fr. Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA who is a renowned speaker and host of Light of the East radio show heard on EWTN radio affiliates as well as Pilgrimage Leaders, Fr. Andrew Summerson and his wife, Laura Ieraci, who have been serving at St. Mary Church in Whiting since 2018 and have led three other pilgrimages.



Highlights will include the historic district of Mexico City, museums, a Melkite Greek Cathedral, pyramids, a miraculous spring, Divine Liturgy at a Ruthenian Catholic Church, preaching on Eastern Catholic Marian theology and devotion; time for prayer, Confession, and

rosary; Divine Liturgy on the grounds of the fifth apparition of Mary to Juan Diego, and, of course, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City where the miraculous tilma of our Lady of Guadalupe is enshrined.

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