

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 3, 2023



St. Nicholas of Myra—December 6



Maternity of the Holy Anna—December 8

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

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.

<i>Saturday, December 2</i>	5 PM Great Vespers	Deuteronomy 5:1-22; Sirach 31:1-7.
<i>Sunday, December 3</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM 9:30 AM Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM	<i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 18:18-27. <u>Tone 2</u> ECF classes
<i>Monday, December 4</i> MCI or p. 391	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed	<i>Holy Great Martyr Barbara</i> <i>Venerable Father John of Damascus</i> 2 Timothy 2:20-26; Luke 20:27-44.
<i>Tuesday, December 5</i> Use handout MCI or p. 275	Parish Office Open 6:30 PM Great Vespers	<i>Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (Vigil, Solemn Feast)</i> Proverbs 10:7, 6, 3:13-16, 8:34-35, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9, 1:23 & 15:4; Proverbs 10:31-32, 11:1-2, 4, 3 & 5-12; Wisdom 4:7-15.
<i>Wednesday, December 6</i> Use handout MCI or p. 274	7:30 AM Festal Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners	<i>Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, The Wonderworker (Solemn Feast)</i> Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23.
<i>Thursday, December 7</i> Use handout MCI or p. 277	6:30 PM Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy Mary Lynn Cihak by Fr. Michael Parish Office Open	<i>Maternity of Holy Anna (Vigil, Solemn Feast)</i> Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. No RCIA because of Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy
<i>Friday, December 8</i> Use handout MCI or p. 277	8 AM Festal Matins Confessions: 9:15-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners	<i>Maternity of Holy Anna (Solemn Feast)</i> Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21.
<i>Saturday, December 9</i> MCI or p. 376 Use handout	Confessions: 9-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Delia Lee by Belinda Reyna 5 PM Great Vespers	<i>Venerable Father Patapius</i> Ephesians 1:16-23; Luke 13:18-29. Parish Office Open Numbers 12:1-15; 2 Kings 5:1-19.
<i>Sunday, December 10</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM 9:30 AM Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM	<i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i> Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19. <u>Tone 3</u> St. Nicholas Potluck

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

No RCIA this week because of Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy.

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

Monday, December 25: Birth of Our Lord—(Holy Day of Obligation)

December 24 at 7pm—Great Vespers

December 25 at 10am—Divine Liturgy

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/CH

RISMATION/EUCHARIST: Must be arranged at least three months in advance.

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

Birthdays: December 4—Tad Tompkins; December 4—Thomas Vigliotti;
 December 6—Donna Snead; December 7—Carmen M.; December 8—Rob Chasuk
Anniversaries: December 8—Anthony & Clare Thomas
God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

November 26, 2023:

Total bank Deposit: \$3,092.24

Regular parish income: \$3,067.24

Tithes: \$1,505.

Building Fund: \$660.

Donations: \$510.

Candles: \$84.

Thanksgiving: \$60.

Christmas Flowers: \$10.

Bake Sale: \$102.

***Religious Retirement**

Fund: \$25.

Gift Shop: \$30.

**Reimbursed for Nov. 5
 sub. priest travel: \$106.24**

* Special collections initiated
 by the Eparchy do not count
 as income to the parish.

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 and
 click on the Giving tab.

May God bless your generosity to His Church!

Vocation Corner:

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Christ our God, we thank you for your supreme gift of your life for us which shows us how to
 enter the kingdom of God. We pray and beseech you to give your Church a rich abundance of
 vocations to the priesthood, diaconate in Christ and monastic orders so that your Church may
 thrive and bring your life to the world, we pray you hear and have mercy.

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

Dcn. Michael Hanafin, Victim Assistance Coordinator

Cell: (480) 307-5182 -- Email: vac@ephx.org

OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church: [available]

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

Icon of Jesus Christ: [available]

Icon of the Theotokos: [available]

Icon of St. Anne: [available]

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: [available]

Icon of St. John the Baptist: José González (12/3/2023-3/9/2024)

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.)

Three Conceptions: On December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna. This is one of three conceptions we celebrate over the course of the Church year. Only Jesus has a perfect nine-month period between the celebration of His conception (March 25) and birth (December 25). The feast of John the Forerunner's birth is June 24; hence, it is separated by nine months and one day from the Feast of the Conception of John the Baptist (September 23). The Mother of God's, the Immaculate Conception, is celebrated on December 9, and her birth on September 8; hence, nine months minus one day. Only here in the United States do we celebrate Mary's conception on December 8 to share the feast with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters since Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of our country.

Retirement Fund for Religious Special Collection: This annual collection will be taken up on Sunday, December 10. Please be generous to support this worthy cause. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 17.

Betrothal Service: On Sunday, December 10, James Rowen and Katherine Bradley will have a betrothal service at the beginning of Divine Liturgy. These are beautiful prayers which will include explanation about rings. Betrothals are part of our ancient Byzantine Tradition which are often done on the same day of the wedding but which are more properly done several weeks or months before the wedding as is the case for them.



Thank you to our Kolache bakers!

This week, Genevieve, Bernadette, Christina, Katherine, Stephanie, Clare, Daniel, Paula, Daniel, Peggy, Caroline, Carmen, Gabrielle, and Richard came and made Kolache (sweet rolls) for our bake sale. (Hope I didn't miss anybody). Thank you to them for all their

work and for keeping these traditional ethnic foods alive in our parish.

A clean church is a happy church: We are looking for a backup person or team to volunteer to clean the church when our regular volunteer who cleans our church is sick or out of town. It will be a big relief to him to know he's got backup. If you can help by being that person or team, please let Fr. Michael know. ☺

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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes:

11 days: October 15-25, 2024

Lisbon + Fatima + Santiago de Compostela + Salamanca + Avila



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