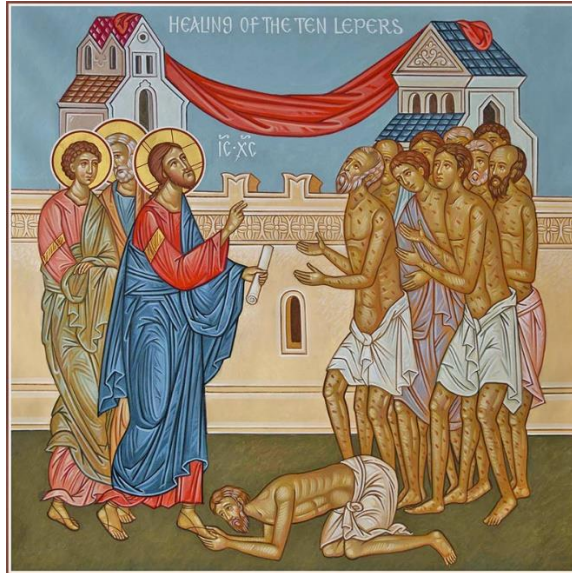


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 10, 2023



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?"

—Luke 17:17

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.

Sat., Dec. 9	5 PM Great Vespers	Numbers 12:1-15; 2 Kings 5:1-19.
Sunday, December 10 Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19. <u>Tone 3</u> St. Nicholas Potluck
Monday, December 11 MCI or p. 376	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed	Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Mark 8:11-21.
Tuesday, December 12 Use handout MCI or p. 358	7 AM Divine Liturgy José González by Belinda Reyna	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Holy Day) Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 1:39-56. Parish Office Open
Wednesday, December 13 Use handout MCI or p. 381	7 AM Divine Liturgy Bishop Robert Pipta by Fr. Michael	Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 21:12-19. Parish Office Open
Thursday, December 14 Use handout MCI or p. 381	7 AM Ninth Hour and Emmanuel Moleben Parish Office Open 6 PM	Holy Martyrs Thrysus, Leucas, Philemon, Appolonius and Callinicus Hebrews 7:1-6; Mark 9:10-16. RCIA
Friday, December 15 Use handout MCI or p. 383	Confessions: 4:30-5 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy Lucia Cruz & Dominic Cruz by Nicole & Nic Vanherweg (re-scheduled from 10/12/23)	Holy Martyr Eleutherius Hebrews 7:18-25; Mark 9:33-41. Parish Office Open
Saturday, December 16 MCI or p. 366 Use handout	Confessions: 9-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Deacon Thomas Donlin by Fr. Michael 5 PM Great Vespers	Holy Prophet Haggai Ephesians 2:11-13; Luke 14:1-11. Parish Office Open Judges 13:1-5, 24-25, 14:1-20; Isaiah 25:1-9.
Sunday, December 17 Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM	SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24. <u>Tone 4</u> ECF classes

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

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

Phillip's Fast
November 15 – December 24

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

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

December 24 at 7pm—Great Vespers
December 25 at 10am—Divine Liturgy

Movie Night: Gender Transformation—the Untold Realities

Friday, January 26 at 7pm.

Birthdays: December 10—Samantha Baron and Katherine Bradley; December 11—Clara Galanti;
December 14—Genevieve Aguirre

Anniversaries: December [none]

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

<p>December 3, 2023: Total bank Deposit: \$5,306. Regular parish income: \$5,086.</p>	<p>Tithes: \$1,940. Building Fund: \$1,210. Donations: \$686. Christmas Flowers: \$145. Candles: \$67. *Religious Retirement Fund: \$220.</p>	<p>Bake Sale: \$20. Gift Shop: \$18. Stucco Repair: \$1,000. * Special collections initiated by the Eparchy do not count as income to the parish.</p>
<p>November 2023</p>	<p>Online Donation: \$308.55 Online Donation: \$101.</p>	<p>Total online deposits for November: \$409.55 Total online parish income for November: \$409.55</p>

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!

House Blessings: Please see bulletin insert for sign-up sheet which is due December 31.

New Sunday Social Reimbursement Form: In trying to create a simple system for reimbursements for the Sunday Social, we thought it would be easier not to have a form. However, we are finding it would be simpler to have a form for you to fill out and attach your receipts and put it in a box for us to process the following week or two. For simplicity, we want to make sure it is one person getting reimbursed and not multiple people so if a team prepared the food and different people made purchases, please just make one reimbursement form with one person to reimburse (You can then spread out the money as needed in your team.) The maximum we will reimburse is \$100 per social which is our budget. We need the form with receipts no later than four weeks after the Social took place. Just sign and date the form and submit it. The pastor will sign and date it later. Thank you so much!

OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church: [\[available\]](#)

Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: [\[available\]](#)

Icon of Jesus Christ:

Vocations to the Eparchy of Phoenix by James Rowen (12/10/2023-12/30/2023)

Icon of the Theotokos: Katherine Bradley by James Rowen (12/10/2023-12/30/2023)

Icon of St. Anne: Gloria Norris by Belinda Reyna (12/10/2023-1/6/2024)

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: Rodney Gills by Belinda Reyna (12/10/2023-1/6/2024)

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

Icon of St. Nicholas: Nicholas Brunet by Genevieve Aguirre (12/10/2023-12/16/2023)

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

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.

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:

Sbden Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Program Coordinator

Cell: (480) 745-0316 -- Office: (602) 861-9778 ext. 203; Email: sbdenkilroy@ephx.org

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2024 House Blessing Sign-Up

Name: _____

I/we live in the following region:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paso Robles/Templeton | <input type="checkbox"/> Avila/Five Cities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atascadero | <input type="checkbox"/> South Arroyo Grande/Nipomo/Santa Maria |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Los Osos/Morro Bay/Cayucos/Cambria | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLO/Edna | |

My/our home address (required): _____

Phone number (required): _____

Email address (required if you have one): _____

House blessings typically start about 3pm on weekdays and 4pm on Sundays for a grouped region. On the calendar below, put an X on the dates that **WILL NOT** work for your schedule. (You may also circle desired dates if you wish.) Please be as flexible as possible.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

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I am willing to host a potluck for our group at the end of the evening (usually about 6 or 6:30pm):
Yes___ No___

Limited availability (such as, only available after 4:30pm on certain days): _____

RSVP deadline is Sunday, December 31, 2023 by handing it to Fr. Michael or sending him a scan of this via email: stanneslo@gmail.com

House Blessing in the Eastern Catholic Tradition

After Theophany every year, parish households are invited to ask the priest to visit their home* and sprinkle it with Holy Water that was blessed during the Feast. This is a beautiful tradition. House blessing transforms a dwelling into a domestic church. House blessing drives away evil spirits, repels threats, and brings holiness and peace into the heart of the home.

*The home could be an RV, an apartment, or a house.

What to do during your house blessing

- The head of the household greets the priest with a lighted candle at the door of the home.
- The priest says, “Christ is baptized.” The family replies, “Glorify Him” or “In the Jordan.”
- The person with the lighted candle leads the priest to the home’s icon corner (see description below) where the priest begins the blessing prayers.
- The priest, led by the person holding the lighted candle, blesses each room of the home with holy water.
- If this is the first time a Byzantine Catholic priest is blessing your home, he will also anoint four walls with blessed olive oil tracing the sign of the cross. These walls should ideally be outside facing walls and one should be facing east, another west, another north, and another south. Traditionally, a small lighted candle such as a tea votive is placed near each spot where the walls were anointed.
- The priest ends with final prayers in front of the icon corner.
- Priest and family talk informally. Sometimes the householder gives him a snack or meal.
- The blessing usually lasts from 15-30 minutes.

How to create an “icon corner”

The “icon corner” is an area in a public part of the house (often the living room) where the family displays its holy images. It could be the wall or a corner of the room and ideally should be facing east. It is a domestic shrine. The central images are usually icons of Christ, the Holy Theotokos (Mary, the Mother of God), and a crucifix. In addition, people often add other icons, statues, and holy cards.

How to prepare your icon corner for house blessing

Set up a table, big or small, in front of the sacred images, and put a white cloth on it. This serves as an altar for the priest when he comes into the home. On this table the priest will place his crucifix and other items, and he will lead the prayers while standing in front of the table facing the icons.

How to organize a house blessing group

Two to five households that live fairly close to each other can organize a house blessing group – so that the priest blesses each of their houses in turn. Afterwards, the group members usually gather with the priest in the final home to share a (potluck) meal. The benefits of a group house blessing are that it’s more convenient for the priest to bless several houses on the same day, and neighboring families get to know each other better.