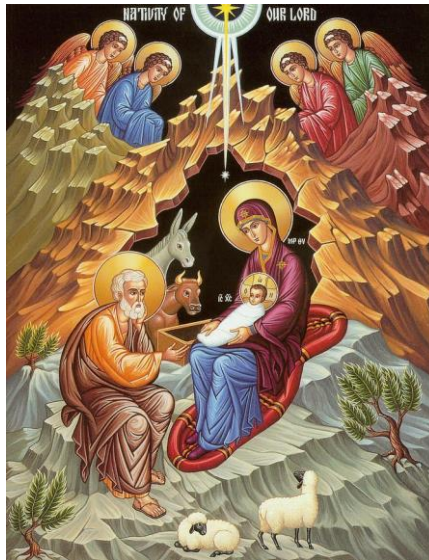


SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
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December 24, 2023
December 31, 2023



"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
—*Luke 2:14*

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

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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 23</i>	5 PM Great Vespers Use handout	Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21.
<i>Sunday, December 24</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 7 PM Great Vespers (Fulfills day of obligation for Byzantines)	<i>SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS</i> Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25. <u>Tone 5</u> Genesis 1:1-13; Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18; Micah 4:6-7, 5:2-4; Isaiah 11:1-10; Baruch 3:35 - 4:4; Daniel 2:31-46, 44-45; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:10-16, 8:1-4, 9-10.
<i>Monday, December 25</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners	<i>CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST</i> <i>(Holy Day of Obligation).</i> Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12.
<i>Tuesday, December 26</i> Use handout	Confessions: 9-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners	<i>SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS</i> <i>(Solemn Holy Day)</i> Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23. Parish Office Closed
<i>Wednesday, December 27</i> MCI	7 AM Divine Liturgy Ardis Thorarensen by KT	<i>FEAST DAY OF HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN</i> Acts 6:8 - 7:5, 47-60; Matthew 21:33-42.
<i>Thursday, December 28</i>	No liturgical services today. No RCIA this week Parish office closed	<i>Holy 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia</i> James 1:19-27; Mark 11:27-33.
<i>Friday, December 29</i> MCI	Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy Deacon Thomas Donlin by Fr. Michael (rescheduled from 12/20/2023)	<i>The Holy Innocents Killed by Herod in Bethlehem</i> James 2:1-13; Mark 12:1-12. Parish Office Open
<i>Saturday, December 30</i> MCI Use handout	Confessions: 9-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Healing & Prosperity for Family Members by Remy & Genevieve Cruz 5 PM Great Vespers	<i>Saturday after Christmas</i> <i>Holy Martyr Anysia</i> 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21. Parish Office Open Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11; Jeremiah 31:15-20.

<p><i>Sunday,</i> December 31 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners</p> <p>4 PM Great Vespers</p>	<p>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23. <u>Tone 6</u></p> <p>Genesis 17:1-2, 4-7, 3, 9-12, 14; Proverbs 8:22-30; Proverbs 10:31-32, 11:2, 4, 3, 5-12.</p>
<p><i>Monday,</i> January 1, 2024 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners</p>	<p>GREAT FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND FEAST OF ST. BASIL Colossians 2:8-12; Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; Luke 6:17-23.</p>
<p><i>Tuesday,</i> January 2</p>	<p>No liturgical services today. Parish office closed</p>	<p>Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome 1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5; Mathew 3:1-11.</p>
<p><i>Wednesday,</i> January 3</p>	<p>No liturgical services today. Parish office closed</p>	<p>Holy Prophet Malachi 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8.</p>
<p><i>Thursday,</i> January 4 MCI</p>	<p>7 AM Divine Liturgy Priests of the Eparchy of Phoenix by Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak No RCIA this week</p>	<p>Synaxis of the Holy 70 Apostles Romans 8:8-14; Luke 10:1-15. Parish Office Open</p>
<p><i>Friday,</i> January 5 Use handouts</p>	<p>9 AM Royal Hours</p> <p>Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy with The Great Blessing of Water Intention: For Parishioners (Fulfills day of obligation) Parish Office Open 7 PM All-Night Vigil</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-10; Acts 13:25-33; Matthew 3:1-6; Isaiah 1:16-20; Acts 19:1-8; Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 12:3-6; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 1:9-15; Isaiah 49:8-15; Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17.</p> <p>Genesis 1:1-13; Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29; Exodus 15:22 - 16:1; Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17; 2[4] Kings 2:6-14; 2[4] Kings 5:9-14; Isaiah 1:16-20; Genesis 32:1-10; Exodus 2:5-10; Judges 6:36-40; 1[3] Kings 18:30-39; 2[4] Kings 2:19-22; Isaiah 49:8-15.</p>
<p><i>Saturday,</i> January 6 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Katherine Bradley by James Rowen</p> <p>5 PM Great Vespers</p>	<p>Theophany of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17.</p> <p>Isaiah 9:1-7; Jonah 3:1-10.</p>
<p><i>Sunday,</i> January 7 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners</p> <p>1:30 PM Blessing of the Water at Avila Beach</p>	<p>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17. <u>Tone 7</u></p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

No RCIA on December 28 or January 4.

RCIA classes meet almost every Thursday at 6pm.

Please contact Fr. Michael for more info and for the schedule.

Christmas: Birth of Our Lord—(Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, December 24, at 7pm—Great Vespers

Monday, December 25, at 10am—Divine Liturgy

Synaxis of the Theotokos—(Solemn Holy Day)

Tuesday, December 26, at 10am—Divine Liturgy

Circumcision of Our Lord (Solemn Holy Day)

Sunday, December 31, at 4pm—Great Vespers

Monday, January 1, at 10am—Divine Liturgy

Theophany of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, January 5, at 9am—Royal Hours

Friday, January 5, at 5:30pm—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy

All-Night Vigil signup-- <https://signup.com/go/WmZJouN>

Saturday, January 6, at 10am—Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 7, at 10am—Divine Liturgy for the Sunday after Theophany

Sunday, January 7, at 1:30pm—The Great Blessing of Water. Meet at Avila Beach Pier.

Movie Night: Gender Transformation—the Untold Realities

Friday, January 26 at 7pm.

Birthdays: December 26—Joseph Baron; December 29—Bridgette Vanherweg;

January 2—Will Vigliotti; January 5—Jim Snead; January 6—Abby C.

Anniversaries: December 26—John & Tiffany Jacobson

God grant them many blessed years!

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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SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 17, 2023:

Total bank Deposit: \$2,619.80

Regular parish income: \$2,559.80

Tithes: \$1,786.20

Building Fund: \$200.

Donations: \$431.60

Flowers: \$55.

Candles: \$16.

Gift Shop: \$71.

*Religious Retirement

Fund: \$60.

* 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!

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 Jesus Christ:

Katherine Bradley and James Rowen by Genevieve Aguirre (12/31/2023-1/6/2024)

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

Icon of the Theotokos: **Fiona Curley by Genevieve Aguirre (12/31/2023-1/6/2024)**

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: **Socorro Gonzales (12/17/2023-1/13/2024)**

House Blessings: It's time to schedule your house blessing. Every year the priest blesses the homes of parishioners who want this during the period after Theophany on January 6 until before the Great Fast begins (on February 12, 2024). This is an annual Byzantine Catholic Tradition. If you would like Fr. Michael to bless your home, please return a form (found in the narthex or social hall) no later than Sunday, December 31.

Saying goodbye to the Baron Family: A long-time family is departing for Tennessee at the beginning of January. We wish the Baron Family well on this new chapter of their lives. Your last day to say goodbye is December 31.

Christmas collection envelope: This year we are not selecting a special charity to give 10 or 20% of our Christmas collection to because we are the charity this year. Our stucco expenses are big and so we are applying as much of our donations to it as possible. In fact, we would prefer that instead of putting money into the Christmas envelope, you put that same money into the Building Fund envelope or write “Stucco Fund” or “Building Fund” on a blank envelope and put money into that. Thank you!

Vocations Corner:

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, OF THE ANCESTORS – December 24th, 2023

“They shall call his name Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” The presence of God is seen through the salvation foretold in the Old Covenant, and is revealed through the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, Emmanuel. Our own lives can manifest the presence of God when we live according to our vocations. Are you being called to show God’s presence as a priest, deacon, subdeacon monk or nun?

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. MEMORY OF THE HOLY AND JUST JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY; OF DAVID, PROPHET AND KING; AND OF THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD – December 31st, 2023

“Out of Egypt I have called my son.” The righteous Joseph the betrothed was faithful to his calling, protecting Jesus and the Theotokos by journeying to Egypt and returning to Nazareth. Our Lord calls each one of us out of the spiritual Egypt of our lives so that we may live in the promised land meant for our lives. Is he calling you to a life of holy orders or monasticism? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

THEOPHANY (Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord): The feast of Theophany is historically considered an even more exalted and higher feast day than Christmas. At the vigil, Fr. Michael blesses 10 gallons of water, which usually last about a year. We will have a Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm on Friday, January 5, and another Divine Liturgy at 10am on Friday, January 6.

Bring your bottle or jar to fill with Holy Water: Every year, the Great Blessing of Holy Water takes place during the feast of Theophany at the vigil. Come bring empty bottles or jars.

Great Blessing of Water: This year Fr. Michael will bless the water at Avila Beach on Sunday, January 7, at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome to meet at the Avila Beach Pier.

The Feast of the Theophany

The feast of the Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is part of the cycle of winter feasts that are sometimes called the "Feasts of Light". These feasts -- the Nativity, Theophany, and Meeting - have a common focus: the coming of the Messiah into the world, and the beginning of His work of redemption.

This feast is celebrated on January 6, and is counted one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the church. In the Byzantine Catholic Church, it is a holyday of obligation.

Meaning of the Feast

Theophany is very much a multi-faceted feast; among its many themes:

- The coming of the Savior as "enlightenment" and "revelation"
- Baptism - the cleansing of sin by water and the Spirit
- The regeneration of the natural world by the Savior's coming
- The revelation of the Holy Trinity

Source: https://mci.archpitt.org/liturgy/Theophany_1.html



Theophany of Our Lord

All-Night Vigil

Friday, January 5, 2024 –
Saturday, January 6, 2024

Friday, January 5

Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM

Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy with The Great Blessing of Water: 5:30pm
(Fulfills day of obligation)

(Readings: Genesis 1:1-13; Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29; Exodus 15:22 - 16:1; Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17; 2[4] Kings 2:6-14; 2[4] Kings 5:9-14; Isaiah 1:16-20; Genesis 32:1-10; Exodus 2:5-10; Judges 6:36-40; 1[3] Kings 18:30-39; 2[4] Kings 2:19-22; Isaiah 49:8-15.)

During the Night:

8:00pm – 9am: All-Night Vigil

The Psalter will be prayed during the vigil. See below for more information.

Saturday, January 6

Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy for the Theophany of our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation: 10am

(Readings: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17.)

This all-night vigil will be a period of intense supplication on this Great Feast of Theophany. We will be praying through the Book of Psalms during the night. Half of each hour will be spent praying the Psalter while the other half will be silent contemplative prayer for participants.

Vigil sign-up: at least two people must register per hour. 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.

Please sign up for the All-Night Vigil at: <https://signup.com/go/WmZJouN>