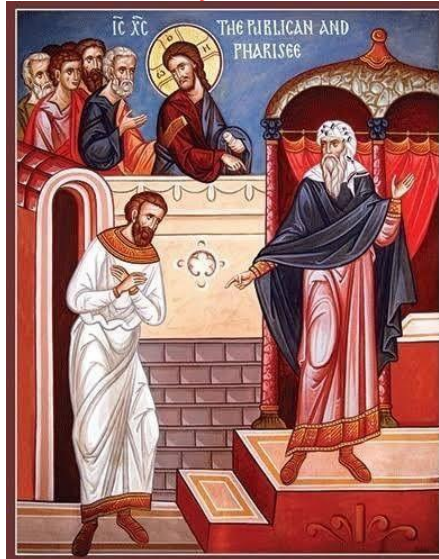


SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

January 21, 2024



Jesus said, "...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." –*Luke 18:14*

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

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, January 20</i>	5 PM Great Vespers Use handout	Sirach 3:17-27; Sirach 10:7-18.
<i>Sunday, January 21</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM 12:30 – 1:15 PM Teaching Your Kids Street Smarts	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE</i> 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14. <u>Tone 1</u> ECF classes Presenter Rebecca Prewett
<i>Monday, January 22</i>	No liturgical services today. Parish office closed	<i>Holy Apostle Timothy</i> 2 Peter 1:20 - 2:9; Mark 13:9-13.
<i>Tuesday, January 23</i> MCI Menaion	7 AM Divine Liturgy +Patrick Romero by John & Kathleen Barlow	<i>Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra</i> 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23. Parish Office Open
<i>Wednesday, January 24</i> MCI Menaion	7 AM Divine Liturgy Ardis Thorarensen by KT Parish Office Open	<i>Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome</i> 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31.
<i>Thursday, January 25</i>	No liturgical services today. Parish office closed No RCIA	<i>Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople</i> 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; John 10:9-16.
<i>Friday, January 26</i> MCI Menaion	Confessions: 4:00-4:30 PM 5:00 PM Divine Liturgy Priests of the Eparchy of Phoenix by Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak ~6:15 PM Pizza 7 PM Movie Night	<i>Venerable Father Xenophon and His Wife Mary</i> 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9. Parish Office Open Gender Transformation—the Untold Realities
<i>Saturday, January 27</i> MCI Menaion Use handout	Confessions: 9-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Dorothy A. Pecovish by Jonas Sturas 5 PM Great Vespers	<i>Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom</i> Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; John 10:9-16. Parish Office Open Isaiah 55:1-7; Hosea 14:1-9.
<i>Sunday, January 28</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</i> 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32. <u>Tone 2</u> ECF classes

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

No RCIA on January 25 and February 1

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

January 21--Teaching Your Kids Street Smarts in Today's World

Sunday, January 21, at 12:30 PM. Presenter Rebecca Prewett (see bulletin announcement)

January 26—Movie Night: Gender Transformation—The Untold Realities

Friday, January 26, Divine Liturgy at **5 PM** followed by pizza at about 6:15PM and movie at 7 PM.

January 30: THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: (Simple Feast)

Tuesday, January 30, at 7 AM—Divine Liturgy

February 2: MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA: (Solemn Feast)

Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 PM—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy;

Friday, February 2, at 10 AM—Divine Liturgy

Next Late-Night Vigil: Feb. 2-3

Friday, February 2, at 7 PM to Saturday, February 3, at 9 AM.

See bulletin announcement below for more information and sign-up link.

First All Souls Saturday

Saturday, February 3, at 10 AM—Divine Liturgy

Meat-Fare Potluck

Sunday, February 4, after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy

February 12: FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Monday, February 12, at 6:30pm—Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Birthdays: [none]

Anniversaries: [none]

God grant them many blessed years!

Vocations Corner:

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – January 21, 2024

“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” The Publican prayed simply for mercy, and our Byzantine prayer services begin with these simple words. Do you want to receive and share this mercy by giving your life to prayer as a religious, monastic, priest or deacon? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

January 14, 2024:

Total bank Deposit: \$3,755.52

Parish income: \$3,705.52

Tithes: \$1,320.

Building Fund: \$160.

Donations: \$797.

Candles: \$63.

Bake Sale: \$10.

Restricted for rectory skirting: \$1,355.52

* Eparchial Appeal: \$50.

* These are special collections initiated by the Eparchy and 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: **Robert Reyna by Belinda Reyna (1/7/2024-2/3/2024)**

Icon of the Theotokos: **Edward Reyna by Belinda Reyna (1/7/2024-2/3/2024)**

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

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

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

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

Stucco Grant: Our temporary Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Kurt has approved our application for a \$30,000 grant to help with our stucco project. This money from our Eparchy combined with your generous donations and the grant money from the San Luis Obispo Knights of Columbus council brings us much closer to paying for all of our stucco expenses! Thank you to all those who have donated to this much-needed project. Special thanks go to parishioners Belinda Reyna and Clare Thomas who worked to prepare the grant request.

Presentation for Parents—Teaching Your Kids Basic Street Smarts in Today’s

World: Parishioner Rebecca Prewett is giving us a great opportunity to equip our children in today’s world. She will talk about recognizing and avoiding danger, preventing manipulation, and maintaining our children’s innocence. Rebecca comes with experience teaching self-defense at a martial arts dojo for over ten years. This will take place on Sunday, January 21, from 12:30 to 1:15pm and the audience is restricted to parents and adults.

Meat is allowed this Friday: The week after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is free from fasting and abstinence. We’ll be able to enjoy meat on our pizza on the movie night Friday, January 26.

Next Men’s meeting on February 20

Our first men’s meeting on January 16 was a great success! Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 6pm in the parish social hall.

CREATE YOUR LIST OF NAMES--All Souls Saturdays

In the Byzantine Tradition, we pray Memorial Divine Liturgies five times a year for the souls of our Faithful Departed. These All Souls Saturdays occur on the Saturday before Meat-fare Sunday (this year Feb. 4), three Saturdays during the Great Fast (Lent), and the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. This year we will only observe the First, Third, and Fifth All Souls Saturdays due to holy day conflicts on the Second and Fourth All Souls Saturdays.

During the All Souls Saturdays services, the priest prays for your deceased loved ones by name. This year, we will have a different format. Rather than turning in your names by email or on a donation stipend envelope, Fr. Michael will pray for your deceased loved ones for each All Souls Saturday you attend. Just bring a list of your names with you and hand them to him before the All Souls Divine Liturgy begins. This way, your deceased loved ones will receive not only your pastor’s prayers, but your prayers as well. This means that if you want your deceased loved ones to receive prayer from Fr. Michael at all of the All Souls Saturdays, you will need to attend all three this year. Just bring your list with you each time. (Please try to limit your list to about thirty names. Feel free to bring a different list each time if you have a lot more names.)

Meat-fare Potluck: There will be a potluck on Sunday, February 4, after the 10am Divine Liturgy in honor of the last day of eating meat before the Great Fast (Lent) begins.

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

Den. Michael Hanafin, Victim Assistance Coordinator

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



Late-Night Vigil

Friday, February 2, 2024 –
Saturday, February 3, 2024

Friday, February 2

No evening Confessions and no evening Divine Liturgy due to the 10am Divine Liturgy for the Feast that morning.

During the Night:

7:00pm – 9am: Late-Night Vigil

Saturday, February 3

Confessions: 9-9:30am

First All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy at 10am

This late-night vigil will be a period of intense supplication. 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.

First All Souls Saturday – Please bring a list of no more than 30 deceased loved ones to the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, February 3. Your loved ones will be prayed for by name for those in attendance who bring a list.

Vigil sign-up: We need at least two people each hour. Please sign up for the earliest hour that does not yet have two people signed up. For example, do not sign up for 2am if 7pm -11pm does not have at least 2 people 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.

Sign-up link for the Late-Night Vigil:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/852903882053/true#/invitation>



From February 14 through March 24, you are invited to stand and peacefully pray

for one hour per week during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 743 Pismo Street. What better way to honor our Lord during Lent than to peacefully pray for the protection of the innocent unborn and their parents?

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!
40daysforlife.com

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.** Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 5 PM followed by a pizza dinner about 6 PM. 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.