

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
January 28, 2024



“...this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.” –*Luke 15:24*

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.

Saturday, January 27	5 PM Great Vespers Use handout	Isaiah 55:1-7; Hosea 14:1-9.
Sunday, January 28 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
Monday, January 29	No liturgical services today. Parish office closed Meat-fare Week	<i>Translation of the Relics of Holy Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch</i> 1 John 2:18 - 3:10; Mark 11:1-11.
Tuesday, January 30 MCI Menaion	7 AM Divine Liturgy +Patrick Romero by John & Kathleen Barlow: rescheduled from 1/23/24 since 1/16/24 intention was repeated by accident.	<i>Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom</i> Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19. Parish Office Open
Wednesday, January 31 MCI Menaion	7 AM Divine Liturgy Ardis Thorarensen by KT Parish Office Open	<i>Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers Cyrus and John</i> 1 John 3:21 - 4:6; Mark 14:43 - 15:1.
Thursday, February 1 Use handout	5:30 – 6:00 PM Confessions 6 PM No RCIA 6:30 PM Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy Priests of the Eparchy of Phoenix by Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak	<i>Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Simeon & Anna (Vigil, Solemn Feast)</i> Exodus 12:51; 13:1-3, 10-12, 14-16; 22:29; Leviticus 12:1-4, 6-8; Numbers 8:17; Isaiah 6:1-12; Isaiah 19:1-5, 12, 16, 19-21. Parish Office Open
Friday, February 2 Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 7 PM Late-Night Vigil	<i>MEETING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON & ANNA (Solemn Feast)</i> Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40.
Saturday, February 3 MCI Menaion Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Deceased loved ones submitted for prayer. Parish Office Open 4 PM Great Vespers	<i>Synaxis of Holy Prophets Simeon and Anna First All Souls Saturday</i> 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36; John 5:24-30. Isaiah 26:20 - 27:13; Joel 1:13 - 2:13.
Sunday, February 4 Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners	<i>SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE</i> 1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2; Matthew 25:31-46. <u>Tone 3</u> After Divine Liturgy: Meat-Fare Potluck Sunday

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

RCIA

No RCIA February 1 due to conflict with Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy

RCIA classes meet almost every Thursday at 6 PM.

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

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

See bulletin announcement below for more information.

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

Parish Men's Group monthly meeting

Third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in Social Hall (February 20)

After half-hour meeting, further fraternity at a local restaurant.

Birthdays: [none]

Anniversaries: [none]

God grant them many blessed years!

Vocations Corner: SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – January 28, 2024

“All that is mine is yours.” The merciful Father welcomed the Prodigal Son and showed love to his brother when he questioned that profound love which gave all that was his to his children. Are you open to share that love of the Father by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or monastic life? If so, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

January 21, 2024:

Total bank Deposit: \$1,474.

Parish income: \$1,474.

Tithes: \$615.
Building Fund: \$115.
Donations: \$592.
Candles: \$26.

Holy Day, Circumcision: \$75.
Bake Sale: \$10.
Gift Shop: \$41.

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: **Carly Norris by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-2/24/2024)**

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: **+Jane Reyna by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-2/24/2024)**

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

Icon of St. Nicholas: **Scott Priester by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-2/24/2024)**

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.

Year-end letters: The year-end tax letters are now available in the narthex for everyone who donated in 2023. If you have any questions about your letter and details, please contact Fr. Michael. Registered parishioners will also have a financial report of the parish for the year 2023. Thank you very much for your generosity in 2023!

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

Get your list of names together. Read previous bulletins or the Late-Night Vigil announcement for more information.

Time to use up any meat you have on hand: Byzantine Catholics begin the Great Fast (Lent) two days earlier than Roman Catholics because the period of paschal preparation is structured differently in the two traditions. Byzantine Catholics have two major fasting periods in preparation for Pascha (Easter). The first 40-day period, called the Great Fast, begins seven Mondays before Pascha Sunday and ends the Friday before Lazarus Saturday (the day before Palm Sunday). This period includes Sundays, which explains why there is only a mitigation for wine and oil on Sundays and special feast days in the traditional fast. The **minimum required** by our Byzantine Catholic bishops is to abstain from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the Great Fast and to abstain from meat and dairy on Pure Monday (February 12 this year) and on Good Friday. Byzantine Catholics then celebrate a second intense fasting period, from Holy Monday to the Divine Liturgy of Pascha Sunday. Traditionally, during the weekend between the two fasting periods, namely Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, meat and dairy are allowed. By contrast, the Latin (Roman) Catholic Church has a single 40-day fasting period from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. There are actually 46 days in this period, but Sundays are counted as “an island in the fast” and therefore not included in the 40 days. Building discipline with food helps us say no to sin, and reminds us of our hunger for God (Matthew 4:4). In order for any abstinence to be fruitful, we must accompany it with additional prayer and almsgiving.

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.)

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

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CONFESSIONS Saturdays: 9:00-9:30am, Sundays: 8:30-9:20am, and when Fridays have a 5:30pm evening Liturgy: 4:30-5:00pm. Also, before holydays as listed in the bulletin and 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.

Online Resources

Attention Moms and Kids: Here is a great Byzantine resource for you:

<https://www.byzimom.com/> with a corollary for kids:

<https://www.byzimom.com/byzikids>

Resource to prepare for each Sunday's Readings: *God With Us Online*, <https://godwithusonline.org/catechetical-resources/ruthenian>, has created a tremendous opportunity to read and study the Gospels and Epistles before hearing them on Sundays. The site includes the weekly readings along with teaching resources and talking points to share with your children at each grade level. Everyone is encouraged to reflect on the readings using this excellent resource. Such preparation will make the Sunday readings much richer.

Another great website of Byzantine Catholic resources can be found at **Institute of Catholic Culture** at <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org>.

Becoming Byzantine Online Series: Check out www.BecomingByzantine.net where you can watch the Study Series on the Christ Our Pascha Catechism, listen to the podcast version of this series, download new tools and resources, register for other series, and more!

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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>