

# VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

March 3, 2024



*"He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." –Mark 8:34*

## **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 Sunday 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](mailto: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.

<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	<b>5 PM Great Vespers</b> Use handout	Sirach 2:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-9.
<b>Sunday, March 3</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM ECF classes</b>	<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6; Mark 8:34 - 9:1. <u>Tone 7</u>
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed	<b>Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan</b> Genesis 8:21 - 9:7; Proverbs 11:19 -12:6.
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Lenten Matins</b> Parish Office Open	<b>Holy Martyr Conon</b> Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22.
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Terce-Sext</b> <b>6:30 PM Presanctified</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> +Gail Jacobson by Thomas Gomez Family (Sr.)	<b>Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium</b> Genesis 9:18 - 10:1; Proverbs 12:23 -13:9. Parish Office Open Abstaining from meat <b>REQUIRED</b> on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum).
<b>Thursday, March 7</b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Lenten Matins</b> Parish Office Open  <b>6 PM RCIA</b>	<b>Holy Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson: Basil and Others</b> Genesis 10:32 - 11:9; Proverb 13:19 -14:6. <b>Classes for adults preparing to become Catholic or wanting to learn more before deciding.</b>
<b>Friday, March 8</b> Use handout	Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM <b>5:30 PM Presanctified</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> +Monsignor Russell Duker by Michael Meharra	<b>Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact</b> Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26. Parish Office Open Abstaining from meat <b>REQUIRED</b> on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum).
<b>Saturday, March 9</b> MCI Menaion  Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Healing & Prosperity for Family Members by Remy & Genevieve Cruz <b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	<b>Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste</b> Hebrews 6:9-12; Hebrews 12:1-10; Mark 7:31-37; Matthew 20:1-16. Parish Office Open  1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51; Isaiah 52:13 - 53:6.
<b>Sunday, March 10</b> Use handout	<b>Remember: Time Change</b> Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM ECF classes</b>	<b>SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31. <u>Tone 8</u>

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

### **Wednesdays and Fridays: Presanctified Liturgy**

A good way to pray more with Liturgical services of Great Lent.  
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM; Fridays at 5:30 PM

### **March 3: Third Sunday of the Great Fast and Veneration of the Cross**

Bring neck crosses or any other kind of cross to be blessed that day at the Divine Liturgy at 10 AM.

### **March 7: RCIA class will meet**

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

**March 10—Spring Forward: Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 10.**

### **March 14—Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete**

Wednesday, March 13: Part 1 of Matins at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, March 14: Parts 2 and 3 of Matins at 10 AM

### **March 19: Parish Men's Group monthly meeting**

Third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in Social Hall (March 19)  
After a 30- to 45-minute meeting, further fraternity at a local restaurant.

**Birthdays:** March 4—Anastasia V.; March 8—Hannah S.

**Anniversaries:** [none]

**God grant them many blessed years!**

### **LITURGY INTENTIONS:**

We are in need of more Liturgy Intention requests in the near future. Please fill out one of the Liturgy Intention envelopes on the greeting table in the narthex with the names of your loved ones. 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.

### **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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Dcn. Michael Hanafin, Victim Assistance Coordinator

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## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

### February 25, 2024:

Total bank Deposit: \$3,110.14

**Parish income: \$3,010.14**

**Tithes: \$1,110.**

**Donations: \$1,388.28.**

**Candles: \$55.**

**Bake Sale: \$456.86**

**\* Eparchial Appeal: \$100.**

**\* 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](http://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: **[available]**

Icon of the Theotokos: **[available]**

Icon of St. Anne: **Carly Norris by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-3/23/2024)**

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: **+Jane Reyna by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-3/23/2024)**

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

Icon of St. Nicholas: **Scott Priestler by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-3/23/2024)**

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** On Sunday, March 17, our ECF teachers will be teaching age-appropriate Safe Environment lessons to your children to help them become aware of warning signs they should raise an alarm about. Our Safe Environment Coordinator Rebecca Prewett or ECF teacher can answer any questions you may have. She gave us an excellent presentation about teaching watchfulness to our children back in January! Rebecca can be reached at [rprewett@pm.me](mailto:rprewett@pm.me)

**Pascha Bake Sale helpers requested for March 5:** If you are able to help with baking on March 5, please contact Christina Aguirre [rcaguirregang@gmail.com](mailto:rcaguirregang@gmail.com). Deadline with payment (cash/check) for Pascha Bread and Sausage orders is today, Sunday, March 3.

**Eparchial Appeal 2024:** By now, you've received a mailing from the Eparchy of Phoenix asking you to participate in the 2024 Eparchial Appeal. The current goal for the Eparchy is \$307,140, of which St. Anne's parish was assigned a goal of \$18,210. There were about 40 donating households last year. Every one of us can make a sacrificial donation according to our means. I'm counting on near-full participation which means **each will need to donate an AVERAGE of \$460, to reach our goal. SOME CAN GIVE MORE AND OTHERS CAN GIVE LESS, BUT WE CAN ALL PARTICIPATE.** You will notice that there are monthly Eparchial Appeal envelopes in your set of offertory envelopes to help you make payments over a period of time rather than all at once in case that works better for you. If donating through the parish, please make your check payable to St. Anne Church and write "Eparchial Appeal" on the memo line. This is the most important special collection of the year for us. Thank you for donating.