

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

4th Sunday of the Great Fast

March 10, 2024



"O venerable John, we have found your godly deeds to be a divine ladder leading us to heaven for you were a model of virtue." –from the Troparion of our Venerable Father John Climacus

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

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, March 9</i>	5 PM Great Vespers Use handout	1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51; Isaiah 52:13 - 53:6.
<i>Sunday, March 10</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM ECF classes	Daylight Savings Time starts <i>SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS</i> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</i> Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31. <u>Tone 8</u>
<i>Monday, March 11</i>	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed	<i>Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem</i> Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4.
<i>Tuesday, March 12</i> Use handout	7 AM Lenten Matins Parish Office Open	<i>Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain</i> Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19.
<i>Wednesday, March 13</i> Use handout	7 AM Terce-Sext Parish Office Open 6:30 PM Matins of St. Andrew of Crete, first half	<i>Translation of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople</i> Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20 - 16:9. Abstaining from meat REQUIRED on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum). Wednesday, March 13 through Saturday, March 16: Mitigation of abstinence from wine and oil allowed for those doing the traditional fast.
<i>Thursday, March 14</i> Use handout	10 AM Matins of St. Andrew of Crete, 2nd half NO RCIA class tonight	<i>Venerable Father Benedict</i> Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17 - 17:17. Parish Office Open
<i>Friday, March 15</i> Use handout	Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy +Gail Jacobson by Thomas Gomez Family (Sr.)	<i>Holy Martyr Agapius and His Companions</i> Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17 - 18:5. Parish Office Open Abstaining from meat REQUIRED on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum).
<i>Saturday, March 16</i> MCI Menaion or p. 228 Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 9 AM Divine Liturgy Mary Lynn Cihak by Fr. Michael 10 AM Akathist <u>No Great Vespers</u>	<i>Akathistos Saturday to the Mother of God</i> Hebrews 9:24-28; Hebrews 9:1-7; Mark 8:27-31; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28. Parish Office Open Judges 9:1-25, 50-56; Isaiah 53:7-12.
<i>Sunday, March 17</i> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM ECF classes	<i>ST. MARY OF EGYPT</i> <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</i> Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45. <u>Tone 1</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 14: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 13: First half of Matins at 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 14: Second half of Matins at 10 AM

March 14: No RCIA

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

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.

March 23: Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, March 23, Divine Liturgy at 10 AM
Children are invited to tie bundles after the Divine Liturgy in the social hall.

March 24: Palm (Flowery) Sunday

Matins at 9:30 AM with Palm Procession and Divine Liturgy at 10 AM

Birthdays: March 10—Patti Chasuk; March 12—Madelyn Galanti

Anniversaries: [none]

God grant them many blessed years!

OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church: **+Daniel Verdin by R. Cruz (3/10/2024-3/16/2024)**

Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: **+Raymundo Villarreal by R. Cruz (3/10/2024-3/16/2024)**

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)**

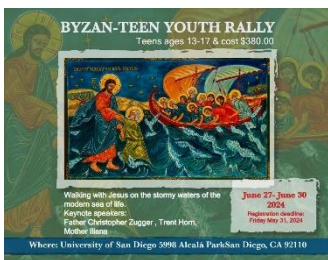
Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: **+Jane Reyna by JR Gonzalez Family (1/28/2024-3/23/2024)**

Icon of St. John the Baptist: **[available]**

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

THANK YOU! We appreciate all those who baked Pascha bread. Be sure to pick up your Pascha bread in the social hall after Sunday Divine Liturgy no later than Sunday, March 24.

CLEANING ANGELS ARE BACK! After listening to your amazing desire to help keep down the costs of cleaning our beautiful parish, several of you have volunteered to help clean different areas and Tom & Paula Gomez offered to be the Parish Cleaning Coordinators. Please fill out the attached checklist insert and return to Tom, Paula, or Fr. Michael. Thank you very much for all you do to support St. Anne's!



BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY:

Register your teens (age 13-17) by Friday, May 31, for the Byzan-teen Rally to be held on June 27-30, at the University of San Diego. Keynote speakers will be Fr. Christopher Zuger, Trent Horn, and Mother Iliana. Theme: Walking on the stormy waters of the modern sea of life. Cost: \$360. Download the registration form at <https://archpitt.org/byzan-teen-youth-rally-2024/>

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

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

March 3, 2024:

Total bank Deposit: \$5,413.25

Parish income: \$4,233.25

Tithes: \$3,280.

Building Fund: \$100.

Donations: \$716.

Candles: \$95.

Gift Shop: \$42.25

*** Eparchial Appeal: \$1,180.**

*** These are special collections initiated by the Eparchy and do not count as income to the parish.**

February 2024

Online Donation: \$308.55

Online Donation: \$51.43

Total online deposits for February: \$359.98

Total online parish income for January: \$359.98

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!

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 rpprewett@pm.me

Eparchial Appeal 2024: There was an error on the form sent by mail from the Eparchy. Even though one area of the form says "Holy Angels", the donation will go to St. Anne's and the QR Code is correct for our parish. The current goal for the Eparchy is \$307,140, of which St. Anne's parish was assigned a goal of \$18,210. As of March 3, 2024, we have raised \$1,600.00, which brings us to 9% of our goal. This total does not reflect donations made directly to the Eparchy. Thank you.

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Subject: Church Cleaning + Parish Hall Cleaning

Dear Parishioners & Parish Families,

We are so deeply heartened to see the enthusiastic response from our parish family to help with the important task of cleaning our beautiful church! Thank you for your great willingness to see St. Anne's **SPARKLE and SHINE!**

To that end, we have a "**commitment sheet**" attachment with this letter outlining all the designated church and parish hall areas needing weekly or bi-weekly cleaning. By compartmentalizing it in this way—breaking it down into specific designated areas—will make this task much more do-able and much less daunting.

Please take time to review these designated areas and see what God inspires you to do! Your personal commitment will make all the difference. We can do this together for the glory of God—while saving our parish much needed revenue by accomplishing this task from within. Our personal investment into St. Anne's!

Once you have selected your desired area to clean, please return your signed commitment sheet directly to coordinators TOM or PAULA GOMEZ who will be the main coordinators for this in-house cleaning project—or to myself. Paula will be responsible to post the "**master cleaning schedule**" month by month and she and Tom will be your "go-to" people with any questions.

Every parishioner and parish family who commits to helping will be provided with a **DETAILED CHECKLIST** of exactly what needs to be cleaned in their respective designated area. Training will also be provided as needed to familiarize all participants with our stocked in-house cleaning supplies, cleaning equipment, bathroom keys, and general things to know.

May Our Blessed Lord richly reward you!

FR. MICHAEL BEZRUCHKA
Pastor

TOM & PAULA GOMEZ
Parish Cleaning Coordinators

St. Anne Cleaning Commitment Sheet

Parishioner Household Last Name: _____

Please place an 'X' in the box of the designated area you might be interested in cleaning on a regular basis. **A monthly master schedule will be posted.**

UPSTAIRS

- Narthex Entrance and Fr. Michael's Office**
 - Main Body of the Church (nave)**
 - Sanctuary**
 - Upstairs Church Bathrooms**
 - Confessional**
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DOWNSTAIRS

- Kitchen**
 - Kitchen Pantry**
 - Kitchen Organization Coordinator**
(responsible to make sure all kitchen items are put in their proper place both in the kitchen & pantry)

 - Main Body of Parish Hall**
 - Two Classrooms**
 - Two Bathrooms**
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Please return this form to our coordinators Tom or Paula Gomez or slip it underneath Father's office door. Tom or Paula can be reached at cleansaintannes@gmail.com