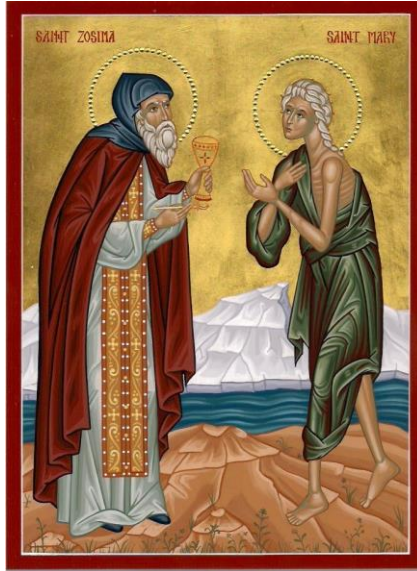


ST. MARY OF EGYPT

5th Sunday of the Great Fast

March 17, 2024



“In you, O mother, the divine image was strictly preserved; taking up your cross, you followed Christ.”

–from the Troparion of our holy mother Mary of Egypt

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 16</i>	<u>No Great Vespers</u>	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>
<i>Monday, March 18</i>	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed.	<i>Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem</i> Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25.
<i>Tuesday, March 19</i> Use handout	7 AM Lenten Matins Parish Office Open. 6 PM Parish Men's Group meeting	<i>Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria</i> Genesis 31:3-16; Proverbs 21:3-21. Followed by further fraternity at a local restaurant.
<i>Wednesday, March 20</i> Use handout	7 AM Terce-Sext Parish Office Open. Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM 6:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy +Fr. Albie Schempp by Michael Meharra	<i>Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery, Killed by Saracens</i> Genesis 43:26 - 45:16; Proverbs 21:23 - 22:4. <u>Abstaining from meat REQUIRED on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum).</u>
<i>Thursday, March 21</i> Use handout	7 AM Lenten Matins Parish Office Open. 6 PM RCIA class	<i>Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania</i> Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15 - 24:5. Classes for adults preparing to become Catholic or wanting to learn more before deciding.
<i>Friday, March 22</i> Use handout	Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy +Targo Salazar by Andrea Casares	<i>Holy Martyr Basil, Priest of Ancyra</i> Genesis 49:33 - 50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31. Parish Office Open. <u>Abstaining from meat REQUIRED on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum).</u>
<i>Saturday, March 23</i> MCI Menaion or p. 232 Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Sebastian Jenkins by Fr. Michael 5 PM Great Vespers	<i>Lazarus Saturday</i> Hebrews 12:28 - 13:8; John 11:1-45. Parish Office Open. <u>Mitigation of the Fast</u> Gen. 49:1-2, 8-12; Zeph. 3:14-19; Zech. 9:9-15.
<i>Sunday, March 24</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>PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY</i> Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18. <u>Festal Tone</u> <u>No Fast today.</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 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 21: 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 23: Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, March 23, Divine Liturgy at 9 AM

After Divine Liturgy there will be a **PARISH CLEANING WORK PARTY**
with a FREE pizza lunch at 12:30 PM.

Children are invited to tie bundles of palms & olive branchlets 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 20—Celi C.;

March 22—Rebecca Prewett; March 23—Jim Shepard

Anniversaries: [none]

God grant them many blessed years!

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:

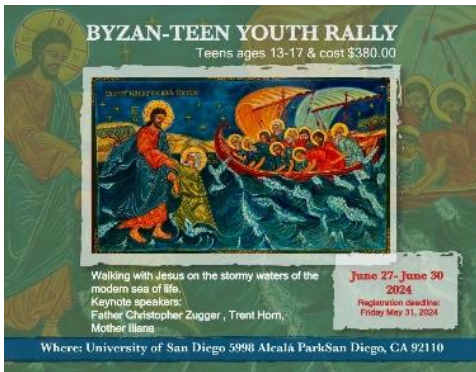
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Icon of St. John the Baptist: [available]

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

PICK UP DEAD LINE: Be sure to pick up your Pascha bread in the social hall after Sunday Divine Liturgy no later than Sunday, March 24. Any bread not picked up by Palm Sunday will be given away or sold.

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 checklist insert from last week's bulletin and return to Tom, Paula, or Fr. Michael. Coordinators can be reached at cleansaintannes@gmail.com



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 Zegger, 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



Good Friday Late-Night Vigil—Friday, March 29, 2024

Please join us on the evening of Good Friday for a Late-Night Prayer Vigil. 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.

Please fill slots in order, such that there are two people signed up for an hour before you fill in a new hour. When a minor is present, at least one parent must attend with him/her or at least two unrelated adults. Please sign up for the Good Friday Late-Night Prayer Vigil:

<https://signup.com/go/ZqbDzTC>

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

March 10, 2024:

Total bank Deposit: \$4,519.

Parish income: \$3,619.

Tithes: \$1,669.

Building Fund: \$310.

Donations: \$477.

Flowers/Palms: \$85.

Candles: \$448.

Bake Sale: \$610.

Gift Shop: \$20.

* Eparchial Appeal: \$900.

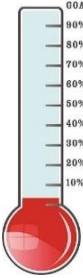
* These are special collections initiated by the Eparchy and do not count as income to the parish.

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!

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



Eparchial Appeal 2024: 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. As of March 10, 2024, we have raised \$2,500.00, which brings us to 14% of our goal. This total does not reflect donations made directly to the Eparchy. Thank you for donating.

Vocation Corner:

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: Memory of our holy Mother Mary of Egypt – March 17
 "For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Our Savior walked with his disciples and shared that his ministry's height would come through a descent, becoming the servant of all in the baptism of his Cross. Are you open to giving your life as a servant of all as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Holy Week



Palm (Flowery) Sunday - March 24:

(No fast today)

Usual Sunday schedule: at 9:30am Matins,
at 10:00am Divine Liturgy.

Procession with palms & willows.

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Great and Holy Monday - Monday, March 25:

(Solemn Feast)

Sunday, March 24, at 4:00pm Great Vespers

Monday, March 25, at 10:00am Matins

Monday, March 25, **Confessions 5:30-6:00pm,**
at 6:30pm Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy



Great and Holy Tuesday - March 26:

Tuesday, March 26, **Confessions 5:30-6:00pm,** at 6:30pm Bridegroom Matins

Great and Holy Wednesday - March 27:

Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00am Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, March 27, **Confessions 5:30-6:00pm,** at 6:30pm Presanctified
Divine Liturgy including Anointing of the Sick for all baptized Catholics.



Great and Holy Thursday - March 28:

Thursday, March 28, at 10:00am Matins

Thursday, March 28, **Confessions 5:00-6:00pm,**
at 6:30pm Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy

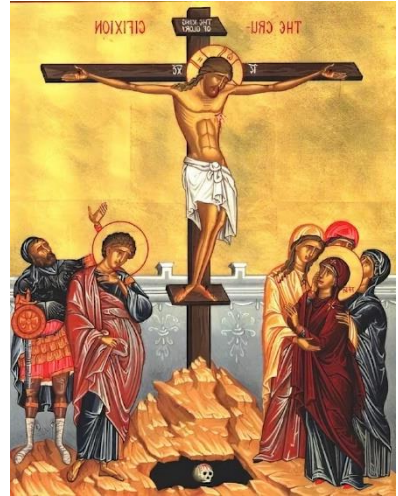
Great and Holy Friday - March 29:

(Strict fast and abstinence REQUIRED:
no meat or dairy.)

Friday, March 29, Confessions 11:00-11:45am,
at 12:00pm (noon) Matins

Friday, March 29, Confessions 4:00-5:00pm
with a continuation after Vespers,

at 5:30pm Entombment Vespers with Burial
Procession



Late-Night Prayer Vigil - Friday, March 29:

Transferred to Good Friday from April 5-6. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for sign-up information.

Great and Holy Saturday - March 30:

(Abstinence from meat remains in Traditional Fast.)

Saturday, March 30, Confessions 8:15-8:45am, at 9:00am Jerusalem Matins

Saturday, March 30, Confessions 3:00-3:30pm, at 4:00pm Vigil of Pascha
Vigil Vesperal Divine Liturgy



PASCHA - March 31:

(No scheduled Confessions)

Sunday, March 31,
Paschal Matins with Divine
Liturgy at 9:00am

Blessing of meat
and dairy products
afterward in social hall.

Words of Wisdom in Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

There is a story about a school boy who was asked what he thought God was like. He replied that, as far as he could make out, God was “The sort of person who is always snooping round to see if anyone is enjoying himself and then trying to stop it.” And I am afraid that is the sort of idea that the word Morality raises in a good many people’s minds: something that interferes, something that stops you having a good time. In reality, moral rules are directions for running the human machine. Every moral rule is there to prevent a breakdown, or a strain, or a friction, in the running of that machine. That is why these rules at first seem to be constantly interfering with our natural inclinations.

There are two ways in which the human machine goes wrong. One is when human individuals drift apart from one another, or else collide with one another and do one another damage, by cheating or bullying. The other is when things go wrong inside the individual – when the different parts of him (his different faculties and desires and so on) either drift apart or interfere with one another. You can get the idea plain if you think of us as a fleet of ships sailing in formation. The voyage will be a success only, and in the first place, if the ships do not collide and get in one another’s way; and, secondly, if the ship is seaworthy and has her engines in good order.

Morality ... seems to be concerned with three things. Firstly, with fair play and harmony between individuals. Secondly, with what might be called tidying up or harmonizing the things inside each individual. Thirdly, with the general purpose of human life as a whole: what man was made for: what course the whole fleet ought to be on...

You may have noticed that modern people nearly always think about the first thing and forgetting the other two.... And it is quite natural, when we start thinking about morality, to begin with the first thing, with social relations. For one thing, the results of bad morality in that sphere are so obvious and press on as every day: war and poverty and graft and lies and shoddy work.

What is the good of telling the ships how to steer so as to avoid collisions if, in fact, they are such crazy old tubs that they cannot be steered at all? ... We ought to think ... about improvements in our social and economic system. What I ... mean is that all that thinking will be mere moonshine unless we realize that nothing but the courage and unselfishness of individuals is ever going to make any system work properly. ... You cannot make men good by law: And without good men you cannot have a good society. That is why we must go on to think of the second thing: the morality inside the individual.

But I do not think we can stop there either. We are now getting to the point at which different beliefs about the universe lead to different behavior. ... Remember that religion involves a series of statements about facts, which must be either true or false. If they are true, one set of conclusions will follow about the right sailing of the human fleet: if they are false, quite a different set.... Christianity asserts that every individual human being is going to live forever, and this must be either true or false. ... And immorality makes this other difference, which, by [the way], has a connection with the difference between totalitarianism and democracy. If individuals live only 70 years, then a state, or a nation, or a civilization, which may last for 1,000 years, is more important than an individual. But if Christianity is true, then the individual is not only more important but incomparably more important, for he is everlasting and the life of the state or a civilization, compared with his, is only a moment.

It seems, then, that if we are to think about morality, we must think of all three departments: relations between man and man: things inside each man: and relations between man and the power that made him.

The preceding are excerpts from Mere Christianity by CS Lewis: Book III: Christian behavior, Part One: The three Parts of Morality