

PASCHA (Easter) SUNDAY!

THOMAS SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

March 31, 2024

April 7, 2024

April 14, 2024



PASCHA! Easter! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

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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

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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.

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| <p><i>Saturday, March 30</i> Use handout</p> | <p>Confessions: 3:00-3:30 PM 4 PM Vigil of Pascha Vespertal Divine Liturgy For Mariel Linskey</p> <p>Day of Fast, with mitigation for wine.</p> | <p>Genesis 1:1-13; Isaiah 60:1-16; Exodus 12:1-11; Jonah 1:1 - 4:11; Joshua 5:10-15; Exodus 13:20 - 15:19; Zephaniah 3:8-15; 1 [3] Kings 17:8-24; Isaiah 61:10 - 62:5; Genesis 22:1-18; Isaiah 61:1-9; 2 [4] Kings 4:8-37; Isaiah 63:11 - 64:5; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Daniel 3:1-88; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20.</p> |
| <p><i>Sunday, March 31</i> Use handout</p> | <p>(No scheduled Confessions) 9 AM PASCHAL MATINS WITH DIVINE LITURGY Intention: For Parishioners</p> | <p><i>PASCHA (Easter) SUNDAY!</i> Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17; <u>Festal Tone</u> (No ECF classes today) Blessing of meat and dairy products afterward in social hall.</p> |
| <p><i>Monday, April 1</i> Use handout or p. 172.</p> | <p>Confessions: 3-3:30 PM 4 PM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners After Divine Liturgy, water fun for the kids.</p> | <p><i>BRIGHT MONDAY (Solemn Feast Day)</i> Acts 1:12-17, 21-26; John 1:18-28. Parish Office Open. NO FASTING THIS WEEK. CAN EAT MEAT EVERY DAY THIS WEEK INCLUDING FRIDAY.</p> |
| <p><i>Tuesday, April 2</i> Use handout or p. 172.</p> | <p>Confessions: 9:15-9:45 AM 10 AM Paschal Matins</p> | <p><i>BRIGHT TUESDAY (Simple Feast Day)</i> Parish Office Open. Acts 2:14-21; Luke 24:12-35.</p> |
| <p><i>Wednesday, April 3 - Saturday April 6</i></p> | <p>No liturgical services, such as Divine Liturgy, Matins or Great Vespers, these days. Parish Office Closed.</p> | <p><i>BRIGHT WEDNESDAY through BRIGHT SATURDAY</i> Fr. Michael not available. No RCIA</p> |
| <p><i>Sunday, April 7</i> Use handout</p> | <p>Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM 9:30 AM MATINS 10 AM DIVINE LITURGY Intention: For Parishioners Celebrant scheduled: Fr. Joseph Wargacki 12 PM noon</p> | <p><i>THOMAS SUNDAY</i> Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31. <u>Festal Tone</u></p> <p>Thomas Sunday Potluck</p> |

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| Monday, April 8 - Thursday, April 11 | No liturgical services, such as Divine Liturgy, Matins or Great Vespers, these days. | Fr. Michael not available April 8 – 10. Parish Office Open April 11. No RCIA |
| Friday, April 12 | Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy +Peter Doran by Genevieve Aguirre (memorial DL) | Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parium Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30 - 6:2. Parish Office Open. |
| Saturday, April 13 | Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy +Carmel Linskey 5 PM Great Vespers | Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and His Companions Acts 5:21-33; John 6:14-27. Parish Office Open. Exodus 40:1-15; 1 Samuel 16:1-13. |
| Sunday, April 14 | Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM <u>9:30 AM Matins</u> 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM ECF classes | SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN Acts 6:1-7; Mark 15:43 - 16:8. <u>Festal Tone</u> |
| Monday, April 15 | No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed. | Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus Acts 6:8 - 7:5, 47-60, John 4:46-54. |
| Tuesday, April 16 | 7 AM <u>Matins</u> 6 PM Parish Men's Group meeting | Holy Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia Acts 8:5-17; John 6:27-33. Parish Office Open. Followed by further fraternity at a local restaurant. |
| Wednesday, April 17 | 7 AM <u>Matins</u> Parish Office Open. | Venerable Father Simeon of Persia Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39. |
| Thursday, April 18 | 7 AM <u>Matins</u> Parish Office Open. 6 PM RCIA class | Venerable Father John, Disciple of the holy Gregory the Decapolite Acts 8:26-39; John 6:40-44. Classes for adults preparing to become Catholic or wanting to learn more before deciding. |
| Friday, April 19 | Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy Mary Lynn Cihak by Fr. Michael | Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave Acts 8:40 - 9:19; John 6:48-54. Parish Office Open. |

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| <p><i>Saturday, April 20</i></p> | <p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Rolland Risch by the Thomas family 5 PM Great Vespers</p> | <p><i>Venerable Father Theodore, the Hairshirt Wearer</i> Acts 9:19-31; John 15:17 - 16:2. Parish Office Open. Micah 4:1-7; Zephaniah 3:11-20.</p> |
| <p><i>Sunday, April 21</i></p> | <p>Confessions: 8:30-9:20 AM 9:30 AM Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy Intention: For Parishioners 12 PM ECF classes</p> | <p><i>SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN</i> Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15. <u>Festal Tone</u></p> |

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

April 1: BRIGHT MONDAY—SOLEMN FEAST:

April 1 at 4:00 PM—Divine Liturgy followed by water fun for the kids

April 2: BRIGHT TUESDAY—SIMPLE FEAST:

April 2 at 10:00 AM—Paschal Matins

April 4 and April 11: No RCIA

Thursday, April 18: RCIA class will meet

RCIA classes meet almost every Thursday at 6:00 PM.
 Please contact Fr. Michael for more info and for the schedule.

Sunday, April 7: St. Thomas Sunday Potluck at 12:00 PM (noon).

April 16: Parish Men’s Group monthly meeting

Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in Social Hall (April 16)
 After a 30- to 45-minute meeting, further fraternity with over dinner.

April 23: The Holy Great-Martyr George—Simple Holyday

Tuesday, April 23, Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM

Late-Night Prayer Vigil

Friday, May 3, from 7:00 PM to 12:00 PM midnight.

May 9: Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30 PM Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy
 Thursday, May 9, at 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Birthdays: March 31—Bill Vanherweg and Timothy Brown;
April 3—Ames Elmendorf and Adrian V.; April 6—Rusty Risch;
April 7—Richard Justice; April 9—Teresa V.; April 10—Brian R.;
April 11—Kelly Gomez; April 16—George Vigliotti.
Anniversaries: April 14—Remy & Genevieve C.
[God grant them many blessed years!](#)

OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church:

[+ Janice Sawko by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex:

[+Ann & Alex Sawko by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

Icon of Jesus Christ: [+Neil & Velma Perry by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

Icon of the Theotokos:

[+Alex & Catherine Sawko by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

Icon of St. John the Baptist:

[+Michael & Antonia by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

Icon of St. Anne: [+Ann & James O'Malley by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

Icon of St. Nicholas: [+Nicholas Sawko by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

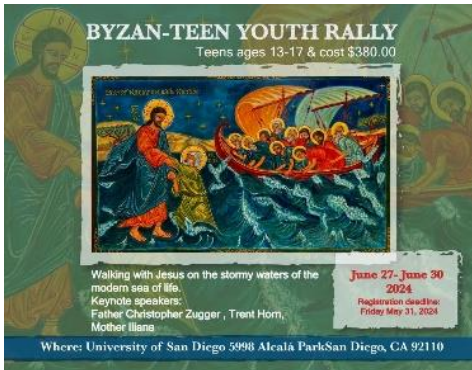
Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: [+Sheryl Ibarra by Paul Sawko \(3/24/24-6/15/24\)](#)

BON APPETIT: There is no fasting during Bright Week and meat is allowed on the Friday of Bright Week. Enjoy!

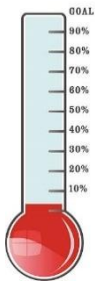
LATE-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL: There will be no Late-Night Prayer Vigil in April since it was transferred to Good Friday. Our next Late-Night Vigil will be Friday, May 3, from 7pm to 12pm (midnight).

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: This annual collection will be taken up on Sunday, April 28. The deadline for donations is Sunday, May 12.

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/>



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 17, 2024, we have raised \$3,100.00, which brings us to 17% of our goal. This total does not reflect donations made directly to the Eparchy. Thank you for donating.

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

BRIGHT MONDAY FUN: Kids will have the opportunity to use squirt guns and throw water balloons after the Bright Monday Divine Liturgy after the 4pm Divine Liturgy.

NOT A SEASON FOR KNEELING: (Adapted from the Metropolitan Cantor Institute) According to the decision of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 AD, the Church fathers recommended in Canon 20 that Christians should not kneel for prayer on the Lord's Day (Sunday) or on the days from Pascha to Pentecost, in honor of the Lord's Resurrection. Thus, we refrain from kneeling in our Byzantine churches during this whole Paschal season from Pascha Sunday through until the Kneeling Prayers on Pentecost Sunday.

ONLINE BYZANTINE COURSES AND RESOURCES:

Resource to prepare for each Sunday's Readings: God With Us Online, <https://godwithusonline.org/online/> 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.

VOCATION CORNER:

PASCHA-THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST – March 31, 2024

Christ is Risen! "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Being ordained or consecrated as a monastic is a special way to bring the presence of the Risen Christ to this world. This may be something that God is calling you to do! Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

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"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven..." The priestly life is a beautiful way to bring forgiveness to this world. Is God calling you or someone that you know to consider this life, other holy orders, or the monastic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN – April 14, 2024

"You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen!" In the midst of sadness, the good news comes to us and tells us of the life in Christ. To share this life with vigor, Christ seeks men and women to be like the angel who shared this good news to the myrrh-bearing women. He may be calling you to do this by a life as a monk, a nun, or to holy orders. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



A Paschal message from Fr. Michael

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Parishioners of St. Anne's,

What a joy it has been to see our parish grow and glow over the past few years! The children learning more about the Faith at home and at ECF on Sundays; Adults learning more through podcasts such as *What God is Not* and other books offered in our gift shop and library; parishioners coming to more of the liturgical services we have to offer. All these things are ways in which we see how “Lent” which means “spring” is actually being fulfilled among us. Seeing these blessings are part of what helps us recognize that Christ is Risen! Even amid all the evil things taking place in the Catholic Church, in our country, and throughout the world, even then we hopefully see the victories taking place in our own lives and in our parish family of St. Anne's by our faithful commitment to Christ.

Let us keep our eyes fixed on the Risen Lord amid the trials and sufferings of our crosses, which at times get more intense as our society falls apart due to its rejection of God for whom society thirsts but do not realize it. At the time of Jesus' ministry, things were very dark when they crucified Him. Yet it was the beginning of the salvation granted to us by Christ which is a renewal and transformation of our lives; a change of soul to being more like God created us to be. Let us often affirm the many blessings Our Risen Lord Jesus has given us.

May God bless you all! Christ is Risen!

Fr. Michael