

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**      *April 28, 2024*



*Jesus said to her, "God is Spirit,  
and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." –John 4:24*

**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 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)

## ***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

**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><i>Saturday, April 27</i></b>	<b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	Genesis 24:1-4, 9-51; Ezekiel 47:1-9. Use handout
<b><i>Sunday, April 28</i></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><i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN</i></b> Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42. <u>Festal Tone</u>
<b><i>Monday, April 29</i></b>	No liturgical services today. Parish Office Closed.	<b><i>Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice</i></b> Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51.
<b><i>Tuesday, April 30</i></b> MCI Menaion	<b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Juanita Risch by the Thomas Family	<b><i>Holy Apostle James, the Greater, Brother of John the Theologian</i></b> Acts 12:1-11; Luke 5:1-11. Parish Office Open.
<b><i>Wednesday, May 1</i></b> MCI Menaion	<b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Trygve Thorensen by KT	<b><i>Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost Holy Prophet Jeremiah</i></b> Acts 13:13-24; John 6:5-14. Parish Office Open.
<b><i>Thursday, May 2</i></b> MCI Menaion	<b>7 AM Divine Liturgy</b> +Esther Stalter by Tim Stoner <b>No RCIA class today</b>	<b><i>Holy Father Athanasius the Great</i></b> Acts 14:21-27; John 9:39 - 10:9. Parish Office Open.
<b><i>Friday, May 3</i></b> MCI Menaion	Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM <b>5:30 PM Divine Liturgy</b> Mary Lynn Cihak by Fr. Michael <b>7 PM – 11:59 PM</b>	<b><i>Passing of our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Pecherskaya Lavra</i></b> Hebrews 13:7-16; Luke 6:17-23. Parish Office Open. <b>Late-Night Prayer Vigil</b>
<b><i>Saturday, May 4</i></b> MCI Menaion	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Priests of the Eparchy of Phoenix by Bob & Mary Lynn Cihak	<b><i>Holy Martyr Pelagia</i></b> Acts 15:35-41; John 10:27-38. Parish Office Open. <b><u>No Great Vespers today</u></b>
<b><i>Sunday, May 5</i></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><i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND</i></b> Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38. <u>Festal Tone</u>

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

### **May 2 and May 9: No RCIA**

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

### **May 3: Late-Night Prayer Vigil**

Friday, May 3, from 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM midnight.  
See bulletin announcement below for more information and sign up link.

### **May 9: Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation)**

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

### **May 18: 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**

Saturday, May 18, Divine Liturgy at 10 AM  
See bulletin announcement below for more information.

### **May 20: Pentecost Monday – (Simple Feast)**

Monday, May 20, Divine Liturgy at 5:30 PM with Procession

### **May 21: Parish Men's Group monthly meeting**

Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in Social Hall (May 21)  
After a 30- to 45-minute meeting, further fraternity over dinner.

### **May 26: All Saints Sunday**

All Saints Party (Potluck and Childrens' Talent Show) after 10 AM Divine Liturgy.  
See bulletin announcement below for more information.

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

### **April 21, 2024:**

Total bank Deposit: \$4,039.10

**Parish income: \$4,039.10**

**Tithes: \$1,515**

**Building Fund: \$675**

**Donations: \$739.10**

**Candles: \$39**

**Gift Shop: \$71**

**GCU Grant: \$1,000**

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:

+ 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)

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

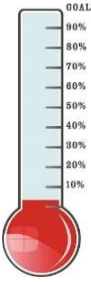
### ALL SOULS - CREATE YOUR LIST OF NAMES—5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday

In the Byzantine Tradition, we pray Memorial Divine Liturgies five times a year for the souls of our Faithful Departed. These All Souls Saturdays occur on the Saturday before Meat-fare Sunday, three Saturdays during the Great Fast (Lent), and the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday (this year Saturday, May 18).

During the All Souls Saturdays services, the priest prays for your deceased loved ones by name. This year, we have a different format. Rather than turning in your names by email or on a donation stipend envelope, Fr. Michael will pray for your deceased loved ones for each All Souls Saturday you attend. Just bring a list of your names with you and hand them to him before the All Souls Divine Liturgy begins. This way, your deceased loved ones will receive not only your pastor's prayers, but your prayers as well. Please try to limit your list to about thirty names.

### 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.



**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 April 25, we have raised \$6,680.00, which brings us to 37% of our goal. This total does not reflect donations made directly to the Eparchy after April 25. Thank you for donating.

### **Late-Night Vigil: Friday, May 3**

**Beforehand:** Confessions from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM and Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm  
**Vigil Hours:** 7 PM to 11:59 PM

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.

**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 11pm if 7:00pm - 10:00pm 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 with this link which can be copied out of the bulletin on the parish website:

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



**SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS:** Sunday, May 26, is a talent show day! Kids can showcase their talent for singing, reciting a poem, playing a musical instrument (such as violin, piano, etc.), doing a little skit or comedy. It could even be a time for some kids to do an imitation of a saint and have us guess who the saint is that the kid is dressed as and imitating. May 26 is after all, All Saints Sunday in the Byzantine Tradition.

We are also switching the Potluck Sunday from May 19 (Pentecost Sunday) to May 26 (All Saints Sunday) in honor of this occasion.

Birthdays: April 28—Colin Sheehan;  
May 2—Violet Jacobson; May 3—Sarah Baron  
Anniversaries: April 28-May 4 [none]  
[God grant them many blessed years!](#)

## WEEKEND RETREAT

**WHEN:** MAY 17-18-19, 2024

**WHERE:** OLD MISSION SAN ANTONIO - Jolon, CA.

**THEME:** “BLESSED ARE ALL WHO WAIT FOR HIM!”

**RETREAT MASTER:** Fr. Jeffrey “Skip” Thompson, MSA

Refresh your spirit overnighting in the OLD MISSION SAN ANTONIO in Jolon, CA. and accept Jesus’ invitation to “Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest.” (Mark 6:31)

You are cordially invited to attend this MAY 17-18-19 retreat weekend where retreat master Fr. Jeffrey “Skip” Thompson, MSA will unpack the very timely theme: “BLESSED ARE ALL WHO WAIT FOR HIM!”. Take 3 days and 2 nights to explore how, no matter what our situation, whatever our state of life, our life will end and this world will pass away. Are we ready for either one? Pray and ponder your individual response to the call of God on your life as we read the “*signs of the times*” together!

**RETREAT DONATION:** \$298.00

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT:** Donna Marie Snead @805.439.1985

E-Mail: [adorationadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:adorationadvocates@gmail.com)

(use subject line: FR. SKIP RETREAT)

## **Typicon 2025 orders:**

The Typicon (also spelled Typikon) is a "how-to manual" for celebrating the liturgical services of our Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church. The common typicon needs to be purchased only once until a new edition comes out (usually every 10 - 20 years). However, the annual typicon needs to be purchased every year to stay current. These materials are especially useful to cantors, but can be helpful to anyone wanting to understand how to pray Matins, Vespers, the little hours, and Divine Liturgy. Typicons are available for \$20 each by Pre-Order from our Gift Shop. Order forms (available in the gift shop) and payments are **due no later than Sunday, May 26**. We are asking for orders earlier than usual this year in hopes of receiving the Typicons earlier in the year for our parish liturgical and social calendar planning efforts.

## **VOCATION CORNER:**

### ***SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN – April 28, 2024***

“We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world, the Christ.” The saving love of Christ quenched the thirst of the Samaritan woman. He wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Are you open to bringing that saving love to the world by becoming a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### **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](mailto:sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org)

Dcn. Michael Hanafin, Victim Assistance Coordinator,

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# **“Theological Radicalism in a Time of Political Revolution: The Case of St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022AD) in Constantinople”**

to be livestreamed May 7, 2024 at 7 PM

for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary’s Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture Series!



This live-streamed lecture will look at one of the most dramatic and important of all mystical theologians of the Eastern Christian tradition; but one who remains still barely known today. While serving as an abbot in a turbulent era of Constantinople, Symeon offers his rhapsodic descriptions of his direct encounters with the light of Christ’s presence as a teaching that mysticism is not for an élite few but is the grace of the Resurrection offered to all believers.

The Very Rev. Professor John Anthony McGuckin is an Archpriest of the Orthodox Church in the Patriarchate of Romania’s Archdiocese in Western Europe, Rector of St Gregory’s chapel in St. Anne’s on Sea, in North West England; Professor in the Theological Faculty of Oxford University; Senior Professorial Research Fellow at Emory University’s School of Law, and at the St. Irenaeus Orthodox Institute at Radboud University Nijmegen. He received his Bachelor of Divinity from Heythrop College, a PhD in Patristic Theology from Durham University, a Postgrad. He founded and directed the New York Sophia Institute as an advanced research forum for Eastern Orthodox thought and culture.

Since his first book on St. Symeon, he has published over thirty-three books on religious and historical themes, and two volumes of poetry, becoming internationally recognized as a leading interpreter of the Early Christian and Eastern Orthodox traditions. The central focus of his research has revolved around the thought of the fourth to fifth century Christian Fathers and the Byzantine mystical writers. He has most recently prepared a new translation with commentary on St. Symeon the New Theologian’s Hymns of Divine Eros, one of the greatest of all medieval Orthodox mystical texts, which is to appear with SVS Press, New York, in 2024. His works have been translated into many languages: Romanian, Spanish, Russian, Dutch, Korean and Chinese among them. He has taught in numerous Universities both in America and in Europe, as Visiting Distinguished Professor or as Visiting Scholar, including Kyiv, Sibiu, Bucharest, Oslo, Iasi, Cambridge, Belfast, Oxford, Yale, Sydney and Moscow. He was elected a Fellow of the British Royal Society of Arts in 1986, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 1996. He was selected as the prestigious Luce Fellow in Early Christianity in 2006.

Fr. McGuckin became an Orthodox Christian in 1989 and was ordained to the Diaconate in Baia Mare (Romania) in 1996, and to the priesthood with a pastoral care for Romanians in England, in 1996; and, is married to Eileen McGuckin, a professional Master-Iconographer in the Byzantine and Slavic styles. Their family consists of three married children, and seven grandchildren: the makings of a small Irish clan.