

SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

December 22, 2019



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: December 25

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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 are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We invite you to join us for our Coffee Social, held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our Pastor who would be happy to answer your questions.

St. Anne's email list: Would you like to be added to our weekly St. Anne bulletin email list? Request it at slosa.email@gmail.com

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

This week's liturgical schedule

<p>Sunday December 22 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. Anne's</p>	<p>SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS—OF THE ANCESTORS Confessions: 9:00-9:45 AM Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25. <u>Tone 3.</u></p>
<p>Monday December 23</p>	<p>No Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Parish office OPEN. <u>PHILIP'S FAST CONTINUES TODAY AND TOMORROW.</u></p>
<p>Tuesday December 24 9 AM: handout 5:00 PM Vigil: MCI book or p. 288 & 291</p>	<p>9:00 AM Office of Readings--Royal Hours 3:30-4:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy Shannon Carnazzo & family</p>	<p>(This great morning service does NOT count toward your Christmas feast obligation) Vigil: CHRISTMAS. (5:00pm counts for obligation) Will take all eight Old Testament readings. Hebrews 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20. Potluck Holy Supper afterward at approx. 7:30 PM</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 25 p. 289</p>	<p><u>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</u> For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. Anne's Parish office closed today.</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST Christ is born! Glorify Him! Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12. (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>
<p>Thursday, December 26 p. 294</p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy Annick Linskey</p>	<p>SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (Solemn Feast) Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23. Parish office open today.</p>
<p>Friday December 27 p. 298</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:15-8:45AM 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Elvira Martinez by Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Risch</p>	<p>HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN (Simple Feast). Acts 6:8 - 7:5, 47-60; Matthew 21: 33-42. Parish office closed today. The Church permits us to eat meat today (the Friday after Christmas).</p>
<p>Saturday December 28</p>	<p>No Divine Liturgy Parish office closed</p>	<p>SATURDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Holy 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. Blessed Martyr Gregory Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanislaviv 1945. 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21.</p>
<p>Sunday December 29 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. Anne's</p>	<p>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Confessions: 9:00-9:45 AM Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23 <u>Tone 4</u> No ECF classes.</p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

December 24: Office of Readings. Royal Hours
9AM. (A great way to finish spiritually preparing for Christmas.)

December 25: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Obligation)
Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy Dec. 24 at 5:00PM; Potluck Holy Supper Dec. 24 at 7:30PM;
10AM Divine Liturgy on Dec. 25.

December 26: SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (Solemn Holy day)
10AM Divine Liturgy

December 27: St Stephen the Protomartyr (Simple Holy day)
9AM Divine Liturgy

Birthdays: December 28: Johnny Bradley Jr. and Joseph Baron;
God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 15, 2019

Attendance: 66

Tithes: \$ 1,720

Debt Reduction: \$25

Donations: \$250

Candles: \$40

Holyday—Maternity St. Anne: \$40

Flowers/Palms: \$15

Retired Religious: \$520

Bake sale: \$352

Coffee Social: \$6

PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ANNE'S IN YOUR WILLS AND BEQUESTS

May God bless your generosity to His Church!

OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church: [Temporarily unavailable due to lack of stock]

Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: [Temporarily unavailable due to lack of stock]

Icon of Jesus Christ: [Available]

Icon of the Theotokos: [Available]

Icon of St. John the Baptist: [Available]

Icon of St. Anne: [Available] Icon of St. Nicholas: [Available]

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: [Available]

The large "eternal" vigil oil lamps have a suggested offering of \$10.00 and will burn continuously from Sunday through Saturday. The other smaller oil lamps are each available for a suggested \$2.00 offering, which will burn for each Divine Liturgy for one week. The bulletin will remind your fellow parishioners of your special intention or loved one above. (These donations are not tax-deductible.) See narthex envelopes to sponsor a lamp.

PRAYER REQUESTS (Submit requests by email or physical note.) David A., Gil B., John B., Daniel B., Jeff B., Rebecca B., Betty, Myrna B., Paula B., Jessica B., Fr. Michael B., Fr. Stephen C., Carlos C., Dana C., Debbie C., Alexis C., Mary Lynn C., William C. Jr., Jay D., Joyce D., Matthew C., Fr. Edwin, Elizabeth, Stephen E., Susanne E., Rachel E., Chris E., Government (national, state, local), Caroline F., Brooke F., Jack F., Kristina G., Ernie G., Sam G., Robert H., Mary H., Jason I., +Fr. Ed I., Raphael J., Art K., Juraj K., Fr. Milan K., Heidi J., Jon, Sophie K., Kozitza family, Crystal & Sumi L., Jessica L., Fr. James L., Fe M., Josie M., Lewis M., Matthew M., Nella, Howard N., Ofelia, Mary Jo P., Suzanne P., Cathie P., John P., Rebecca P., Michael S., Therese S., Donna S., Silvia S., Sarah S., Pete S., Sandy S., Erin T., Carolyn T., Maria

T., Elizabeth W., Jonathan W., Rich W., Noah Y., Yolanda. True reform in the Catholic Church according to God's will; Holy vocations to the priesthood, religious, and married life. **CONFESSIONS** Check bulletin for weekly times as well as special times before feast days. Also available by appointment. **ANOIDING OF THE SICK** Before hospitalization, after Holy Services in church. For emergencies, please call the Parish Office. Immediately. **BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/EUCHARIST** Must be arranged at least three months in advance. **CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** Must be arranged at least six months in advance. **EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION** Contact Ed Stewart: macejstewart@gmail.com
LITURGY INTENTIONS Please fill out one of the Liturgy Intention envelopes on the greeting table in the narthex with the name of your living or deceased person. Make checks payable to **St. Anne Stipends** and write "Liturgy Stipend" in your memo line. Although donations are not required, the suggested stipend is \$10, which is later paid to the priest offering the Liturgy.

Christmas schedule: See the Upcoming Calendar Dates for Christmas liturgical services from December 23-27. The schedule on December 24 takes into account parishioner preferences. The Potluck Holy Supper, which will be held at about 7:30 PM after Vespers Liturgy on Christmas Eve, December 24, is meatless because it is the last day of the Philip's Fast. If you would like to bring a Holy Supper dish that is traditional from the Ruthenian Carpathian Mountains, you might want to pick up a recipe sheet in the downstairs social hall next to the sign-up sheets.

Religious give thanks: "Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's collection. Today (Dec. 22) is the last day you can make a donation to this special collection.

Christmas collection: Due to recent concerns about security of our church premises, the Christmas collection of 2019 will go toward paying for security-related improvements, such as the alarm system. If any is leftover, it will be earmarked and spent on general improvements. Bless you for your generosity!

Thank you to our bakers & decorators: Thank you to all our parish bakers this past week who made kolachi (sweet rolls) and perogies. These people include Joyce Dicky, Janice Sawko, Chris Guzman, Paula Gomez and crew. Through their help, we are able to enjoy good Christmas goodies and the parish is able to make some money from this fundraiser. In addition, Christina Aguirre, Joyce Dicky, and Donna Snead did a terrific job decorating our church and hall! Thank you very much!

Mark your calendars—January 14: Youth Group Forming: Our first youth group evening will be coming up on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 from 7-9pm at St. Anne's. It will include pizza, socializing, prayer, and games. This is for teenagers ages 13 through 17. Flyers will be coming out soon. Please let Katherine Bradley or Mariel Linskey know if your teenagers would like to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Please also let them know if you are interested in helping out.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED FEAST OF CHRISTMAS: Our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us with celebrating His birthday once again. Let us give thanks to Our Lord Jesus who is God with Us (Emmanuel). May you each feel His tender presence during this beautiful season!