

**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

**January 12, 2020**



**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:** Leave-taking (Otdanije) is Jan. 14

**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 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](mailto:slosa.email@gmail.com)*

# Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

## This week's liturgical schedule

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>January 12</b> (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p><b>9:00-9:45 AM Confessions</b> <b>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY</b> Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17 <u>Tone 6</u> ECF classes.</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>January 13</b></p>	<p><b>No Divine Liturgy.</b></p>	<p><b>Parish office closed.</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>January 14</b> p. 316 or MCI Book</p>	<p><b>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo and family by the Lardizabal-Carnazzo family  <b>Youth event postponed</b></p>	<p><b>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Theophany. Our Venerable Fathers Killed by the Arabs in Sinai and Raitho in 312.</b> Commemoration of the Passing of the Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians. Hebrews 12:25-26 &amp; 13:22-25; Mark 10:2-12.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday,</b> <b>January 15</b> p. 378 or MCI Book</p>	<p><b>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> +Galina Sirotkina by Ames Elmendorf</p>	<p><b>Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hutdweller.</b> Repose of the Blessed Bishop-Martyr Tit Liviu Chinczu. James 1:1-18; Mark 10:11-16.</p>
<p><b>Thursday,</b> <b>January 16</b> p. 368 or MCI Book</p>	<p><b>6:30 AM Divine Liturgy</b> +Vaisiunas Family by Jonas Sturas</p>	<p><b>Veneration of the Chains of the Holy, Glorious and Illustrious Apostle Peter.</b> James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27.</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>January 17</b> p. 376 or MCI Book</p>	<p>4:45-5:15 PM Confessions <b>5:30 PM Divine Liturgy</b> Dustin F. by Kristen T <b>7:00 PM Movie</b></p>	<p><b>Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great.</b> Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23.  <b><u>Watching Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (2008)</u></b></p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>January 18</b> p. 385 or MCI Book</p>	<p>8:15-8:45 AM Confessions <b>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Rebecca Procopchuk <b>10:30AM-12:30PM</b> <b>Acolyte Training</b></p>	<p><b>Our Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria.</b> Colossians 1:3-6; Luke 16:10-15</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>January 19</b> (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p><b>9:00-9:45 AM Confessions</b> <b>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</p>	<p><b>32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43. <u>Tone 7</u> ECF classes.</p>

**UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES**

**January 17: Next Friday evening class**

7:00 to 9:00 PM at St. Anne's. Includes free dinner. Watching Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (2008)

**January 18: Acolyte Training**

10:30AM to 12:30PM at St. Anne's. (For altar boys and altar men)

**Birthdays: January 14—Anthony Aguirre**

**Anniversary: January 10—Brent & Suzie Trockman; January 14—Roy & Christina Aguirre**  
**God grant them many blessed years!**

**SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD**

<p><b>January 5, 2020</b> Attendance: 71 *Does not count as income. (Sp.coll.) Total Deposit: \$2,693.00 *<b>Total Income: \$2,658.00</b></p>	<p><b>Tithes: \$1,600</b> <b>Debt Reduction: \$335</b> <b>Donations: \$235</b> <b>Candles: \$72</b></p>	<p><b>Holyday—Christmas: \$250</b> <b>Holyday—Theophany: \$85</b> <b>*Retired Religious (Dec. 2020): \$35</b> <b>Gift Shop: \$11; Sale of church property—cooling rack: \$70</b></p>
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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: [Available]**

**Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: [Available]**

**Icon of Jesus Christ: Peace & health for Lindsay & her baby in her womb by Brenda Garcia (1/18/20)**

**Icon of the Theotokos: [Available]**

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

**Icon of St. Anne: Peace & health for Lindsay & her baby in her womb by Brenda Garcia (1/18/20)**

**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. **ANOINTING 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](mailto: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.

**January 14 Youth event CANCELLED:** Stay tuned for the rescheduling of this to a Tuesday in February.

**Other Safe Environment requirements:** Many of you who volunteer have taken care of the background check that our eparchy now requires. The other requirement for many of us is to complete Virtus online Safe Environment training. We ask you to speak with Ed Stewart ASAP and complete the training no later than January 28, 2020. It takes about 1.5 hours to complete. Please see Ed for more information. Thank you.

**Theology on Tap!** Come enjoy an evening of refreshments and fellowship at The Carlton Hotel in Atascadero, **Tuesday, January 28th at 7 PM.** Deacon John Bradley, from our parish, will present on the topic, *East & West – A Marriage Made in Heaven*, leading us in an exploration of Western and Eastern forms of Christianity through comparison and contrast, and a recognition of the complementary strengths that each can offer to the other.

## **House Blessing in the Eastern Catholic Tradition**

The priest's blessing of our homes every year after Theophany transforms our living spaces into a domestic church. This blessing expels evil spirits, repels threats, and invites holiness and peace into the heart of the home. The priest is invited by parishioners to bless their homes, however grand or humble, and whether the home is a room, an RV, an apartment, or a house.

### **How house blessing works**

- The head of the household greets the priest with a lighted candle at the door of the home.
- The priest says, "Christ is baptized" and the family replies "Glorify Him" or "In the Jordan."
- The head of household with the lighted candle leads the priest to the home's icon corner (see description below) where the priest begins the blessing prayers.
- The head of household, still holding the lighted candle, leads the priest around the house while he blesses each room with holy water.
- The priest ends with final prayers in front of the icon corner.
- Priest and family talk informally. Sometimes the householder gives him a snack or meal, depending on what has been planned beforehand.
- The blessing usually lasts from 15-30 minutes.

### **How to create an "icon corner"**

The "icon corner" is a wall or corner in a public part of the house, often the living room, where the family displays its holy images. It is a domestic shrine. The central images are usually icons of Christ, the Holy Theotokos (Mary, the Mother of God), and a crucifix. In addition, people often add other icons, statues and holy cards.

### **Preparing an icon corner for house blessing**

Place a table, big or small, in front of the sacred images, and put a white cloth on the table. This serves as an altar for the priest when he comes into the home. On this table the priest will place his crucifix and other items, and he will lead the prayers while standing in front of this table, facing the icons.

### **How to organize a house blessing group**

Two to five households that live fairly close to each other can form a house blessing group – so that the priest blesses each of their houses in turn on the same day. This is often followed by everyone gathering with the priest in the final home to share a meal (which can be a potluck). The benefits of group house blessings are that the priest can bless several houses in a neighborhood and its families get to know each other better.