



Left: The expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise (Genesis 3). Right: Christ the Pantocrator icon

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

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

This week's liturgical schedule

<p>Sunday February 23 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>9:00-9:45 AM Confessions 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors 12:30pm: Eucharistic Miracles talk 2:00pm: Forgiveness Vespers</p>	<p>CHEESEFARE & FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21. <u>Tone 4</u> No ECF classes today. Special presentation & Vespers instead.</p>
<p>Monday February 24 See pew guides</p>	<p>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy Jim Snead by Fr. Michael B.</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Required to abstain from meat and dairy including eggs. Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20. Parish office open.</p>
<p>Tuesday February 25 See pew guides</p>	<p>9:00 AM Matins Parish office closed.</p>	<p>Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople. Genesis 1:14-23; Proverbs 1:20-33.</p>
<p>Wednesday February 26 See pew guides</p>	<p>9:00 AM Office of Terce-Sext 6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy Dustin by Kristen T.</p>	<p>Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza. The Holy Great Martyr Photina the Samaritan. Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-21</p>
<p>Thursday February 27 See pew guides</p>	<p>6:30 AM Matins</p>	<p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Gregory of Narek. Genesis 2:4-19; Proverbs 3:1-18.</p>
<p>Friday February 28 See pew guides</p>	<p>9:00 AM Office of Terce-Sext 4:45-5:15 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy Sebastian J. by Fr. Michael Bezruchka</p>	<p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius. Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34.</p>
<p>Saturday February 29 See pew guides</p>	<p>8:15-8:45 M Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Richard Soto by Silvia Soto</p>	<p>Saturday in the First Week of the Great Fast: Commemoration of the Miracle of the Holy Great-Martyr Theodore. Our Venerable Father Cassian. Hebrews 1:1-12; Mark 2:23-3:5.</p>
<p>Sunday, March 1 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>9:00-9:45 AM Confessions 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</p>	<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. SUNDAY OF TRIUMPH OF THE TRUE FAITH Hebrews 11:24-26.32-12:2; John 1:43-51. <u>Tone 5</u> ECF classes.</p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

*February 24: First Day of the Great Fast (Lent)
(See urgent announcement.)*

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 16, 2020 Attendance: 58	Tithes: \$960 Debt Reduction: \$60 Donations: \$197 Candles: \$23	Eparchial Appeal: \$15 Coffee Social: \$46 Total Deposit: \$1,301 Total Income: \$1,286.00
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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: [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 and will burn continuously from Sunday through Saturday. The other smaller oil lamps are each available for a suggested \$2 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., Jay D., Joyce D., Matthew C., Elizabeth, Stephen E., Susanne E., Rachel E., Chris E., Government (national, state, local), Caroline F., Brooke F., Jack F., Jean 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., +Paul R., Michael S., Therese S., Jim 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

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.

ATTENTION—URGENT—February 24: Tomorrow is the beginning of the Great Fast (Lent) in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition. Our Byzantine bishops REQUIRE us to ABSTAIN (refrain) from eating both MEAT AND DAIRY, including eggs on that day. You would commit grave sin in which you need to go to Confession before receiving the Eucharist if you knowingly ignore or defy this Church Law tomorrow.

2020 Lenten 40 Days for Life—St. Anne’s Parish involvement: As a parish, we have committed to praying every Sunday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm starting March 1 until the end of this campaign on Palm Sunday, April 5. We will use a two-prong approach. One group will go to the 743 Pismo street location and pray in front of the Planned Parenthood building. The other group will remain inside St. Anne’s during those same two hours praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an end to abortion. Please contact Donna Snead for more information. Also, for information about getting involved with the weekday 40 Days for Life, you are invited to contact Kirt and Katie Collins at 805-801-5680 (Katie), 805-602-7971 (Kirt) kirt.katiecollins@gmail.com

How the Great Fast Can Lead to the Heavenly Banquet: Tomorrow, we begin the Great Fast (Lent). During this time, we should be increasing our prayer life and almsgiving. Very importantly, we should also follow the church’s fasting traditions. Why? Because exercising discipline with food helps us say no to sin and recognize our hunger for God. The minimum required is to abstain from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great fast and to abstain from meat, dairy and eggs on Pure Monday (February 24 this year) and on Good Friday (April 10 this year). (Exceptions to these fasting rules can be granted for health reasons only with the permission of your pastor.) The traditional, more rigorous, fast is to abstain from meat, dairy, wine, and oil throughout the full 40 days. Days of mitigation in the traditional fast are Sundays and feast days such as March 25 in which wine and oil are allowed. We are encouraged to do more than the minimum, yet also what our health will allow. Let’s use all the church aids and become clothed in a beautiful wedding garment for the feast of the Lord’s glorious resurrection!

Highlights from January 2020 Income and Expenses: The financial statement for Jan. is now available. Jan. income: \$6,953.09. Expenses: \$7,700.94. Net loss: (\$747.85). Note that total income is less than what was shown in the combined Sunday collections by a difference of \$110.91. This is because Coffee Social income is treated as a net item of donations, minus expenses, rather than as separate income and expense items in our accounting software. In the end, total income and expenses will produce the same net income or loss in either method. Extra expenses for the month include an unusual \$416.54 for plumbing repair, and an occasional purchase of \$852.28 for sanctuary supplies (charcoal, beeswax candles, other candles).

Special Collection—Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. If you wish to donate to this special collection in the specially marked envelopes, the deadline for us to receive it is March 15.

Elections have begun. This is a critical moment! Many of you have already received your absentee ballots. Please vote in accord with your Christian faith on the issue of abortion! This is a life or death issue that affects every level of government – city, county, state and national. I strongly encourage you to research and make sure you are checking boxes for candidates and propositions that promote life! Please vote. It is critical. Pro-life candidates are listed here: <https://californiansforlife.org/pro-life-voter-information/>

Eparchial Appeal — Important additional facts. By now, you should have received an Eparchial Appeal brochure and pledge form in the mail. This year, our parish goal set by the Eparchy is \$9,961.09, **which means our average per-household donation is \$355.75 to achieve our goal based on 28 households calculated.** (Generally, adult children who have their own job and live with their parents are considered a separate household as they can donate to their parish and the Eparchial Appeal, especially since they often do not pay for certain expenses such as rent.) This is an increase of about \$80 per capita from the last two years of Eparchial Appeal goals. As before, you can donate directly to the Eparchy and credit St. Anne’s, or you can put your donation in the Eparchial Appeal envelope, make it payable to the parish of St. Anne Church, and write “Eparchial Appeal” in the memo line. Some people can afford to give much more while others can give less. The important thing is that everyone participate. No contribution is too small and no contribution is too large to build up the Kingdom of God through our eparchy with our treasure.

Great Lent online class. Ready to take four free classes on Lent starting this Wednesday, February 26? Check out <http://easterncatholic.org/> for more information and to register.