



John 9: 1-38

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

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

This week's liturgical schedule: *NO PUBLIC LITURGICAL SERVICES DUE TO VIRUS-Online only.* Check the MCI <https://mci.archpitt.org> for some prayers. YouTube Channel, [click HERE](#)

<p>Sunday, May 17 <i>Pew book p. 189, 164</i></p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND <i>Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38. <u>Festal tone.</u></i></p>
<p>Monday May 18</p>	<p>Parish Office <u>Closed.</u></p>	<p>Holy Martyr Theodotus and others. <i>Acts 17:1-15; John 11:47-56</i></p>
<p>Tuesday May 19 <i>p. 189, MCI Menaion, p. 166</i></p>	<p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>+Robert Hanley by Fr. Michael, Bob & Mary Lynn C.</i></p>	<p>The holy martyr Patrick, bishop of Prusa, and his companions. <i>Acts 17:19-28; John 12:19-36.</i> Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Wednesday May 20 <i>Matins of the Resurrection</i> <i>Use handout for pages (& p. 194)</i></p>	<p>9:00 AM Paschal Matins ONLINE ONLY 6:30 PM Vigil Vesperal Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>+Walter Bronson by Fr. Michael</i></p>	<p>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pascha. The Holy Martyr Thaleus. <i>Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53.</i> <i>This is the last day this year for the greeting "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!" until 4pm.</i> Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Thursday May 21 <i>p. 191</i></p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</i></p>	<p>THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (Major Holy Day) Parish Office Closed <i>Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53</i></p>
<p>Friday May 22 <i>p. 192, MCI Menaion for May.</i></p>	<p>5:30 PM Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>+Maria Slinsky by Fr. Michael</i></p>	<p>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Basiliscus. The Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, 381. Parish Office Open <i>Acts 26:1-5, 12-20; John 9:39 - 10:9.</i></p>
<p>Saturday May 23 <i>p. 192, MCI Menaion for May.</i></p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>+Galina Sirotkina by Ames Elmendorf</i></p>	<p>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada. The Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of Our Holy Savior in Polotsk. <i>Acts 20:7-12; John 14:10-21.</i></p>
<p>Sunday, May 24 <i>Pew book p. 196</i></p>	<p>10 AM Divine Liturgy ONLINE ONLY <i>For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL <i>Acts 20:16-18, 28-38; John 17:1-13. <u>Festal tone.</u></i></p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

*Please call or email to make an appointment with Fr. Michael for Confession
No bulletin scheduled times right now due to COVID-19.*

Birthday: May 19—Judith Baron; May 21—MaryAnn Santos

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

May 10, 2020

Total bank Deposit: \$3,373.00

**Total Income to the parish:
\$3,373.00**

Tithes: \$1,940

Debt Reduction: \$295

Donations: \$183

Candles: \$525

Holyday—Pascha: \$50

Holyday: Ascension: \$15

Holyday: Pentecost: \$15

Funeral donation: \$150

**Donation in memory of +Maria Slinsky:
\$100 by Paul & Janice Sawko**

**Donation in memory of +Walter
Bronson: \$100 by Paul & Janice Sawko**

DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF SHELTER AT HOME, PLEASE REMEMBER THE BILLS
STILL NEED TO BE PAID. PLEASE CONSIDER MAILING US YOUR MONTHLY DONATIONS.

May God bless your generosity to His Church!

OIL LAMP INTENTIONS

Eternal Lamp above Ambon in church: +Sheryl Ibama by Paul & Janice Sawko (5/22/21)

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS (Submit requests by email or physical note.) David A., +Walt B., 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., Melissa, 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., +Maria S., 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

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THIS SUFFERING? Regarding the man born blind in John 9, St. Cyril of Alexandria said:

“We do not believe that the soul previously existed; nor indeed can we think that it sinned before the body, for how can someone sin who has not yet been born? But if there has been no sin or fault preceding the suffering, what then shall we allege as the cause of the suffering? Truly, by our minds we cannot comprehend those things that are far above us. And, I should advise the prudent and myself above all to abstain from wishing to thoroughly scrutinize them. For we should recall to mind what we have been commanded and not curiously examine things that are too deep, or pry into those that are too hard or rashly attempt to discover those things that are hidden in the divine and ineffable counsel alone. Rather, concerning such matters we should piously acknowledge that there are certain wondrous things that God alone understands. At the same time we should maintain and believe that since God is the fountain of all righteousness, God will neither do nor determine anything whatsoever in human affairs or in those of the rest of creation that is unbecoming to God or differs at all from the true righteousness of justice. Since therefore it is fitting for us to be affected in this way, I say, that the Lord does not speak dogmatically when he says “that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” Rather, he says it to redirect the questioner in another direction and to lead us from things too deep for us to more suitable ones.....Here Jesus is saying, “Why do you ask questions that are better left unsaid? Or why, leaving what suits the time, do you hurry to learn things beyond the capacity of people? It is not a time for such curiosity,” he says, “but for intense work. I think it is more appropriate to pass by such questions and instead zealously execute God’s commands.”

COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 6.1. (Elowsky, J. C. (2006). [John 1-10](#) (pp. 321–323). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.)

THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND TO SEE. St. Ephrem the Syrian said:

“Those whose [eyes] were outwardly open were being led on by the blind man, who was able to see inwardly. For the blind man was being led on in a hidden way by those whose [eyes] were open but who were inwardly blind. The [blind man] washed the clay from his eyes and saw himself. These others washed their blindness from their hearts and were approved. When our Lord opened [the eyes of] one blind man publicly on that occasion, he opened [the eyes of] many blind people secretly. For that blind man was [indeed] blind. He was like a source of gain for our Lord, since he gained many blind people through him, [healing them] from blindness of heart.”

COMMENTARY ON TATIAN’S DIATESSARON 16.30. (Elowsky, J. C. (2006). [John 1-10](#) (p. 327). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.)