



Acts 2: 1-11: The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

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: *Public liturgical services will resume with restrictions and limited indoor attendance on June 5. Check the MCI <https://mci.archpitt.org> for music and prayers. YouTube Channel, [click HERE](#)*

<p>Sunday, May 31 Pew book, p. 203</p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</p>	<p>PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52 & 8:12. <u>Festal tone.</u> Including Kneeling Prayers and blessing of college graduates Genevieve Aguirre & Stephanie Bradley.</p>
<p>Monday June 1 p. 208, 203</p>	<p>6:30 PM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE Offered for two people in great need of prayer by Fr. Michael</p>	<p>Pentecost Monday. (Simple holy day) Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 18:10-20. Parish Office open from 1-5pm.</p>
<p>Tuesday June 2 p. 210, 203 MCI Menaion</p>	<p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE Dorothy V. Pecovish by Jonas Sturas</p>	<p>Pentecost Tuesday. Our Venerable Father Nicephorus the Confessor. Romans 1:1-7 & 13-17; Matthew 4:25-5:12. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Wednesday June 3 p. 210, 203 MCI Menaion</p>	<p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE +Dalia Jasiukonis by Jonas Sturas</p>	<p>Pentecost Wednesday. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions. Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Thursday June 4</p>	<p>No liturgical services today</p>	<p>Pentecost Thursday. Our Venerable Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. Romans 1:28 - 2:9; Matthew 5:27-32 Parish office closed.</p>
<p>Friday June 5 p. 210, 203 MCI Menaion</p>	<p>Confessions: 4:30-5:00pm 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE Tihana & Brandon by Brenda Garcia</p>	<p>Pentecost Friday. The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest. Church permits eating meat today, the Friday after Pentecost. Parish Office Open. Romans 2:14-29; Matthew 5:33-41.</p>
<p>Saturday June 6 p. 210, 203 MCI Menaion</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30am 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE +Galina Sirotkina by Ames Elmendorf</p>	<p>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Hilarion the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery. Parish Office Open Romans 1:7-12; Matthew 5:42-48..</p>
<p>Sunday, June 7 Pew book, p. 211</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30am 10 AM Divine Liturgy LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</p>	<p>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30. <u>Tone 8.</u> Indoor attendance 47 max. No coffee social</p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

*Please continue to call or email to make an appointment with Fr. Michael for Confession
Scheduled times resume June 5. Confessions are heard in a well-ventilated area with physical distance*

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

May 24, 2020

Total bank Deposit: \$1,910

**Total Income to the parish:
\$1,803**

Tithes: \$850

Donations: \$290

Holyday: Ascension: \$90

Holyday: Pentecost: \$180

Funeral donation: \$150

Bake sale: \$120

**Donation by Betty Rios in memory
of recently deceased +Maria
Slinsky: \$50**

***Sp. Coll. Catholic Comm.: \$180**

*This is special collection initiated
by the Eparchy and does not count as
income to the parish.

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 Ibarra by Paul & Janice Sawko (5/29/21)**

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: maccjstewart@gmail.com

Eparchial Appeal update: As of May 27, our Eparchy reported to us that 18 families from St. Anne's had contributed \$6,823.75 toward our \$9,961.09 goal in 2020 for our parish. We are 68.5% toward reaching our goal. The Eparchy is assessing our families about \$356 per family/household this year. Thank you very much to those who have donated! May God bless you!

St Anne's begins reopening on June 5: The long-awaited moment has finally arrived! With the help of Tom Gomez, members of the Advisory Council, and other volunteers, we are completing the requirements for site assessment and a detailed plan in compliance with state and county guidelines that will enable our church to reopen next weekend. We will begin by opening for daily liturgical services on Friday, June 5 at 5:30 PM, with restrictions. We will be open for up to 47 people indoors. The new policy for Sunday and feast days will be a hybrid of indoor attendance and parking lot attendees who are streaming on our YouTube channel. Full details will be sent via email and uploaded to our website before noon on June 5. Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate these tricky waters. May God continue to bless and protect us!

The Friday after Pentecost: This is one of a few Fridays in which we are not required to abstain from eating meat. It is also the first day we will allow indoor attendance with more than just a few people. (See above)

Apostles Fast, June 8 - June 28: The period from the day after All Saints Sunday (in 2020, this is June 8) to the day before the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29 is an optional fasting period. During this Penitential Season in our Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church, we ARE ENCOURAGED to abstain from meat or other types of food more than the normal mandatory Fridays. The Byzantine Tradition is to abstain from eating meat on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year. If you do not already follow this tradition, the Apostles Fast is a good time to start. If you do follow the tradition, you might add abstinence from meat on Mondays. Or you might also give up dairy on these days. Did you slack off during the Great Fast this year? If so, the Apostles Fast is a good time to do a better job and profit by this special opportunity for spiritual growth. During these times of lockdown and spiritual unrest in today's world, prayer and fasting are more needed than ever! So let us pray and fast for the intention of repentance and healing in ourselves, our families, our nation, and the world.

A word about Kneeling: (Adapted from the Metropolitan Cantor Institute) According to the decision of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 AD, the Church fathers recommended in Canon 20 that Christians should not kneel for prayer on the Lord's Day (Sunday) or on the days from Pascha to Pentecost, in honor of the Lord's Resurrection. Thus, we refrain from kneeling in our Byzantine churches during those times. The service of Vespers on the Sunday evening of Pentecost marks the end of fifty days of rejoicing, and a special series of prayers are said at this service by the priest, who kneels with the people before the Lord. This Vespers celebration may be held in the afternoon or evening of Pentecost Sunday, but in some places it is celebrated shortly after the day's Divine Liturgy. Our Eparchy's Pastoral Handbook recommends praying at least one or more of the three kneeling prayers after the Ambon Prayer. Therefore, we will pray two of these three kneeling prayers today on Pentecost at that recommended time.

Kontakion of the Feast of Pentecost: *When the Most High descended and confused tongues, he scattered nations. When he distributed the tongues of fire, he called all to unity. We also, with one voice, glorify the most Holy Spirit.*