

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, OF THE ANCESTORS
December 20, 2020



St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

222 E. Foothill Boulevard San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
Parish Office: (805) 543-8883 Fax: (805) 543-8832

Parish website: www.stanneslo.org

Pastor's e-mail: stanneslo@gmail.com

Served by:

Father Michael Bezruchka, Pastor

Deacon John Bradley

Bishops: Most Reverend John S. Pazzak C.Ss.R., D.D. and Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, D.D., J.C.D.

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:

Check the MCI <https://mci.archpitt.org> for music and prayers.

<p>Sunday, December 20</p> <p>Pew guide or Pew book p. 141 & 285</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. Anne's</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, OF THE ANCESTORS.</p> <p>Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25. <u>Tone 4</u> 11:45am to 12:30pm ECF Classes.</p>
<p>Monday December 21</p>	<p>No liturgical services today Parish Office Closed. Philips Fast Continues This Week.</p>	<p>Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia. <i>Prefestive Day of Christmas.</i></p> <p>Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 9:42 - 10:1.</p>
<p>Tuesday December 22</p> <p>MCI or p. 391</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM 9 AM Divine Liturgy +Jay Dicky by Sam & Betty Gutierrez</p>	<p>Holy Great Martyr Anastasia. <i>Prefestive Day of Christmas.</i></p> <p>Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23; Mark 10:2-12. Parish Office Open.</p>
<p>Wednesday December 23</p> <p>MCI or p. 381</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Julie Carlin by Fr. Michael</p>	<p>Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete. <i>Prefestive Day of Christmas.</i></p> <p>Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 10:11-16. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Thursday December 24</p> <p>MCI or p.104</p>	<p>Confessions: 1:30-2:30 PM 3 PM Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy For repentance, protection, truth, and virtue in our election and country.</p>	<p>Vigil: CHRISTMAS. (3 PM counts for obligation) <i>Will take all eight Old Testament readings.</i></p> <p>Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Friday December 25</p> <p>MCI or p. 289 see handout</p>	<p>10:00 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. Anne's</i> Christmas Greeting: <i>Christ is born! Glorify Him!</i></p>	<p>CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Holy Day of Obligation).</p> <p>Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12. Parish Office Closed. <i>Can eat meat this Friday!</i></p>
<p>Saturday December 26</p> <p>MCI or p. 294, 301</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Jean Bronson by Sam & Betty Gutierrez</p>	<p>SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS <i>(Solemn Feast). Saturday After Christmas.</i></p> <p>1 Timothy 6:11-16; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 12:15-21; Matthew 2:13-23. Parish Office Closed</p>
<p>Sunday, December 27</p> <p>Pew guide or Pew book p. 146, 298, 302</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. Anne's</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.</p> <p>Galatians 1:11-19; Acts 6:8 - 7:5, 47-60; Matthew 2:13-23; Matthew 21:33-42. <u>Tone 5</u> 11:45am to 12:30pm ECF Classes.</p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

January 1: Christmas: CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
(Solemn holyday)

December 31—3pm Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy; January 1—10am Divine Liturgy

Birthdays:

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 13, 2020

Total bank Deposit: \$2,084

Total parish income: \$1,954

*These are special collections initiated by the Eparchy and do not count as income to the parish.

Tithes: \$490

Debt Reduction: \$60

Donations: \$262

Candles: \$22

Holyday: Christmas: \$1,000

Holyday: Maternity of St. Anne: \$25

***Sp. Coll.: Retired Religious: \$130**

Gift Shop: \$95

Your donations are enabling us to continue paying our bills at St Anne's. Thank you! Please note that you have three ways to contribute: 1) Place your donation in the secure box before or after Divine Liturgy; 2) Mail it, or 3) Go to www.stanneslo.org and click on the Giving tab.

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. Make checks payable to **St. Anne Byz. Catholic Church**.

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 +Jay D., Kathryn R., +Fr. Mel R., Signe R., +Sylvia S., **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

Safe Environment Program Contact information: The Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix is committed to maintaining a safe environment at all times, for all minors and vulnerable adults. For more information about our Eparchy-wide Safe Environment Program or to report any observations or concerns, please contact:

Safe Environment Office: Sdcn. Paul F. Kilroy, Asst. SEP Coordinator, sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org, Office: (602) 861-9778, Cell: (702)-498-5972

Victim Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Caroline Bonham victimassistanceofphoenix@gmail.com, Phone: (505) 314-3943

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Our 2020 Christmas collection is mainly to help assist in paying the extra expenses on the building of our retaining wall and painting. Of what we collect, ten to twenty percent (10-20%) of what we collect for this Christmas collection will be donated to a parish family(ies) in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks for helping our religious elders: “We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last Sunday’s special collection. If you didn’t get a chance to make a donation to it, you have until no later than next Sunday December 27. If writing a check, please write “RFR” or “Retired Religious” on the memo line.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: We will celebrate two outdoor Divine Liturgies this Christmas. The first, on Christmas Eve, will be mid-afternoon, at 3 PM on Thursday, December 24. The second, on Christmas Day, will be at 10 AM on Friday, December 25. See the Upcoming Calendar Dates.

Eternal Memory: Julie Carlin: We had a Parastas funeral service for her on December 16 at the funeral home for just a few people. The livestream will be available online until December 23. A memorial Divine Liturgy will be celebrated sometime in the future after the family members feel comfortable that the dangers of COVID have passed. In the meantime, the Divine Liturgy on December 23 is being offered for Julie.

A Christmas Note from the Pastor: Dear Parishioners,

This Christmas is a first for me. Perhaps for those who endured WWII in Europe and those who lived in the former Soviet Union, this is not a first. Many of them tell stories about Divine Liturgies being held in unusual places in secret. Sometimes these were held outdoors. In our day, and in these darkening times, we are getting an inkling of the hardships they endured. We find ourselves not exempt from some of the sufferings that Christians in the Middle East and elsewhere have had to cope with simply for being a baptized follower of Christ. It began with subtle persecution in many cases.

Yet, in the midst of it all, we are reminded that Christ was born in a cave — a shelter for animals. His birth place was not warm or cozy. Nor was he welcomed by the local political leader. King Herod wanted to murder him. He failed, but killed all the young boys around Bethlehem in the attempt. History goes through cycles, and it seems that the comfortable life we have enjoyed in our country is disappearing. Is there any longer a safe haven on earth? This is an unusual chapter in world history. Let us be grateful for our Faith as we pause in the midst of all, and observe the birth of our infant Savior. Let us be profoundly grateful for being able to celebrate this Christmas, and remember that God is With Us! Emmanuel!

May God richly bless you with the Peace that surpasses all understanding,
Fr. Michael