

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
February 21, 2021



Sunday of orthodoxy, a victory of icons restored in churches

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

<p>Sunday, February 21 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</i></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></p>
<p>Mon. Feb. 22</p>	<p>No Divine Liturgy today</p>	<p>Parish Office Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday February 23 see handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:15-8:45 AM 9 AM Lenten Matins</p>	<p>St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr. Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Wednesday February 24 see handout</p>	<p>9:00 AM Office of Terce-Sext Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM 6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy +Paul Waitekunas by Jonas Sturas</p>	<p>1st & 2nd Findings of the Head of St. John the Baptist. Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15 - 6:3. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Thursday February 25 see handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:15-8:45 AM 9 AM Lenten Matins</p>	<p>Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople. Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Friday, February 26 see handout</p>	<p>9:00 AM Office of Terce-Sext Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy +Mr. Ed George by Peggy Bradley-Pearson</p>	<p>St. Porphyry of Gaza, Bishop. Holy Great Martyr Photina the Samaritan. Genesis 5:32-6:8; Proverbs 6:20-7:1. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Saturday February 27 see handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Deceased names submitted for prayer</p>	<p>2nd All Souls Saturday. Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite. Hebrews 3:12-16; Mark 1:35-45. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Sunday, February 28 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors</i></p>	<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Mark 2:1-12. <u>Tone 6</u></p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

Presanctified Liturgies

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm and Fridays @ 5:30pm.

*Important Lenten liturgical service which includes Eucharist presanctified from Previous Sunday.
It is highly recommended to attend at least one Presanctified Liturgy each week.*

PASCHA (Easter): April 4

9:30am: Paschal Matins with Divine Liturgy

Next March for Conversion: April 18

12:30 – 1:30pm

Birthday: February 28 (next bulletin)

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 14, 2021: collection

Total bank Deposit: \$1,127

Total parish income: \$1,127

Tithes: \$535

Debt Reduction: \$282

Donations: \$280

Candles: \$30

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**.

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,

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Victim Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Caroline Bonham

victimassistanceofphoenix@gmail.com, Phone: (505) 314-3943

Catechesis for adults to begin on March 4 at St Anne's: Our Thursday evening adult classes will be at 7:00 -8:15 PM starting on March 4, during the third week of the Great Fast. Please note that the date has changed one week later due to some scheduling challenges that have come up. We will study basics of the Byzantine approach (Byzantine Basics), the Divine Liturgy as a mystical experience of God, as well as the Gospel of John, the most mystical of the Gospels in pointing to Christ's divinity. Besides a Bible, we will use the *Light for Life* three-volume series, which is available for purchase in our gift shop or online. I suggest you purchase an RSV or RSVCE2 Bible (Revised Standard Version, 2nd Catholic Edition) You will be able to participate in person or online through the Zoom platform.

Want to help others find the Messiah through Holy Orders or Monasticism?

"We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law and also the prophets." Finding our Savior during this Great Lent, we see that our "soiled image was restored to its original form, commingled with divine beauty." God may be helping you find that a vocation to monasticism or holy orders is the beauty meant for you. To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email:

vocations@ephx.org

This Sunday we celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy: A Triumph of the Restoration of Icons

When, in the seventh century, Islam began to spread, it began to influence Christians with its heresies. One of the heresies that Islam picked up was from Mohammed's misunderstanding of the Torah, by interpreting that God prohibited the making of religious imagery. Christians, under Islamic influence, began to question the ancient tradition of having religious imagery in their churches and so began the heresy of iconoclasm (literally, image smashing). Anyone familiar with the various strains of Protestantism, are familiar also with a form of this heresy coming from Calvin.

In the 8th century, bishops of the Church gathered in Constantinople in what became known as the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787), and condemned this heresy. There were a couple decades of peace and public veneration of icons, yet the iconoclastic heresy was embraced again by some future emperors. The truth-loving empress Theodora witnessed miracles around her husband Theophilus who repented of his iconoclasm. It was not until March 11, 843, that another synod was held in which the declaration of the Seventh Ecumenical Council was again defended and declared, that the icons were brought by all the people from their homes, where they had hidden them, to the churches and put back on the walls.

This final synod and procession of icons back into the churches happened on March 11th, which that year was also the first Sunday of Great Lent. From then until today, the First Sunday of Great Lent has continued to be known and celebrated as the Sunday of the Triumph of the Orthodox Faith.

Bring an icon with you today, February 21

In honor of the victory of icons in 843AD, it is our tradition to bring an icon from home and process with it at the beginning of Divine Liturgy on the First Sunday of the Great Fast (see reason why above this announcement). Please bring an icon with you before you leave home.