

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

May 9, 2021



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

<p>Sunday, May 9 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i></p>	<p>Sunday of the Man Born Blind Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38. <u>Tone 5</u> <i>Mothers' Day</i></p>
<p>Monday, May 10</p>	<p>No Divine Liturgy today</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 13:54-58. Parish Office Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 11 MCI or p. 374</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM 9 AM Divine Liturgy +Ted Bronson by Fr. Michael</p>	<p>Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs. Our Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila. The Foundation of Constantinople (330). Hebrews 13:17-21; John 10:9-16. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 12 see handout or p. 194</p>	<p>Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM 6:30 PM Vigil Vesperal Divine Liturgy +Robert Hanley by Fr. Michael</p>	<p>Leave-taking of Pascha. Parish Office Open Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. (Vigil Divine Liturgy fulfills Holy Day Obligation.) Isaiah 2:2-3; Isaiah 62:10 - 63:9; Zechariah 14:1, 4, 8-11. Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 13 see handout or p. 191</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners</p>	<p>Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ (Holy Day of OBLIGATION) Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53. Parish Office Closed</p>
<p>Friday, May 14 MCI or p. 379</p>	<p>Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy +Rebecca Prokopchuk by Fr. Michael</p>	<p>Holy Martyr Isidore. <i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension.</i> Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11. Parish Office Open</p>
<p>Saturday, May 15 MCI or p. 376</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:10-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy +Poor souls by Rusty & Juanita Risch</p>	<p>Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. <i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension.</i> Acts 20:7-12; John 14:10-21. Parish Office Closed</p>
<p>Sunday, May 16 (Use handout for pages)</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i></p>	<p>Sunday of The Fathers of The First Ecumenical Council Acts 20:16-18, 28-38; John 17:1-13. <u>Tone 6</u></p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

May 13: Ascension Thursday (Obligation)

May 12—6:30pm Vigil Vesperal Divine Liturgy; May 13—10am Divine Liturgy

May 23: Pentecost Sunday and POTLUCK SUNDAY

July 18: March for Conversion: 12:30 – 1:30pm

July 25: POTLUCK SUNDAY and PARISH ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays: May 12—Sam Gutierrez

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

May 2, 2021: collection

Total bank Deposit: \$2,905

Total parish income: \$2,605

Tithes: \$2,034

Debt Reduction: \$325

Donations: \$201

Candles: \$5

Holyday--Ascension: \$20

Holyday—Pentecost: \$20

***Eparchial Appeal: \$300**

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

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: Carmelina Rodriguez by Carmen Montanez (5/15/21)

Icon of the Theotokos: +Russell Tolchard by Chris Guzman (5/22/21)

Icon of St. John the Baptist: +Russell Tolchard by Chris Guzman (5/22/21)

Icon of St. Anne: [Available] Icon of St. Nicholas: [Available]

Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: +Russell Tolchard by Chris Guzman (5/22/21)

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. (These donations are not tax-deductible.)

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

Ever thought about spiritual motherhood in the monastic life? “One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!” The healing love of Christ gave sight to the man born blind. Have you received the eyes to spiritually see your calling in life? Is he calling you to help the world see Him more clearly by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic or religious life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Last Chance--Catholic Home Missions Collection:

Next Sunday, May 16 is the last Sunday you may donate to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If writing a check, please make it out to St. Anne Church and write “Catholic Home Missions” or “CHM” in the memo line. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Eparchial Appeal 2021

St Anne’s registered parishioners have received a mailing from the Eparchy of Phoenix asking you to participate in the 2021 Eparchial Appeal. The current goal for the entire Eparchy is \$300,000, of which St Anne's parish was assigned a goal of \$12,355.21. **If each household donates an average of \$375, we will reach our goal.** Some can give more and others less, but we can all participate. There are monthly Eparchial Appeal envelopes in your box of envelopes for making payments over a period of time, rather than all at once, if that works better for you. If donating through the parish, please make checks payable to St. Anne Church and write “Eparchial Appeal” in the memo line. You may also donate online in the name of St Anne’s at <https://ephx.org/eparchial-appeal>. **As of April 30 for donating to the Eparchy directly and May 2 donated through the parish directly, St Anne’s has received \$5,730 for the Eparchial Appeal, which brings us to about 46% of our goal.** This is the most important special collection of the year for us. Thank you for donating.

The Power of the Lord’s Word. Ephrem the Syrian: It was not [the pool of] Siloam that opened [the eyes of] the blind man, just as it was not the waters of the Jordan that purified Naaman. It was [the Lord’s] command that effected it. So too, it is not the water of our atonement that cleanses us. Rather, it is the names pronounced over it that give us atonement. Commentary on Tatian’s Diatessaron 16.29. (Elowsky, J. C. (2006). *John 1-10* (p. 326). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.)

God loves us like a mother loves her child; even more than our mother’s love: “But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.” (Isaiah 49: 14-15)

“Perhaps the reason we respond so universally to our mothers’ love is because it typifies the love of our Savior.”

—Bradley D. Foster

Happy Mother’s Day!!!