

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS
Sunday, December 19



December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

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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 would like to be an active member of our Byzantine Catholic community, please contact the parish office. Since we are one Catholic Church with many Traditions (each that includes a liturgical rite), becoming a parishioner does not require that you make a canonical transfer of Rite, for example, from the Roman Rite to our Byzantine Rite. Yet we invite you to join us in our traditions, fast days, and feast days so as to better understand and perhaps one day embrace our Eastern Catholic spirituality. Please join us for our Coffee Social, held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy and make yourself known to our Pastor who would be happy to answer your questions. Welcome to St. Anne's!

St. Anne bulletin email list: Would you like to have our bulletin emailed to you each week? 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.)

Livestreaming of Sunday in the parking lot is available for those taking extra health precautions. Contact the pastor.

Sat., Dec. 18	5:00 PM Great Vespers Use handout	<i>Vigil Vespers for Sunday</i> Sirach 4:1-15; Isaiah 11:1-9.
Sunday, December 19	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i> Use handout	<i>SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.</i> <i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS.</i> Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25. <u>Tone 5</u> 12 PM: ECF classes Parish Office Closed
Mon., Dec. 20	No liturgical services today	<i>Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia.</i> <i>Prefestive Day of Christmas.</i> Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25; Mark 10:2-12. Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, December 21 MCI or p. 391	No liturgical services today 7-8:30PM Confessions in preparation for Christmas	<i>Holy Great Martyr Anastasia.</i> <i>Prefestive Day of Christmas. Parish Office Open</i>
Wed., Dec. 22 Use handout	9 AM Emanuel Moleben 9:45-11:00 AM Confessions	<i>Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete.</i> <i>Prefestive Day of Christmas.</i> James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27. Parish Office Open
Thursday, December 23 MCI or p. 381	Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM 9AM Divine Liturgy +Mr. & Mrs. Juozas & Elena Sepikas by Jonas Sturas	Use handout Parish Office Open
Friday, December 24 MCI or p. 291	10 AM Royal Hours Confessions: 2:30-3:30 PM 4 PM Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy Lewis V. Miramontes by Brenda Garcia	<i>Vigil: CHRISTMAS. (4 PM counts for obligation)</i> <i>Will take all eight Old Testament readings.</i>
Saturday, December 25 MCI or p. 289 Use handout	8:00 AM Festal Matins No Confessions today 10 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners Parish Office Closed Christmas Greeting: <i>Christ is born! Glorify Him!</i> No evening Vespers today	<i>CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Holy Day of Obligation).</i> Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12.
Sunday, December 26 Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i> No ECF classes today	<i>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.</i> Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23. <u>Tone 6</u>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS, INCARNATION OF CHRIST (obligation)

Dec. 24—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 4pm; Dec. 25—Divine Liturgy at 10am

January 1, 2022: Solemn Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord & feast of St. Basil

New Year's Family Game Day

Dec. 31—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm; January 1—Divine Liturgy at 10am;
Family Game Day after 10am Divine Liturgy. See announcement

JANUARY 6—SOLEMN FEAST OF HOLY THEOPHANY (obligation)

Jan. 5—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm; Jan. 6—Divine Liturgy at 10am

Birthdays: December 21—Tom Gomez & James Rowen; December 22—Connie Nerelli

Anniversary: December 20—Colin & Virginia Sheehan;

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

Dec. 12, 2021: collection

Total bank Deposit: \$5,248.75

Total parish income: \$5,203.75

Tithes: \$2,100

Debt Reduction: \$200

Donations: \$1,330.26

Christmas flowers: \$10

Candles: \$28.25

Holyday—Mat. of St. Anne: \$20

Holyday—Christmas: \$50

Donation for bakesale/sausage exp.:

\$384.24

*Retired Religious collection: \$45

Bakesale: \$675

Gift Shop: \$406

*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 collection basket or the secure locked box in the Narthex; 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: [Available]

Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: **Paul Sawko by Mary Lynn Cihak (2/19/22)**

Icon of Jesus Christ: [Available] Icon of the Theotokos: [Available] Icon of St. John the Baptist: [Available]

Icon of St. Anne: **+ Janice Sawko by Paul Sawko (6/25/22)**

Icon of St. Nicholas: [Available] Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: **+Sheryl Ibarra by Paul & Janice Sawko (6/25/22)**

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 might not be 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 might not be tax-deductible.)

Last day for Retired Religious Collection is this Sunday (today): The last day to donate to this is today, Sunday, December 19. If writing a check, make the check to St. Anne Church and write "RFR" or "Retired Religious" on the memo line. Thank you.

Religious and Clergy Vocation Corner: “They shall call his name Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” The presence of God is seen through the salvation foretold in the Old Covenant, and is revealed through the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, Emmanuel. Our own lives can manifest the presence of God when we live according to our vocations. Are you being called to show God’s presence as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Extra Confession times before Christmas: To help you become spiritual ready for Christmas, please note the extra confession times on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, and Friday afternoon. Also note that Confessions are not available on Christmas Day.

+Matthew Herrera: Matthew Herrera, who attended St. Anne’s periodically several years ago, passed away recently. His funeral services will be at Reis Chapel on Jan. 12 at 6pm (rosary and vigil) and Old Mission Catholic Church on Jan. 13 at 10am (Funeral Mass). Please keep him in prayer. May the Lord grant Matthew blessed repose and eternal memory.

Online Byzantine intro courses: Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ntmuetab> & <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzhBP62eRM1DurlY43SfNJw> to learn more about our Tradition.

No RCIA Light of the East classes until Jan. 13: We are taking a break from the 7pm Thursday classes for Christmas.

Special Christmas newsletter commemorative: Visit <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/624982806/>

Extra Payment toward Mortgage: Since our loan was re-amortized in mid-November due to the \$10,000 donation we received, I offered to send in anything donated toward our Debt Reduction fund over and above our monthly loan payment of \$1,200 from November 21 through December 26 to the Eparchy. Including everything donated toward Debt Reduction in November and December up until December 12, we raised \$2,160 which means we will send in \$960 as an extra principal payment. If we raise \$240 or more, it will make a whole extra loan payment. If you’d like to help with that, just write “Debt Reduction” on an envelope with cash or a check. If writing a check, also include “Debt Reduction” in the memo line. But this will need to happen no later than Dec. 26 to be part of this extra principal payment. Thank you.

Christmas Collection: This year, 80% of the Christmas collection is earmarked for our general remodel/improvement fund, which includes implementing the landscape design. 10% of the funds will go to the Eparchy as a tithe, and we will donate an additional 10% toward the charity Tree of Life which provides pro-life crisis pregnancy support to women in the Central Coast. Thank you for your generosity.

Festive Games after 10AM Divine Liturgy on New Year’s Day! Festive Games after 10AM Divine Liturgy on New Year’s Day! On New Year’s Day, January 1, 2022, we are planning a St Anne’s New Year’s Family Game Day. All are welcome! Please bring your favorite board games, card games, corn hole, football table and other wholesome games for everyone. Pizza and/or potluck for lunch. You are encouraged to stay for Great Vespers at 4pm.

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix subscribes to the
Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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