

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26



Flight into Egypt

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 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

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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.

Dec. 25	No Vespers this afternoon	
Sunday, December 26	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i>	SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Galatians 1:11-19 & Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23. <u>Tone 6</u>
Use handout	No ECF classes today	4PM Online class: https://tinyurl.com/ntmuetaab
Mon., Dec. 27 MCI or p. 298	Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM 9 AM Divine Liturgy More people to answer God's call to become a cantor by Karen S.	HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN (Simple Feast). Acts 6:8 - 7:5, 47-60; Matthew 21:33-42. Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, December 28	No liturgical services today	Holy 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. Parish Office Closed
Wednesday, December 29 MCI or p. 381	9 AM Divine Liturgy +Robert Cathey by the Thomas Family Parish Office Open	Holy Innocents Killed by Herod in Bethlehem. <i>Post-festive Day of Christmas.</i> James 3:11 - 4:6; Mark 11:23-26.
Thursday, December 30 MCI or p. 391	9AM Divine Liturgy +Wilma Snyder by Cihaks Parish Office Open	Holy Martyr Anysia. <i>Post-festive Day of Christmas.</i> James 4:7 - 5:9; Mark 11:27-33.
Friday, December 31 MCI or p. 306	Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM 6:30 PM Vigil Vesperal Divine Liturgy +Joseph Paul Sepikas by Jonas Sturas	Vigil: CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND FEAST OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT Genesis 17:1-2, 4-7, 3, 9-12, 14; Proverbs 8:22-30; Proverbs 10:31-32, 11:2, 4, 3, 5-12. Parish Office Open <u>Can eat meat the Friday after Christmas</u>
Saturday, January 1 MCI or p. 305 Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners Parish Office Closed After Divine Liturgy	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND FEAST OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT. (Solemn Holyday). Colossians 2:8-12; Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; Luke 6:17-23. Family Game Day
Sunday, January 2 Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i> 12 PM: ECF classes	SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8. <u>Tone 6</u>

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

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS, INCARNATION OF CHRIST

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 28—Joseph Baron

Anniversary: [none this week]

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

Dec. 19, 2021: collection

Total bank Deposit: \$7,327.20

Total parish income: \$7,327.20

Tithes: \$1,060

Debt Reduction: \$100

Donations: \$5,240

Flowers: \$176

Candles: \$46

Donation—plumbing: \$50

Bakesale: \$285

Donation to pay for 10 catechisms
and 5 Liturgy DVD's: \$370.20

Special Deposit: Dec. 23, 2021:

Anonymous Donation restricted toward new church sound system: \$9,613.26

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.)

A Christmas Note from the Pastor: Dear Parishioners,

This is the second day of Christmas. It is also the second Christmas in which we continue to adjust to a world that has dramatically changed since March of 2020, almost two years ago.

Yet, in the midst of all the spiritual darkness in the world today, we are seeing glimpses of light. Amidst many, perhaps even a majority who are giving into the new lies of our culture compounded upon old lies, there are others standing up more vigorously for truth, goodness, and authentic freedom. In this season, we are reminded that the reason Christ came more than 2,000 years ago was to free us from the bondage of sin and open the doors of heaven for those who would follow Him.

Christmas has always been a Christian feast of the Source of Light God, Himself being born among us. There are basic accounts and theories of how this great feast replaced the pagan feasts of light centered near the time of the winter solstice. In this time, more than ever, we need to welcome Christ the Light and Emmanuel into the heart of our lives that the darkness around us may not overtake us. Let us pray for that intention for ourselves and our loved ones, and those in our country and the world who hunger for meaning beyond this temporary life. Let us remember that God is With us—Emmanuel!

I'm grateful for your participation and commitment here at St. Anne's and for prioritizing your spiritual life like you have done. May the Infant Christ bless you with a peace that sustains you through sorrows and joys!

Fr. Michael

Religious and Clergy Vocation Corner: "Out of Egypt I have called my son." The righteous Joseph the betrothed was faithful to his calling, protecting Jesus and the Theotokos by journeying to Egypt and returning to Nazareth. Our Lord calls each one of us out of the spiritual Egypt of our lives so that we may live in the promised land meant for our lives. Is he calling you to a life of holy orders or monasticism? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

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

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 New Year's Family Game Day after the 10am Divine Liturgy. 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 welcome to stick around for Great Vespers at 4pm. If anybody wants to organize an evening potluck and family movie, let Fr. Michael know.

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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