

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY.
Sunday, January 2



Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Jan. 6 (Holy Day of Obligation)
Secular New Year Began on January 1. Our Church New Year began on September 1.

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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 baptized! 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.

Sat., Jan. 1 Use handout	4:00 PM Great Vespers	<i>Vigil Vespers for Sunday</i> Isaiah 40:1-11; Malachy 3:1-5.
Sunday, January 2 Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i> 12 PM: ECF classes	<i>SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY.</i> 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8. <u>Tone 6</u>
Mon., Jan. 3	No liturgical services today Parish Office Closed	<i>Holy Prophet Malachi.</i>
Tuesday, January 4 MCI or p. 370	Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM 9 AM Divine Liturgy +Maryte Sepikas by Jonas Sturas	<i>Synaxis of the Holy 70 Apostles.</i> Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-18. Parish Office Open
Wed., Jan. 5 Use handout MCI or p. 314	9 AM Royal Hours Parish Office Open Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM 6:30 PM Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners	<i>THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Vigil also fulfills obligation)</i> <i>Post-festive Day of Christmas.</i> James 4:7 - 5:9; Mark 11:27-33. Genesis 1:1-13; Exodus 14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29; Exodus 15:22: - 16:1; Joshua 3:7-8, 15-17; 2[4] Kings 2:6-14; 2[4] Kings 5:9-14; Isaiah 1:16-20; Genesis 32:1-10; Exodus 2:5-10; Judges 6:36-40; 1[3] Kings 18:30-39; 2[4] Kings 2:19-22; Isaiah 49:8-15.
Thursday, January 6 MCI or p. 312	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy Dustin Favorite by KT Parish Office Open	<i>THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Obligation)</i> <i>James 4:7 - 5:9; Mark 11:27-33.</i>
Friday, January 7 MCI or p. 363	Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy +Fr. Thomas Schafer by Fr. Michael	<i>Synaxis of the Holy Forerunner, Baptist John</i> Acts 19:1-8; John 1:29-34. Parish Office Open
Saturday, January 8 MCI or p. 378 Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy +Robert Johnson by Peggy Bradley 5:00 PM Great Vespers	<i>Venerable Father George the Chozebite.</i> Ephesians 6:10-17; Matthew 4:1-11. Parish Office Open Isaiah 9:1-7; Jonah 3:1-10.
Sun., Jan. 9 Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy <i>For the Parishioners</i>	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY.</i> Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17. <u>Tone 8</u>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

JANUARY 6—FEAST OF HOLY THEOPHANY (obligation)

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

February 2—Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord With St. Simeon (solemn)

Feb. 1—Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm; Feb. 2—Divine Liturgy at 10am

Feel free to bring candles to bless for this feast day

Birthday: January 5—Jim Snead

Anniversary: [none this week]

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

Dec. 26, 2021: collection

Total bank Deposit: \$3,484.55

Total parish income: \$3,484.55

Tithes: \$665

Debt Reduction: \$130

Donations: \$626

Candles: \$61.75

Holiday—Christmas: \$1569

Bakesale: \$25

Gift Shop: \$402.80

Coffee Social: \$5

Special deposit on 12/29/2021: Debt Reduction—\$50 check

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!

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

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.)

Religious and Clergy Vocation Corner: "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Answering God's call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email:

vocations@ephx.org

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

Tis the Season to Schedule a house blessing: From January 6 to Meatfare Sunday (Feb. 20 in 2022). Talk to Fr. Michael.

Extra \$1,240 payment toward Mortgage: Through your generosity to the Debt Reduction category, we made an additional payment of \$1,240 toward our loan principal this past week (total donated \$2,440 in Nov. and Dec.). See November 21 bulletin for more information.

Christmas Collection \$1,569: Thank you for donating to the Christmas collection this year. From this, we set aside \$1,255.20 toward the general remodel/improvement fund. We also sent a check for \$156.90 to the Eparchy as a tithe and another check for \$156.90 to the charity Tree of Life.

THANK YOU and Happy Secular New Year! Many thanks and God's blessings on all the generous people who helped our parish during 2021 — to those who tithed, those who donated time to help out, those who baked, cleaned, decorated, moved around furniture, served at the altar, and gave gifts to the pastor.

THEOPHANY (Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord) on January 6: The feast of Theophany is just as special and important as Christmas, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Every year the great blessing of Holy Water takes place during the feast of Theophany. At the vigil, Fr. Michael will bless 10 gallons of water this year, which usually lasts throughout the year. Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 PM and Divine Liturgy at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 6. As an extra, come to the Royal Hours at 9am on Jan. 5. **Bring a bottle or jar to fill with Holy Jordan Water to use in your homes throughout the year.** Also, you might enjoy watching a video explaining the Holy Theophany icon at <https://www.trisagionfilms.com/videos#/new-page-3/>

Greeting: Christ is Baptized! Response: In the Jordan!

In the early church, many of the feast days that we now celebrate in December and January were all celebrated together on January 6th. That's why this feast day is called "Theophany" or "the revelation of God" in Greek. ("Epiphany," the name used by our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters means simply "Revelation".) All these feasts shed light on an aspect of God and His Kingdom, so they are rightly celebrated near each other. The Nativity of Our Lord (later moved to December 24/25) reveals that God became man and was born of a woman. The journey of the Magi to and from "the East" reveals this God-Man to the nations, especially Arabia, Persia and Ethiopia, out of which we have many great saints (later moved to Dec. 25 in our Tradition). The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan was kept on January 6th and celebrated the revelation of the three Persons on the Trinity; The Father is revealed in the "voice from heaven", the Son in Jesus Christ baptized by John, and the Holy Spirit that descended in the "form of a dove." All of these feasts encourage us to a certain discontentment with our current understanding of, and closeness to, Christ, and they drive us to be more intense seekers of a stronger relationship with Him.

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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