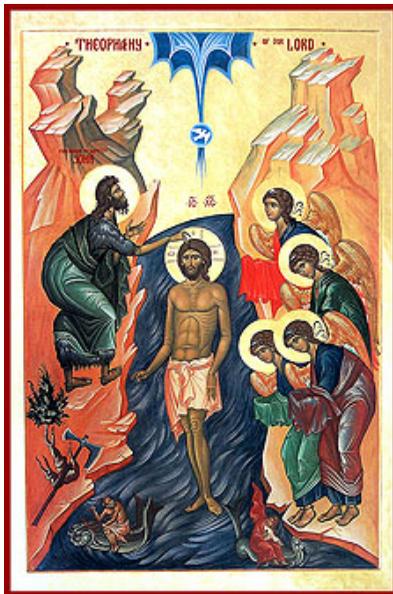


***SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY***  
***Sunday, January 9***



*Another icon of the feast of Theophany*

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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](mailto: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. 8**      **5:00 PM Great Vespers**      *Vigil Vespers for Sunday*  
Use handout                Isaiah 9:1-7; Jonah 3:1-10.
- Sunday, January 9**      Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM      ***SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY***  
Use handout      **10 AM Divine Liturgy**      Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17. Tone 8  
For the Parishioners  
**12 PM: ECF classes**
- Mon., Jan. 10**      No liturgical services today      *Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa.*  
Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, January 11**      Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM      *Venerable Father Theodosius.*  
MCI or p. 376      **9 AM Divine Liturgy**      2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:27-30.  
+Karea Benson (Memorial DL)      Parish Office Open  
by Chad Benson
- Wed., Jan. 12**      Confessions: 7:00-7:30 AM      *Holy Martyr Tatiana.*  
MCI or p. 391      **8 AM Divine Liturgy**      Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34.  
+Poor souls by +Dr. Bill      Parish Office Open
- Thu., Jan. 13**      **9AM Matins**      *Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonicus.*  
Use handout           Hebrews 10:35 - 11:7; Mark 9:10-16.  
**7PM RCIA class for adults**      Parish Office Open
- Friday, January 14**      Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM      *Our Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho.*  
MCI or p. 312      **5:30 PM Divine Liturgy**      Hebrews 11:8, 11-16; Mark 9:33-41.  
For a good & holy next      Parish Office Open  
bishop for our Eparchy  
by Karen S.
- Saturday, January 15**      Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM      *Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes and John the*  
MCI or p. 389      **10 AM Divine Liturgy**      *Hutdweller.*  
Use handout      +Gene Flynn      Colossians 1:3-6; Luke 16:10-15.  
**3:30 PM Cantor Practice**      Parish Office Open  
If you are interested, please join us.  
**5:00 PM Great Vespers**      Judges 16:1-30; 2 Kings 6:18-23.
- Sunday, January 16**      Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM      ***34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.***  
Use handout      **10 AM Divine Liturgy**      1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43. Tone 1  
For the Parishioners  
**12 PM: ECF classes**

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

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

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

**Feel free to bring candles to bless for this feast day**

**Birthday: January 11—Kristen Thorensen & Paul Santos; January 14—Anthony Aguirre**

**Anniversary: January 14—Roy & Christina Aguirre**

**God grant them many blessed years!**

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Jan. 2, 202:** collection

Total bank Deposit: \$2,203.16

**Total parish income: \$2,203.16**

Tithes: \$915

Debt Reduction: \$100

Donations: \$809.25

Candles: \$64.91

Holyday—Christmas: \$250

Bakesale: \$30

Gift Shop: \$34

12/27/2021—Online donations: \$230 12/28/2021—Online donation: \$300; 12/31/2021: Online donation: \$250

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](http://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.)

**Religious and Clergy Vocation Corner:** "The people who sat in darkness saw a great light." The Unapproachable Light of Christ showed himself to us. Our Lord may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If this may be the case, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@epfx.org](mailto:vocations@epfx.org)

**Online Byzantine intro courses:** Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ntmuetab> & <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzhBP62eRM1DurlY43SfNJw> to learn more about our Tradition. Last Sunday's class was a good review regarding the feast of Theophany.

**Good article about the importance of the Holy Mysteries of Initiation for infants:** For those of you wanting to read an academic, in-depth article about why it is best for babies to receive all three Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation as infants, and why that should be restored in the Roman Catholic Tradition, please find a copy of an article on this topic available in the narthex or social hall.

**House blessing sign up forms inserted into this bulletin:** Please be sure to add your name to the form no later than next Sunday, January 16 if you'd like Fr. Michael to bless your house this year.

**Donation Envelopes for 2022:** St Anne's will be using a new envelope mailing system this year. Starting in January, each parishioner household will receive mailed envelopes for two months at a time. If you are not sure whether you are included in the bi-monthly mailings, please ask Fr. Michael and give him your address.

**ECF (Eastern Christian Formation) registration form:** Now that things have settled down a bit and those of you who are new to the parish since the last few months, we need those of you who are parents of children in our ECF program (Sunday school classes) to fill out a registration form for your kids so that our teachers and pastor know basic statistics of the kids who are in the program and how to contact the parents during the week should any announcements or schedule changes need to be communicated during the week. Please fill out this form no later than January 23 and talk to your child's teacher about one of the classes coming up in a few weeks.

**RCIA Light of the East classes starting again:** Our Thursday evening classes are starting up again this week on January 13 at 7pm. See this week's liturgical calendar.

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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# House Blessing Sign-Up

I/we live in the following region:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paso Robles/Templeton              | <input type="checkbox"/> Avila/Five Cities                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atascadero                         | <input type="checkbox"/> South Arroyo Grande/Nipomo/Santa Maria |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Los Osos/Morro Bay/Cayucos/Cambria | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLO/Edna                           |   |

My/our home address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (required if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

House blessings typically start about 3pm for a grouped region. On the calendar below, please put an X on the dates that **WILL NOT** work for your schedule. Please be as flexible as possible.

## JANUARY

## FEBRUARY

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I am willing to host a potluck for our group at the end of the evening (usually about 6 or 6:30pm):

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Special availability (such as, only available after 4:30pm): \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP deadline is January 16, 2022 by handing it to Fr. Michael or sending him a scan of this via email: [stanneslo@gmail.com](mailto:stanneslo@gmail.com)**

## House Blessing in the Eastern Catholic Tradition

After Theophany every year, parish households are invited to ask the priest to visit their home\* and sprinkle it with Holy Water that was blessed during the Feast. This is a beautiful tradition. House blessing transforms a dwelling into a domestic church. House blessing drives away evil spirits, repels threats, and brings holiness and peace into the heart of the home.

\*The home could be an RV, an apartment, or a house.

### What to do during your house blessing

- The head of the household greets the priest with a lighted candle at the door of the home.
- The priest says, “Christ is baptized.” The family replies, “Glorify Him” or “In the Jordan.”
- The person with the lighted candle leads the priest to the home’s icon corner (see description below) where the priest begins the blessing prayers.
- The priest, led by the person holding the lighted candle, blesses each room of the home with holy water.
- If this is the first time a Byzantine Catholic priest is blessing your home, he will also anoint four walls with blessed olive oil tracing the sign of the cross. These walls should ideally be outside facing walls and one should be facing east, another west, another north, and another south. Traditionally, a small lighted candle such as a tea votive is placed near each spot where the walls were anointed.
- The priest ends with final prayers in front of the icon corner.
- Priest and family talk informally. Sometimes the householder gives him a snack or meal.
- The blessing usually lasts from 15-30 minutes.

### How to create an “icon corner”

The “icon corner” is an area in a public part of the house (often the living room) where the family displays its holy images. It could be the wall or a corner of the room and ideally should be facing east. It is a domestic shrine. The central images are usually icons of Christ, the Holy Theotokos (Mary, the Mother of God), and a crucifix. In addition, people often add other icons, statues, and holy cards.

### How to prepare your icon corner for house blessing

Set up a table, big or small, in front of the sacred images, and put a white cloth on it. This serves as an altar for the priest when he comes into the home. On this table the priest will place his crucifix and other items, and he will lead the prayers while standing in front of the table facing the icons.

### How to organize a house blessing group

Two to five households that live fairly close to each other can organize a house blessing group – so that the priest blesses each of their houses in turn. Afterwards the group members usually gather with the priest in the final home to share a (potluck) meal. The benefits of a group house blessing are that it’s more convenient for the priest to bless several houses on the same day, and neighboring families get to know each other better.