

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
March 20, 2022**



*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, we hold before us the Tree of the Cross which reminds us of the power of Christ's Holy Cross. We also recall the precursors of the Cross including the Tree of Life in Paradise (Genesis 2), the tree that Moses used to make the waters of Marah sweet (Exodus 15), and the bronze serpent upon the pole used to heal the people bitten by serpents in the wilderness (Numbers 21 and John 3:14). The Holy Cross is meant to give us courage and strength in light of its saving and healing power.*

**St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church**

222 E. Foothill Boulevard San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 Parish

Office: (805) 543-8883

Fax: (805) 543-8832

Parish website: [www.stanneslo.org](http://www.stanneslo.org)

Pastor's e-mail: [stanneslo@gmail.com](mailto:stanneslo@gmail.com)

Served by:

Father Michael Bezruchka, Pastor

Deacon John Bradley

Bishop: Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, D.D., J.C.D. Apostolic Administrator Sede Vecante

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 [losa.email@gmail.com](mailto:losa.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.

<b>Sat., Mar. 19</b>	<b>5:00 PM Great Vespers</b>	<b><i>Vigil Vespers for Sunday</i></b> Sirach 2:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-9.
<b>Sunday, March 20</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> For the Parishioners <b>12 PM: ECF classes</b>	<b><i>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i></b> Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6; Mark 8:34 - 9:1. <u>Tone 2</u>
<b>Monday, March 21</b>	No liturgical services today Parish Office CLOSED	<b><i>Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania.</i></b>
<b>Tue., Mar. 22</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM <b>9AM Lenten Matins</b>	<b><i>Holy Martyr Basil, Priest of Ancyra.</i></b> Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22. Parish Office Open
<b>Wednesday, March 23</b>	Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM <b>9AM Terce-Sext</b> Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM <b>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</b> +Brian K. Radford by Brian R. Radford	<b><i>Mid-Lent. Holy Venerable-Martyr Nicon and his students martyred with him.</i></b> Parish Office open.  Genesis 9:18 - 10:1; Proverbs 12:23 - 13:9.
<b>Thursday, March 24</b> Use handout	Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM <b>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy (Vigil of holy day)</b> +Matas & Stase Mickus by Jonas Sturas	<b><i>Prefestive Day of the Annunciation Venerable Father Zachary. (No RCIA tonight)</i></b> Genesis 10:32 - 11:9; Proverbs 13:19 - 14:6; Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11. Parish Office open.
<b>Friday, March 25</b> Use handout  Use handout	Confessions: 8:00-8:30 AM <b>9AM Festal Matins</b>  Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM <b>5:30 PM Vespersal Divine Liturgy</b> For the Parishioners	<b><i>Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary (Solemn Holy day)</i></b> Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38. Mitigation of abstinence from wine and oil allowed for those doing the traditional fast. Parish Office Open  Genesis 12: 1-7; Proverbs 14: 25-26; Exodus 3:1-8; Proverbs 8:22-31
<b>Saturday, March 26</b> Use handout	Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Ukrainian people & its nation by Fr. Michael +Deceased loved ones offered for prayer  <b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	<b><i>Leave-taking of the Annunciation (replaces Fourth All Souls Saturday). Synaxis of Gabriel the Archangel.</i></b> Hebrews 6:9-12; Mark 7:31-37. Parish Office Open  1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51; Isaiah 52:13 - 53:6.

<b>Sunday, March 27</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> <i>For the Parishioners</i> <b>12 PM: ECF classes</b>	<b><i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</i></b> Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31. <u>Tone 3</u>
--	--	---

**UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES**

**March 25—Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God**

March 24: vigil at 6:30pm; March 25: 9am Festal Matins and 5:30pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy

**March 31—Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete**

March 30: Vigil Presanctified Liturgy at 6:30pm with a third of Matins; March 31: Two thirds of the Matins at 9am

**April 2—Akathist Saturday to the Mother of God**

April 2: Akathist Hymn at 9am and Divine Liturgy at 10am

**April 10-17—Holy Week—stay tuned for the schedule in the next bulletin.**

**Birthdays: March 20—Celi Carnazzo; March 22—Rebecca Prewett**

**God grant them many blessed years!**

**SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD**

<b>March 13, 2022: collection</b> Total bank Deposit: \$2,162.43 <b>Total parish income: \$2,062.43</b>	<b>Tithes: \$1,205</b> <b>Debt Reduction: \$240</b> <b>Donations: \$395</b> <b>Flowers: \$180</b> <b>Candles: \$11.43</b>	<b>Gift Shop: \$31</b> <b>*Eparchial Appeal: \$100</b> *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](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: [Available]**

**Icon of Jesus Christ: +Tom Walsh by Bridgette Vanherweg (3/26/22)**

**Icon of the Theotokos: +Frank McKenna by Bridgette Vanherweg (3/26/22)**

**Icon of St. John the Baptist: +Fr. Michael Bell by Bridgette Vanherweg (3/26/22)**

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

**Icon of St. Nicholas: +John McKenna by Bridgette Vanherweg (3/26/22)**

**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 are probably not tax-deductible and are not included in your tax-deductible letter.) See narthex envelopes to sponsor a lamp. Make checks payable to **St. Anne 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. Donations are not required, though the suggested stipend from the Pastoral Handbook is \$10, which is later paid to the priest offering the Liturgy. (These donations are probably not tax-deductible and are not included in your tax-deductible letter.)

## **A reflection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast:**

Let us not be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Let the Cross be our seal, made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before we sleep, and when we rise up; when we are on the road, and when we are still. Great is that preservative; it is without price... it is the Sign of the faithful, and the dread of devils: for He triumphed over them in it, having made a show of them openly for when they see the Cross they are reminded of the Crucified; they are afraid of Him, who bruised the head of the serpent.

--St Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18 in our calendar)

### **Vocation corner:**

“Whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it.” A vocation is a cross, a way to lose our lives for the Lord and His Gospel by giving life to the world in a life of prayer and devotion to the holy mysteries of the Church. The Lord may be showing you that holy orders or the religious life is something to consider. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

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

### **Announcing ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2022!**

The youth rally was originally planned in 2020 and got postponed to this year due to covid. This rally usually takes place every two or three years. It is for teens age 13-19 and will take place June 30 to July 3 in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Please see the flyers available in the hall for more info. Registration forms are due May 1.

### **Announcing Alive in Christ 2022!**

This terrific ascetical boot camp for boys and dads takes place every few years but was also postponed due to covid. This is for boys age 7-17 and their dads and will take place near Auburn, Washington July 14-17. Please see Fr. Michael for the application form which is due May 19.

#### 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:

- Dcn. Michael Hanafin, Safe Environment Program Coordinator  
Cell: (480) 387-5182, Email: [dcnhanafin@ephx.org](mailto:dcnhanafin@ephx.org)
- Sbdcn. Paul F. Kilroy, Asst. Safe Environment Program Coordinator  
Office: (602) 861-9778, Cell: (702) 498-5972, Email: [sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org](mailto:sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org)
- Dr. Caroline Bonham, Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Cell: (505) 314-3943, Email: [victimassistanceofphoenix@gmail.com](mailto:victimassistanceofphoenix@gmail.com)