

***SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS***  
***December 18, 2022***



Our Lady of the Sign

**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](mailto: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.

<b>Sat., Dec. 17</b> Use handout	<b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	Judges 13:1-5, 24-25, 14:1-20; Isaiah 25:1-9.
<b>Sunday, December 18</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> <i>For the Parishioners</i>  <b>12:00 PM</b>	<b><i>SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS</i></b> Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25. <u>Tone 3</u>  <b>ECF classes</b>
<b>Mon, Dec 19</b>	No liturgical services today	Parish Office Closed.
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> MCI or p. 283	<b>7:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> +Mary Washko by Fr. Michael	<b><i>Holy Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer</i></b> Hebrews 4:1-13; Mark 8:22-26.  Parish Office Closed
<b>Wednesday December 21</b> MCI or p. 284	<b>7:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> +Janice Sawko by Paul Sawko  <b>5:30 PM RCIA Class</b>	<b><i>Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia</i></b> Hebrews 5:11 - 6:8; Mark 8:30-34.  Parish Office Open
<b>Thursday, December 22</b> MCI or p.	<b>7:00 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Brian by Karen S.	<b><i>Holy Great Martyr Anastasia</i></b> Hebrews 7:1-6; Mark 9:10-16.  Parish Office Open
<b>Fri., Dec. 23</b> MCI or p. 381	Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM <b>5:30 PM Divine Liturgy</b> +Dr. Bill Carnazzo by the Thomas Family	<b><i>Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete</i></b> Hebrews 7:18-25; Mark 9:33-41.  Parish Office Open
<b>Saturday, December 24</b> Use handouts	Confessions: 9:15-9:45 AM <b>10 AM Royal Hours</b>  Confessions: 6:30-7:30 PM <b>8 PM Vigil Vespers</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Mr. Vogel by Karen S.	<b><i>Holy Great Martyr Eugenia</i></b>  Genesis 1:1-13; Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18; Micah 4:6-7, 5:2-4; Isaiah 11:1-10; Baruch 3:35 - 4:4; Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:10-16, 8:1-4, 8-10. Hebrews 1:1-12; Luke 2:1-20.
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> <i>For the Parishioners</i>	<b><i>CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST</i></b> Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12. <u>Tone 3</u>  (No ECF classes today)

**Thank you for bringing in nonperishable foods for the poor**—Since I first mentioned that we as a parish should be making a tithe of our Eparchial Rebate and that we are going to collect food for the poor at the St. Nicholas icon, many of you have been generous in bringing food items. Thank you!

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

**December 24: Christmas Eve: Royal Hours at 10am**

**December 25: CHRISTMAS: Nativity of Our Lord (Obligation)**

December 24 at 8pm—Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy; December 25 at 10am—Divine Liturgy

**December 26: Synaxis of the Theotokos (Solemn) Divine Liturgy at 12pm**

**December 27: Stephen Protomartyr (Simple) Divine Liturgy at 10am**

**January 6: THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD (Obligation)**

January 5 at 6:30pm—Vigil Vespersal Divine Liturgy; January 6 at 10am—Divine Liturgy

**Birthdays:** December 18—Henry V.; December 21—Tom Gomez and James Rowen

**Anniversaries:** December 20—Colin & Virginia Sheehan

**God grant them many blessed years!**

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

**December 11, 2022**

Total bank Deposit: \$4,963.00

**Total parish income: \$4,308.00**

**Tithes: \$2,845.**

**Building Fund: \$100.**

**Donations: \$576.**

**Flowers: \$10.**

**Candles: \$27.**

**Holyday—Christmas: \$200**

**Holyday—Thanksgiving: \$100.**

**Holyday—Maternity of St. Anne: \$70**

**Landscape Fund: \$100.**

**\*Sp. Coll.: Retired Religious: \$655.**

**Gift Shop: \$280.**

\*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: +Janice Sawko by Paul Sawko (1/28/23)**

**Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: Louis Petrie Jr. & Anna Marie by Suzanne Petrie (2/11/23)**

**Icon of Jesus Christ: [Available] Icon of the Theotokos: [Available]**

**Icon of St. John the Baptist: [Available]**

**Icon of St. Anne: +Ann & Alex Sawko by Paul Sawko (1/28/23)**

**Icon of St. Nicholas: [Available] Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: +Sheryl Ibarra by Paul Sawko (1/28/23)**

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.)

**Online Byzantine courses and resources:** Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ntmuetab> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzhBP62eRM1Dur1Y43SfNJw> to learn more about our Tradition. Another great website of Byzantine Catholic resources can be found at <https://godwithusonline.org>

**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, subdeacon monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**Eparchial Rebate Charities**—The voting results are in! The winners of the contest were: ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization), Tree of Life Pregnancy Support Center, and Life Legal Foundation. Each of these deserving organizations will be receiving a split of a third of our Eparchial Appeal rebate title which is \$428.39. This means for ECHO--\$142.80, for Tree of Life--\$142.80, and for Life Legal--\$142.79.

**Retired Religious Collection Concluded:** Thank you for donating \$1,275 for the retired monks and nuns of the United States in that special collection.

**Nativity Fast, Christmas Eve, and other Traditions:** Christmas Traditions and traditions for the Slav Ruthenians (of which St. Anne’s is a part) include an elaborate fasting menu on Christmas eve called the Holy Supper. Here are a few descriptions of this meal and other characteristics and customs of this season:

- [http://www.wirnowski.com/Carp/Nat\\_XmasEve.html](http://www.wirnowski.com/Carp/Nat_XmasEve.html)
- <http://puluka.com/home/liturgy/christmas-eve-holy-supper/>
- <http://www.carpatho-rusyn.org/crs/christma.htm>
- <https://www.praytelligblog.com/index.php/2018/12/29/celebrating-holy-supper/>

**Plan ahead for 2023 House Blessings:** It’s time to schedule your house blessing. Every year the priest blesses the homes of parishioners who want this during the period after Theophany on January 6 until before the Great Fast begins (on February 20, 2023). This is an annual Byzantine Catholic Tradition. If you would like Fr. Michael to bless your home, please read the flyer from last Sunday describing how to prepare for house blessing. The form is due no later than Sunday, January 1, 2023.

**Christmas Collection:** This year will have our Christmas collection. Ten percent will go to the Eparchy as Cathedraicum. We will also put another ten percent toward St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church located in San Jose, CA ([Steliasmelkite.org](http://Steliasmelkite.org)) as they are a missionary parish without a church building. A specially marked envelope for the Christmas collection is in the packet. Your generosity in this is greatly appreciated.

### Safe Environment Info

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents or concerns, please contact:

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