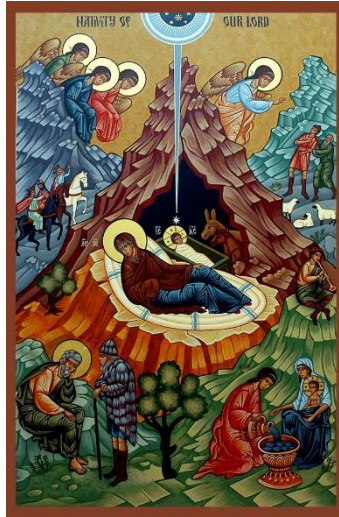


CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

December 25, 2022



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS)

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

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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.

<p>Sat., Dec. 24 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 6:30-7:30 PM 8 PM Vigil Vesperal Divine Liturgy Mr. Vogel by Karen S.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sunday, December 25 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners Christmas Greeting: <i>Christ is born! Glorify Him!</i></p>	<p>CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12. <u>Festal Tone</u> <u>No ECF classes today.</u></p>
<p>Monday, December 26 p. 294</p>	<p>Confessions: 11-11:30 AM 12 PM Noon Divine Liturgy +Dr. Bill Carnazzo by the Thomas Family</p>	<p>SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (Solemn Feast). Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23. Parish Office Closed.</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 27 p. 298</p>	<p>Confessions: 9-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy +Janice Sawko by Paul Sawko</p>	<p>HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN (Simple Feast). Acts 6:8 - 7:5, 47-60; Matthew 21:33-42. Parish Office Closed.</p>
<p>Wed, Dec. 28</p>	<p>No liturgy today</p>	<p>Holy 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. Parish Office Closed.</p>
<p>Thursday, December 29</p>	<p>No liturgy today</p>	<p>Holy Innocents Killed by Herod in Bethlehem. Hebrews 10:35 - 11:7; Mark 10:17-27. Parish Office Closed.</p>
<p>Fri., Dec. 30 MCI or p. 391</p>	<p>Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM 5:30 PM Divine Liturgy Brian by Karen S.</p>	<p>Holy Martyr Anysia. Hebrews 11:8, 11-16; Mark 10:23-32. Parish Office Open.</p>
<p>Saturday, December 31 MCI</p>	<p>Confessions: 9:10-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy and Thanksgiving Moleben Orthodoxy of Catholic Church by Karen S. 5 PM Great Vespers</p>	<p>Venerable Mother Melany of Rome 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21. Parish Office Open. Genesis 17:1-2, 4-7, 3, 9-12, 14; Proverbs 8:22-30; Proverbs 10:31-32, 11:2, 4, 3, 5-12.</p>
<p>Sunday, January 1, 2023 Use handout</p>	<p>Confessions: 8:45-9:30 AM 10 AM Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners</p>	<p>GREAT FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND FEAST OF ST. BASIL Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12. <u>Tone 3</u></p>

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

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 Vespers Divine Liturgy; January 6 at 10am—Divine Liturgy

Birthdays: December 28—Johnny Bradley and Joseph B.; December 29—Bridgette Vanherweg

Anniversaries: December 26—John & Tiffany Jacobson

God grant them many blessed years!

SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 18, 2022

Total bank Deposit: \$2,970.

Total parish income: \$2,970.

Tithes: \$1,116.

Donations: \$529.

Candles: \$14.

Holiday—Christmas: \$750.

Church Secretary Payroll: \$500.

Bake Sale/Catering: \$61.

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: +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/ntmuetaab> 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: “When they saw the star, they were filled with tremendous joy.” The Magi followed the star to meet the newborn King, whose Nativity we gloriously celebrate. His birth brings us joy and hope for new life. Are there spiritual stars that are signs in your own life to follow him as a priest, deacon, subdeacon, monk or nun? Search your heart to see if this may be the case. Reach out to the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

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 next Sunday, January 1, 2023.

Christmas Collection: This year will have our Christmas collection. Ten percent will go to the Eparchy as Cathedralicum. We will also put another ten percent toward St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church located in San Jose, CA (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. This collection will conclude on December 26th.

2023 Byzantine Wall Calendars were distributed in November. If you did not get one, please let Fr. Michael know.

THEOPHANY (Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord): The feast of Theophany is historically considered an even more exalted and higher feast day than Christmas. At the vigil, Fr. Michael blesses 10 gallons of water, which usually last about a year. We will have a Vigil Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 5 and another Divine Liturgy at 10 AM on Friday, January 6.

Bring your bottle or jar to fill with Holy Water: Every year, the great blessing of Holy Water takes place during the feast of Theophany at the vigil. Come bring empty bottles or jars.

Community Service Opportunity: On Friday, December 30, 2022, St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church is on schedule to serve lunch at People's Kitchen on Prado Lane in San Luis Obispo to the less fortunate. We are looking for a couple more people to help serve lunch from 12-1 pm. We also need a 5 lb bag of shredded cheese, 2 lbs of shredded lettuce, 4 gallons of milk, and 2 gallons of apple juice. Contact Clare Thomas at (530) 250-8421 for more information or to sign up. Thanks to those who have already donated some food ingredients or volunteered to serve.

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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