

# ***FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: Sunday of Orthodoxy*** ***February 26, 2023***



The Sunday of Orthodoxy is a celebration of the Triumph of the True Faith regarding icons. Even though the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council in 787 AD settled the truth regarding icons, that they were not idols, but rather a vehicle to the holy saints depicted in them, it was not until 843 AD that the battle to restore icons to the churches was realized in the Byzantine Empire. It was celebrated with a procession of icons in that year and the tradition has continued ever since.

## **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](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., Feb. 25</b> Use handout	<b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	Deuteronomy 5:1-5, 18:15-19; Isaiah 42:1-12.
<b>Sunday, February 26</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Hebrews 11:24-26, 32 - 12:2; John 1:43-51. <u>Tone 5</u>  ECF classes
<b>Monday, February 27</b>	No liturgical services today Parish Office CLOSED	<b>Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite</b> Genesis 3:21 - 4:7; Proverbs 3:34 - 4:22
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Lenten Matins</b>	<b>Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Fellow Ascetic of Procopius</b> Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15. Parish Office Open.
<b>Wednesday, March 1</b> Use handouts	<b>7 AM Terce-Sext</b>  Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM <b>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</b> +Dr. Bill Carnazzo by Paula Gomez	<b>Venerable Martyr Eudoxia</b> Abstaining from meat <b>REQUIRED</b> on all <b>Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum)</b> Genesis 4:16-26; Proverbs 5:15 - 6:3.  Parish Office Open.
<b>Thursday, March 2</b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Lenten Matins</b>	<b>Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene</b> Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20. Parish Office Open.
<b>Friday, March 3</b> Use handouts	<b>7 AM Terce-Sext</b>  Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM <b>5:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</b> +Ruth Cihak by Fr. Michael Bezruchka	<b>Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus</b> Abstaining from meat <b>REQUIRED</b> on all <b>Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent (minimum)</b> Genesis 5:32 - 6:8; Proverbs 6:20 - 7:1. Parish Office Open. <b>7 PM RCIA class</b>
<b>Saturday, March 4</b> Use handout	7:00-7:30 AM: Confessions <b>8 AM Divine Liturgy</b> For deceased loved ones submitted for prayer  (Great Vespers cancelled)	<b>Second All Souls Saturday</b> Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan Hebrews 3:12-16; Mark 1:35-45.  Vespers readings (even though we won't have Vespers): Jeremiah 31:27-34; Jonah 3:1-10; Isaiah 49:1-6
<b>Sunday, March 5</b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM Noon</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST</b> Hebrews 1:10 - 2:3; Mark 2:1-12. <u>Tone 6</u>  ECF classes

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

### Wednesdays and Fridays: Presanctified Liturgy

A good way to pray more with Liturgical services of Great Fast (Lent)

Wednesdays at 6:30pm; Fridays at 5:30pm

### April 29-30: PARISH WEEKEND RETREAT: CALL TO HOLINESS

Presented by Hegumen (Abbot) Fr. Joseph M. Stanichar

**Birthdays:** February 26—Jose Gonzalez; February 28—Nicholas Brunet; **Anniversaries:** [none]

**God grant them many blessed years!**

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

### February 19, 2023

Total bank Deposit: \$2,767.

**Total parish income: \$2,667.**

**Tithes: \$1,375.**

**Building Fund: \$500.**

**Donations: \$447.**

**Candles: \$100.**

**Landscape: \$50.**

**Pascha Flowers: \$100.**

**\*Bishop's/Eparchial Appeal: \$100.**

**Gift Shop: \$95.**

\*These are special collections initiated by the Eparchy and do not count as income to the parish.

Last week's bulletin had the correct financial figures for Feb. 12, but was incorrectly labeled Feb. 5. Sorry for the error and any confusion this may have caused. 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: [Available] Icon of the Theotokos: [Available]**

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

**Icon of St. Anne: [Available]**

**Icon of St. Nicholas: [Available]**

**Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: [Available]**

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.)

**Great Fast Recipes:** Check out <https://www.byzimom.com/> for good recipes to use during the Great Fast.

**Catechumens announced!** Please pray for Andrea Casares and Vitaly Sirotkina, who are in the final phase of their spiritual and intellectual preparation for receiving the three Holy Mysteries of Initiation — Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist — at the Pascha (Easter) Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday, April 8, at 5pm.

**Father-Son Camp:** Alive in Christ camp is an ascetical boot camp for boys 7-17 and their fathers, and will be July 13-16 in Washington state. For more information, please contact Dcn. Jonathan at [dcndeane@ephx.org](mailto:dcndeane@ephx.org).

**More details on how the birthday/anniversary list will work:** to those who returned their Parish Registration update form. We have implemented your preferences regarding birthdays/anniversaries. However, the bulletin will only list individuals and families who regularly attend liturgical services at St. Anne's. An exception will be out-of-town students getting a college/university degree. Also note that individuals who are 18 or older must register separately from their families in order to be on the published bulletin birthday/anniversary list.

**Byzantine Catholic Retreat in Anaheim on Saturday, March 25:** You are invited to a day retreat with other SoCal Byzantine Catholics on the Feast of the Annunciation! There will be Divine Liturgy, talks, prayer — and a children's program. The featured speakers will be Fr. Michael O'Loughlin of St. Mary's Proto-Cathedral and Mother Natalia of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

LOCATION: Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 995 N West St, Anaheim, California. DATE & TIME: Saturday, March 25, from 10am to 7pm.

Suggested donation: \$20 per adult or \$50 per family.

For more information, please contact [SoCalByzantines@gmail.com](mailto:SoCalByzantines@gmail.com). You must register by March 12. To register, please go to: [SoCalByzantines.EventBrite.com](http://SoCalByzantines.EventBrite.com).

**Priest Swap NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5:** A few weeks ago, Fr. Michael suggested a parish swap to Fr. Stephen Washko of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic in Anaheim. Fr. Stephen agreed, and the swap is happening next weekend, March 4-5! On Saturday, March 4, after an early 8am All Soul's Divine Liturgy at St Anne's, Fr. Michael will drive to Fontana to celebrate the vigil Divine Liturgy for that parish, and then to Anaheim to celebrate Sunday Divine Liturgy at Annunciation. Fr. Stephen Washko will come to San Luis Obispo and celebrate the 10am Sunday Divine Liturgy at St Anne's on March 5. Please warmly welcome Fr. Stephen. It is a good opportunity to meet another priest of our eparchy, and go to Confession to him if you like variety in priests to hear your Confession.

**Special Retreat at St Anne's on April 29-30:** All are invited to St Anne Byzantine Catholic Church for a unique weekend retreat conducted by the venerable Hegumen (Abbot) Fr. Joseph Stanichar of Duchovny Dom Monastery. To register, please fill out the form in the narthex, or e-mail Donna Snead at [donnamarie333bvm@reagan.com](mailto:donnamarie333bvm@reagan.com)

#### **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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