

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
HOLY FATHER ST. JOHN CLIMACUS  
March 19, 2023***



*St. John Climacus, whose “last name” means “Of the Ladder” was a monk of the 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> centuries who wrote about the spiritual journey as a series of 30 steps or rungs on a ladder. Many perils exist in that journey as can be seen with the monks ascending the ladder in this icon. This written work is called “The Ladder of Divine Ascent” and is a classic worth reading.*

**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><i>Saturday, March 18</i></b>	<b>5 PM Great Vespers</b>	1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51; Isaiah 52:13 - 53:6.
<b><i>Sunday, March 19</i></b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM</b>	<b><i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST HOLY FATHER ST. JOHN CLIMACUS</i></b> Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31. <u>Tone 8</u> ECF classes
<b><i>Monday, March 20</i></b>	No liturgical services today Parish Office Closed.	<b><i>Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery, Killed by Saracens</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday, March 21</i></b> Use handout	<b>7 AM Lenten Matins</b> Parish Office Open.	<b><i>Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania</i></b> Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19.
<b><i>Wednesday, March 22</i></b> Use handouts	<b>7 AM Terce-Sext</b>  Confessions: 5:30-6:00 PM <b>6:30 PM 1/2 of St. Andrew of Crete Matins</b>	<b><i>Holy Martyr Basil, Priest of Ancyra</i></b> Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20 - 16:9.  Parish Office Open. Wednesday, March 22 through Friday, March 24: Mitigation of abstinence from wine and oil allowed for those doing the traditional fast.
<b><i>Thursday, March 23</i></b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:15-8:45 AM <b>9 AM Great Canon of St. Andrew - second 1/2</b>	<b><i>Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.</i></b> Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17 - 17:17. Parish Office Open.
<b><i>Friday, March 24</i></b> Use handouts	<b>7 AM Terce-Sext</b> Confessions: 4:30-5:00 PM <b>5:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy (Vigil of holy day)</b> +Ruth Cihak by Fr. Michael Bezruchka	<b><i>Venerable Father Zachary</i></b> Parish Office Open. Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17 - 18:5; Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11; Exodus 3:1-8; Proverbs 8:22-31.
<b><i>Saturday, March 25</i></b> Use handout	<b>8 AM Matins</b> Confessions: 9:10-9:30 AM <b>10AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners (NO Great Vespers)	<b><i>Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary (Solemn Holy Day)</i></b> Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38.
<b><i>Sunday, March 26</i></b> Use handout	Confessions: 8:30-9:30 AM <b>10 AM Divine Liturgy</b> Intention: For Parishioners <b>12 PM Noon</b>	<b><i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL</i></b> Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45. <u>Tone 1</u> ECF classes

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

### Wednesdays and Fridays: Presanctified Liturgy

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

### March 23—Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

March 22: First half of Matins at 6:30pm (no Presanctified Liturgy); March 23: Second half of Matins at 9am

### March 25—Annunciation of the Holy Theotokos

March 25: Festal Matins at 8am; Divine Liturgy at 10am

### Saturday, April 1: Movie Night, A Hidden Life

Great Vespers at 4pm. Pizza dinner afterward. Movie will start at 6 or 6:30pm

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

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

**Birthdays:** March 20—Celi C.; March 22—Rebecca Prewett; March 23—Jim Shepherd;

**Anniversaries:** [none]

**God grant them many blessed years!**

## SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE LORD

### March 12, 2023

Total bank Deposit: \$2,291.

**Total parish income: \$2,291.**

**Tithes: \$1,250.**

**Building Fund: \$210.**

**Donations: \$523.**

**Bake Sale: \$160.**

**Gift Shop: \$148.**

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 (6/3/23)**

**Eternal Lamp to St. Anne in the narthex: +Ann & Alex Sawko by Paul Sawko (6/3/23)**

**Icon of Jesus Christ: +Neil & Velma Perry by Paul Sawko (6/3/23)**

**Icon of the Theotokos: +Alex & Catharine Sawko by Paul Sawko (6/3/23)**

**Icon of St. Anne: +Michael & Antonia Kozub by Paul Sawko (6/3/23)**

**Icon of St. Mary Magdalene: +Sheryl Ibarra by Paul Sawko (6/3/23)**

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

**Icon of St. Nicholas: [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.)

## **Pascha (Easter) Bakesale order forms: DUE TODAY.**

**Movie and Pizza Night on Saturday, April 1:** Come watch the movie, *A Hidden Life*. Based on the real-life sacrifices of an Austrian farmer who refuses to pledge allegiance to the Third Reich. Here is a trailer of the movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJXmdY4IVRQ> We will have Saturday evening Vespers at 4pm followed by pizza dinner followed by the movie at approximately 6 or 6:30pm in the social hall.

**Pascha Vigil on April 8 changed to 4PM:** Please note that the April 8 Pascha (Easter) Vigil Divine Liturgy, with two adult baptisms, has changed from 5pm to 4pm.

## **Congratulations to Madelyn Rose Galanti on the occasion of her baptism!**

Little baby Madelyn Rose is being baptized today, March 19! Her entry to God's life is a reminder to all of us to revisit our baptismal promises whether made by us, or more commonly, made by our parents and godparents answering on our behalf. Through baptism, we become a new creation joined to the life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

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

**Vocation Corner:** "I believe! Help my unbelief!" Our gracious Lord comes to us, and His divine grace always heals what is infirm and supplies what is lacking. Nevertheless, He uses people to be His hands and feet. Our prayer and fasting can save the world! Are you open to dedicating your life as a consecrated monastic or religious, or a life in holy orders? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

## **Exceptional retreat in San Luis Obispo on the weekend of April 29-30!**

You are cordially invited to attend an unrepeatable event at St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church in San Luis Obispo. Hegumen Fr. Joseph Stanichar, the founding abbot of Duchovny Dom Byzantine Catholic Monastery in Oregon, is giving us a special retreat that will explore the rich spiritual tradition of the Early Desert Fathers and how these ancient spiritual tools can lead to growth in holiness today. For more information and to register, please e-mail Donna Marie at: [donnamarie333bvm@reagan.com](mailto:donnamarie333bvm@reagan.com)

**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).

**Eparchial Appeal 2023:** By now, you've received a mailing from the Eparchy of Phoenix asking you to participate in the 2023 Eparchial Appeal. The current goal for the Eparchy is \$313,000, of which St Anne's parish was assigned a goal of \$16,931.17. There are about 41 regularly-attending households in the parish. Every one of us can make a sacrificial donation according to our means. I'm counting on near-full participation which means **each will need to donate an AVERAGE of \$420, to reach our goal. SOME CAN GIVE MORE AND OTHERS CAN GIVE LESS, BUT WE CAN ALL PARTICIPATE.** You will notice that there are monthly Eparchial Appeal envelopes in your set of offertory envelopes to help you make payments over a period of time rather than all at once in case that works better for you. If donating through the parish, please make your check payable to St. Anne Church and write "Eparchial Appeal" on the memo line. This is the most important special collection of the year for us. Thank you for donating.

**Update:** As of March 15, 2023, we have collected \$2,195., which brings us to 13% of our goal.

### **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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