

**Holy Protection of the Mother of God
Byzantine Catholic Church**

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Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:

- 12/2 Leftovers from St. Nick Dinner
- 12/9 Spaghetti lunch after Liturgy
- 12/16 Fr. Michael to provide food after Liturgy
- 12/23 Perla Hoskins to provide food after Liturgy
- 12/30 Cullen & Theresa Gibbons to provide food after Liturgy

Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
December 2 nd – 28 th Sunday after Pentecost	7:30 am	Matins
	8:30 am	Adult Catechesis
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins
December 4 th – Tuesday: Barbara, Great Martyr & John Damascene	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
December 5 th – Wednesday: Sabbas, Ven.	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	5:45 pm	Emmanuel Moleben
	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy- for the parishioners of Holy Protection
December 6 th – Thursday: Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop	12:05 pm	Divine Liturgy- for the Children of the Parish
December 7 th – Friday: Ambrose, Archbishop	12:05 pm	Sixth Hour & Typica
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
December 8 th – Saturday: Maternity of the Holy Anna	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy- for our nation
	4:00 pm	Mystery of Penance (Confession)
	4:30 pm	Great Vespers
December 9 th – 29 th Sunday after Pentecost	7:30 am	Matins
	8:30 am	Adult Catechesis
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins

If you would like to bring food for the social, there are plenty of Sundays available! Please sign-up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4daea62aabfc1-whowill>

Parish Prayer List

Pray for our ill and homebound parishioners:

O Christ God, Divine Physician of soul and body, send your blessings upon your servants:

Brian Kiechlin, Rhys Nunnally, Tom Graham, Justin Raimondo, Mike Mancinelli, Marge Driscoll, Sandy Woods, Grammie O'Loughlin, Margaret Chando, Fred Fraikor, Helen Kmeck, Thomas Plahovinsak, George Kmeck Jr, and Betty Curtis

Bless also those whom you have given the ministry of caring for the sick. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Please tell Fr. Michael if there are any who should be added to this list or if there are any shut-ins to whom the Holy Mysteries (the Sacraments) should be administered.

Email bulletin@holyprotection.org with the names you would like included, subject line "Parish Prayer List".

Announcements

Byzantine Traditions: Gifts in shoes or socks

One tradition practiced on the eve of Saint Nicholas' feastday is for children to leave their shoes outside the front door of their house for Saint Nicholas. In the morning, they should find small gifts, such as sweets, fruit, toys, and a few coins. This symbolizes the great charitable works of the saint. It also commemorates when Saint Nicholas saved the three peasant daughters from a life of prostitution, when he threw gold coins in their window for their marriage dowries. The coins are traditionally believed to have landed in their stockings/shoes close to the fireplace. The saint did this on three nights, once for each daughter.

Other gifts one can leave in children's shoes are:

- gold coins – representing the money he threw into the window of a poor family's house
- a toy representing the toys he had commissioned a toymaker to make for poor children
- something that represents the saint's devotion to God: a spiritually oriented book, an icon, cross or prayer rope.
- something to represent the food he would give to the poor (fruit, nuts etc).
- an item of clothing representing him clothing the poor.
- a toy ship symbolizing the many sailors saved through his prayers.

Another tradition is to do a charitable work or make a donation anonymously, as this is what St Nicholas always did. Use Saint Nicholas' feastday to give to the poor and needy, whether in money or clothing. Saint Nicholas models obedience to Christ by feeding the hungry, helping strangers, and caring for prisoners (Matthew 25:34-36). (<http://myocn.net/saint-nicholas-traditions-december-6/>)

CGS 2018-19 Schedule

- Dec 9
- Jan 20, 27
- Feb 10, 17
- Mar 3, 10, 17
- Apr 7
- May 5 (Last session)

Holy Protection Secret St. Nick

It's time for our Secret St. Nick! Sign up online this year to make it easier.

LINK- <https://www.elfster.com/exchange/view/33143412/zmzj/>

Make sure to sign up by December 9th. Gifts can be dropped off at Church on Christmas or on Epiphany (in between that time is good too!). Email Pauline with any questions- montessorigeek@gmail.com

Please keep the gifts to no more than \$25 total. They can be something you already own, or something you made.

Keep the recipient of your gift a secret until the gift is delivered, but keep them in your prayers throughout the rest of the Nativity Fast.

Give your gift to your person as close to Christmas as you can (we will have them under the tree like last year) or place your gift in your person's mailbox by January 6th. This way if you are out of town for Christmas you can still participate. If you want to, you can leave little notes throughout the Nativity Fast in your person's mailbox!

Once you have received your secret St. Nick, contact them anonymously to ask these questions to get to know them better and have ideas of gifts!

Dear Secret St. Nick- please tell me your-

Prayer intentions:

Favorite Things

Saint:

Snack:

Color:

Things you love to collect:

Hobby or favorite past time:

Allergies:

Parish Celebrations

Una Satkowski
12/2

Eric Fedorco
12/2

Jan Giunta
12/5

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Did we miss you? Please email your name, birthdays and anniversaries to:
bulletin@holyprotection.org

Collections

November 18, 2018

Parish

Souls: 99

Tithe: \$919

Outreach

Souls: 29

Tithe: \$175

Non Parish-Sponsored Events

Sophia Montessori Academy Gifts

SMA has created beautiful mugs, shirts, and cards using the children's fingerprints. They can be found downstairs for purchase. 50% of all sales will be donated back to Holy Protection.

DHM NOTE

Hello Holy Protection!

This is Perry from Denver Homeless Ministry. Thank you for the kind heart you have shown in your contributions. I wanted to update you all on the items we need to keep serving the poor. The most important thing we need are socks, especially in this cold season. Additionally, we need gloves and soft snacks (food which would be easily chewable for individuals who may not have the best dental care). Just to keep you updated, we hand out small survival kits with a variety of these items. Beside fulfilling their necessity for warmth, we most importantly offer a listening ear. These people don't often have anyone who treats them like a person, and you would be surprised at the small transformations they make when someone only wants to hear what they have to say. It is an incredible gift to be able to serve Christ in the addicted, homeless, and poor. Thank you again for doing your part. If you would like to participate in an outing or hear more, please feel free to reach me at perrye.west@gmail.com.

Divine Liturgy Guide

The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11. Option [A] unless noted.

**December 2nd – 28th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 3**

<u>When you get to the...</u>	<u>Go to...</u>
<i>Troparion</i> on pg. 27 _____	pg. 135
<i>Kontakion</i> on pg. 27 _____	pg. 136
<i>Prokeimenon</i> on pg. 34 _____	pg. 137
<i>Alleluia</i> on pg. 34 _____	pg. 137
Readings: Col 1: 12- 18; Lk 18: 18- 27	
<i>Communion Hymn</i> on pg. 78 _____	pg. 137

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP continues to burn before the real presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ

From the GCU:

December 2-8, 2018

In honor of Sandy Donnelly (birthday Dec. 6)

Buckeye Arizona

You are invited to sponsor the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in our Church for your intentions. The Sanctuary Lamp is a special candle that remains perpetually lit (near the front of the Church) to honor Our Lord Jesus' Eucharistic Presence: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Tabernacle on the Holy Table (Altar). If you are interested in sponsoring this vigil candle, the usual stipend is \$10. It will burn from Sunday through Saturday, and the bulletin will remind your fellow parishioners of your special intention or the memory of a loved one. You may request as often as you would like. To submit, please contact John or MaryEllen Oslick at 303-284-2304 or jwoact@comcast.net. Please include your name, intention, and the week you would like it to burn (every effort will be made to honor the week requested). Checks should be made payable to: GCU LODGE 144.