

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

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**Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:**

12/23 Perla Hoskins to provide food after Liturgy  
 12/30 Cullen & Theresa Gibbons to provide food after Liturgy  
 1/6 Open  
 1/3 Open

**If you would like to bring food for the social, there are plenty of  
 Sundays available! Please go to our website  
 (www.holyprotection.org) and click on the “Bulletins and Events”  
 tab, “Parish Socials” then “Signup Genius”. Thank you!**

Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
December 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday of the Ancestors	7:30 am	Matins
	8:30 am	Adult Catechesis
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy for our parishioners
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins
December 24 <sup>th</sup> – Monday: Christmas Eve	12:05 pm	Royal Hours
	4:30 pm	Vesper-Liturgy for Nativity
	6:00 pm	“God is With Us” & Play
	9:00 pm	Christmas Compline
December 25 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday: Christmas	7:30 am	Matins
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy for our shut-ins
December 26 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday: Synaxis of the Theotokos	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy for mothers and those who wish to be mothers
	8:00 pm	Vespers
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
December 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday: Stephen, Protomartyr	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy for Father Joel from Marsha Doll
	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
December 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday: 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	12:05 pm	Divine Liturgy for T. and M. Chiaramonte. From A. Regalla
	4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
December 29 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday: Holy Innocents, Martyrs	4:00 pm	Mystery of Penance (Confession)
	4:30 pm	Great Vespers
	7:30 am	Matins
December 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday of David, Joseph, and James	8:30 am	Adult Catechesis
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy for our parishioners
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins

**Celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord at Holy Protection**

**Christmas Eve 12/24:**

-Royal Hours (Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings relating to the feast): 12:05pm.  
 -Vespers (evening prayer)/Divine Liturgy for the Nativity: 4:30pm  
 -Children’s Nativity Play and singing of “God is With Us”: 6:00pm  
 -Christmas Compline (Night prayer): 9:00pm

**Christmas Day 12/25:**

-Matins (morning prayer): 7:30am  
 -Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

**Feast of the Synaxis of the Theotokos 12/26:**

-Divine Liturgy: 6:30pm  
 -Vespers for the Feast of St. Stephen: 8:00pm

**Feast of the Holy Apostle, First-Martyr and Arch-deacon Stephen 12/27:**

-Matins: 8:30am  
 -Divine Liturgy: 6:30pm

## 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, 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

### Toy Drive

We will be collecting toys and gifts for children and youth again this year. Please put any donations, unwrapped, under the St. Nicholas tree in the church. Thank you for your generosity!

### Traditional Christmas Eve Holy Supper

"Holy Supper" is a beautiful and traditional way of celebrating Christmas Eve in our Byzantine tradition. Various villages and families have various traditions, but all share a meal filled with symbolism of the coming of the Savior as a child. I will send out a Flocknote email with some resources, but you can also find them on our website under "Faith Formation" then "Nativity Traditions", and in the stairwell of the church.  
-A family guide to the ritual of Holy Supper.  
-THE TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF the NATIVITY: (digital pamphlet on the Metropolia website)  
-"God is with us: A Christmas Book" Recipes, hymns and family traditions. (pdf on our website)  
Blessed Feast!!

## Thank You GCU

Thank you to GCU Lodge 144 for providing the parish with the calendars and for providing the St. Nicholas Day gifts to the children.

### 2019 Sanctuary Lamps

Anyone interested in sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp for any week in 2019 the stipend is \$10.00. Please list the week you desire and for whom the Sanctuary Lamp is to burn. Checks are made to GCU Lodge 144 . You may reserve via email at [jwoact@comcast.net](mailto:jwoact@comcast.net). or phone at 303-284-2304.

## Community Requests

### Sophia Montessori Help Wanted

"Sophia Montessori Academy is in need of someone to help in the classroom with a student on Wednesdays through Fridays from 9-11am (or 8:30-11:30 if more time is needed). We are able to pay \$11.10 an hour. We would ask for you to do a 2 hour training on Montessori education with Ms. Pauline as well as complete a background check and a safe environment training. You would be keeping an eye on one student in particular and be available to help this student throughout the morning- support with snack, choosing lessons, carrying activities, etc.... When not with the student we would ask for help with some admin work."

## Parish Celebrations

12/25  
Jesus

12/26  
Katherine Fedorco

*May God grant you many happy and blessed years!*  
**Did we miss you? Please email your name, birthdays and anniversaries to: [bulletin@holyprotection.org](mailto:bulletin@holyprotection.org)**

## Collections

December 16, 2018

### Parish

Souls: 115  
Tithe: \$724  
Christmas: \$59  
Priest Retirement Fund: \$0

### Outreach

Souls: 35  
Tithe: \$390

**The Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession)  
in the Byzantine Catholic Church**

*-The Mystery of Repentance is most properly done before an icon of Christ, a Cross or the Holy Gospel Book.*

*-The penitent approaches the icon, venerates it, and awaits the introduction of the priest.*

**Priest:** May Our Lord Jesus Christ be in your heart and on your lips that you may confess your sins worthily... (or another similar prayer.)

**Penitent:** I confess to Almighty God, One in the Holy Trinity; to the Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin; to all the Saints; and to you, Father, all of my sins. It has been...since my last confession, and these are my sins...

*-The penitent should feel comfortable speaking to the priest or directly to Christ.*

*-When he/she is done confessing, the penitent says the following or something similar...*

**Penitent:** For these and all the other sins which I cannot remember or call to mind, I am very sorry that I have offended God. I am truly repentant; and I promise, with the help of God, to better my life. For this, I humbly ask of you, Father, salutary penance and absolution.

*-The priest will give counsel and a penance. The penitent should feel free to ask any questions they may have about sin, penance, absolution etc.*

*-If the penitent is not already kneeling before the icon of Christ, they should do so. If they can't kneel, they can bow.*

*-The priest will place his epitrachelion (stole) over the penitent's head and say the following,  
or a similar, prayer of absolution.*

**Priest:** May our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, through the grace and mercy of His love for mankind, forgive you all of your transgressions; and I a priest, although unworthy, by His power given to me, forgive and absolve you of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*-The Priest may help the penitent stand up. This symbolizes the penitent being lifted out of their sin. The penitent should venerate the icon of Christ, and depart to perform the penance.*

**Divine Liturgy Guide**

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

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday of the Ancestors  
Tone 6**

<b><u>When you get to the...</u></b>	<b><u>Go to...</u></b>
<b><i>Troparion on pg. 27</i></b>	<b><i>pg. 152, 285, 283</i></b>
<b><i>Kontakion on pg. 27</i></b>	<b><i>pg. 284</i></b>
<b><i>Prokeimenon on pg. 34</i></b>	<b><i>pg. 287</i></b>
<b><i>Alleluia on pg. 34</i></b>	<b><i>pg. 287</i></b>
<b>Readings: Heb 11: 9- 10 &amp; 32- 40; Mt 1: 1- 25</b>	
<b><i>Communion Hymn on pg. 78</i></b>	<b><i>pg. 153, 287</i></b>

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

**From the GCU:**

December 23-29 2018

In memory of the deceased members of The Fraikor Family and

In honor of the living members of The Fraikor Family

Offered by Fred Fraikor

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.