

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

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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
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
December 12 th – Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe	5:45 pm	Emmanuel Moleben
	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy- for the parishioners of Holy Protection
December 13 th – Thursday: Eustratius & Others, Martyrs	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	5:45 pm	Evening Prayer
December 14 th – Friday: Thrysus & Others, Martyrs	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
	12:05 pm	Ninth Hour & Typika (Communion Service)
December 15 th – Saturday: Eleutherius, Bishop-Martyr	4:00 pm	Mystery of Penance (Confession)
	4:30 pm	Great Vespers
	7:30 am	Matins
December 16 th – Sunday of the Forefathers	8:30 am	Adult Catechesis
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy- Ft. Collins

Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:

- 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

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>

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, 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

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: <https://bit.ly/2Edngys> (digital pamphlet on the Metropolia website)
-"God is with us: A Christmas Book" Recipes, hymns and family traditions. (pdf on our website)
Blessed Feast!!

CGS 2018-19 Schedule

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

2019 Calendars are here!

Please visit Melanie Allard downstairs after liturgy to collect your new calendar and update your contact information.

Tithing Envelopes are on their way

We are beginning a new process for tithing envelopes. No longer will you have to keep track of all your envelopes for the year! You will receive your envelopes every two months in the mail. Since this is our first attempt, there are bound to be some mistakes. If you do NOT receive your envelopes, or if you are a new parishioner and want to receive them, please let Melanie Allard know. Thanks for your patience and understanding (and for your tithes!).

Special Collection this Sunday

The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) began in 1988 and provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institutes section of the OCD with an identifying OCD number, and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. 100% of proceeds go to the National Religious Retirement Office.

Parish Celebrations

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

December 2, 2018

Parish

Souls: 18

Tithe: \$1744

Priest Retirement Fund:
\$100

Outreach

Souls: 34

Tithe: \$122

**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 penitents 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 9th – 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 4**

<u>When you get to the...</u>	<u>Go to...</u>
<i>Troparion on pg. 27</i> _____	pg. 141
<i>Kontakion on pg. 27</i> _____	pg. 141
<i>Prokeimenon on pg. 34</i> _____	pg. 142
<i>Alleluia on pg. 34</i> _____	pg. 142
Readings: Col 3: 12- 16; Lk 17: 12- 19	
<i>Communion Hymn on pg. 78</i> _____	pg. 142

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

From the GCU:

December 9-15, 2018

In memory of Mildred Jama

Offered by Audrey Peek

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.