

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

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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
February 23rd – Sunday of Cheesefare	9:00 am	Third Hour
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy- for Parishioners
	7:00 pm	Forgiveness Vespers
February 25 th – Tuesday: Patriarch Tarasius	12:00 pm	Terce-Sext
February 26 th – Wednesday: Bishop Prophyry of Gaza	6:30 pm	PreSanciaified Liturgy- +Alicia Blumenthal
February 28 th – Friday: Venerable-Confessor - Basil	6:30 pm	PreSantified Liturgy- + Doris Bachman
February 29 th – Saturday: All Holy Ascetical Mothers & Fathers	4:00 pm	Confessions
	4:30 pm	Great Vespers
March 1st –1st Sunday of Great Fast	9:00 am	Third Hour
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy- for Parishioners
	5:00 pm	Sunday Afternoon Vespers for the Great Fast

**Let us commit ourselves and one another
and our whole life to Christ our God**

Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:

Please check the sign-up sheet downstairs in the parish hall

Thank you!

Holy Mysteries

All requesting Holy Mysteries must be parishioners for at least six months.

Holy Baptism: Requires Pre-Jordan; Baptisms are conducted within a Divine Liturgy. At least one God-parent must be Catholic by faith and the other a practicing Christian. Both God-parents must be in good standing with their parish.

Mystery of Crowning: Requires Pre-Cana; Consult the parish priest at least six months before making wedding plans. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the Fasting Seasons of the Church.

Church Funerals: Provided for practicing parishioners who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations to the parish; otherwise burial is from the funeral home.

Sick Calls/Anointing/Hospital Visits: Requested by the parishioner or family. Anointing prior to surgery/hospitalization or after Sunday Divine Liturgy. Contact Father for anointing. We understand the need for privacy so initiate the contact if hospitalized or when moved to a different care location.

General Guidelines for Fasting during the Great Fast

A day of strict fasting and abstinence from dairy and meat products is Pure Monday (February 24). Wednesdays and Fridays in our Metropolia are days of abstinence from meat. Historically, in the Great Fast, abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, alcohol and foods cooked in oil was prescribed for all days, except days of mitigation.

In the spirit of the Great Fast and to help parishioners observing a more strict observance, please do not bring meat products for our Sunday socials. during the Great Fast.

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:

Helen Kmeck, Thomas Plahovinsak, George Kmeck Jr, Betty Curtis, Joe Ptak, Paul Coyne Sr.

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

Please tell Fr. Brian 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
and frescobedo@ephx.org
with the names you would like included, subject line
"Parish Prayer List".*

Announcements

Adult Catechesis

Our next meeting is March 17th at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. There is a distinction between East and West although no contradictions in faith. If there are particular topics you want send Fr Brian an email with questions to be addressed.

Parish Socials

Most Sundays are open. There is value in gathering together after Liturgy. We can only continue with your participation. It is a most holy and blessed thing when brothers and sisters break bread together. From the very beginning of the church, the faithful broke bread together after the Divine Liturgy (Didache). Thank you.

PreSanctified Divine Liturgy

We are in the Great Fast. We celebrate our PreSanctified Liturgies on Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 6:30pm throughout the season. The Friday night PreSanctified will be followed by bread and soup in the Hall with a very short presentation by Fr. Brian. All are encouraged to come and enter more fully into this holy and penitential season.

Sunday Afternoon Vespers for the Great Fast: Scheduled on March 1, 15, and 29 at 5 p.m. Come and share this service with your brothers and sisters at Holy Protection.

Eternal Memory

Alicia Blumenthal, grandmother to Ben Mann, who fell asleep in the Lord this past week.

Building Fund

Envelopes are here to contribute to Holy Protection's Building Fund! On the back of the envelope write your envelope number. A monthly contribution on the first Sunday of the month will help us in achieving the funding foundation for our new church.

Parish Prayer List

It has been recommended to review and update the parish prayer list. Please submit or resubmit any names you wish to have placed or kept on the list to Fr. Brian by e-mail. This list will only have those names submitted by Wednesday, February 26th. The new list will be in the March 1st bulletin.

Sign Up Clipboards

Use the clipboards in the Hall to sign up to 1) Host the vocation icon, 2) sponsor/purchase an icon for the tetrapod, 3) Sign up to sponsor a parish social after Divine Liturgy and 4) See if there are any items the church needs which you are willing to purchase.

Vocation Icon

This week the vocations icon has no sponsor. Please pray for vocations for our beloved Eparchy.

VENMO

Payment for items in the gift shop may now be additionally paid for through VENMO. Questions? See Cesca O'Loughlin.

Parish Celebrations

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

Collections February 2, 2020

Parish
Souls: 110
Tithe: \$3,846.00

Outreach
Souls:
Tithe:

**O Lord, Bless the
Worship and
Stewardship of your
faithful servants.**

Divine Liturgy Intentions

It is a most holy and honorable action to remember individuals in Divine Liturgies. Sunday Divine Liturgies are always for the People of the Parish but other days are normally open. We can remember our living loved ones on their birthdays, baptism anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, health needs and indeed any other intention.

For our deceased family and friends, we should remember them on the anniversaries of their death as well as any other time we wish. Offertory stipends are traditionally given to the priest for these services but no one is ever denied a Divine Liturgy intention based on a stipend.

To pray for one another is a direct teaching of Our Lord and His holy church. "Pray for those who love us and pray for those who hate us". See Fr. Brian for any scheduling of Divine Liturgy intentions.

Stipends for various Services

Many parishioners ask for recommended stipends for the various services provided by Fr. Brian and the Church. First, no stipend for anything is required and second, no one is ever denied a service due to monetary issues. The Narthex handout is the recommendation provided by our Eparchy. You are free to take one and use it as you so choose as a guide.

Eparchial Appeal

Our appeal goal this year is \$19,068.42. This is \$275 per household. Last year the average contribution from us was \$483.39. Participation was 63%. If you have not received the Eparchy mailing with pledge form and envelope in the next two weeks see Fr. Brian. More information to come.

Divine Liturgy Guide

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

February 23rd – Sunday of Cheesefare Tone Four

<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. 218
<i>Prokeimenon on pg. 34</i> _____	pg. 219
<i>Alleluia on pg. 34</i> _____	pg. 219
Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21	
Magnification _____	pg. 62
<i>Communion Hymn on pg. 78</i> _____	pg. 78

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

For: + Raymond M. Mega

Offered by Catherine Mega

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 Mary Ellen 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.