

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

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DAY/ COMMEMORATION	TIME	SERVICE
December 20 - Sunday of the Ancestors	9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy
	2:30	Ft. Collins Outreach
December 22- Great Martyr Anastasia	12noon	6 <sup>th</sup> Hour
December 24 - Vigil of Christmas	9:00am	Royal Hours
	4:30pm	Divine Liturgy
	6:30pm	Caroling
	7:00pm	Divine Liturgy
December 25 - Nativity of Our Lord	8:00am	Festal Matins
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy
December 26 - Synaxis of the Theotokos	10:00am	Divine Liturgy/Panahida +Salvador Santoyo, jr.
	4:00pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	Divine Liturgy +Dr. & Mrs. Jack Restivo and Baptism of Demarias & Caelum O’Loughlin
December 27 - Sunday after Christmas	9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy

Ft. Collins Outreach Divine Liturgy is the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The church is open for private prayer upon request. Please e-mail Fr. Brian.

**Livestreaming of all services on the parish Facebook site.**

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

**Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:**

**Due to the Covid-19 virus the downstairs hall remains closed for post-Liturgy Socials. Restrooms may be used following the cleaning guidelines posted.**

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**To sign up for future socials go to [www.holyprotection.org](http://www.holyprotection.org) and scroll down to “Parish Socials” at the bottom of the page and pick your Sunday, OR email Fr. Brian**

**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 home 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.

**Safe Environment Program Contact Info:**

Safe Environment Office Victim Assistance Coordinator:  
 Sdcn. Paul F. Kilroy,  
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## 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:***

Jill and Jade Baca, Dan Bidstrup, Angie Bitsko, Olga Bodnar, Christine Borodich, Michele Boyd, Carol Donlin, Marge Driscoll, Fred Fraikor, Tom Graham, George Kmeck Jr, Helen Kmeck, Mike Mancinelli, Rhys Nunnally, Penn Piffner, Thomas Plahovinsak, Joe Ptak, Larry Rock, Victoria Teunissen, Jill Velasco, Brenda Washko, Sandy Woods.

***Email frescobedo@phx.org if there is anyone who should be added or removed from this list or if there are any shut-ins to whom the Holy Mysteries should be administered.***

***Contacting Fr. Brian by phone:*** The parish phone is in the church and not in the rectory parish office. Fr. Brian's cell number is on the answering message. For an emergency, please call his cell phone. For fastest response, please email which is continuously monitored.

## Announcements

### Weekend Divine Liturgies

**We no longer sign-up for Divine Liturgy on our parish website.** We live-stream our services for those who for health reasons cannot attend. Otherwise we are obligated to honor the Lord's day in person with masks and proper distancing.

**NOTE: There is a sign-up for the Nativity Divine Liturgies to help maintain spacing.**

To enable as many as possible to attend Christmas Divine Liturgies there is an additional Divine Liturgy for Christmas Eve. The 24th has Liturgies at 4:30pm and 7pm. There will be Christmas Carols at 6:30pm before the 7pm Liturgy. Sunday's schedule is Matins at 8am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30am.

If you need **dispensation** from attending Divine Liturgy on Sundays or holy days contact Fr. Brian to discuss.

### ECF Classes

Zoom ECF classes continue with Theresa Grondin. If you need to register contact her.

**2021 Church Calendars/Holy Supper Handouts are being distributed today.**

### Parish Prayer List

Please review the list and let Fr. Brian know if there is anyone who should be taken off the list. We will compile a new list in the future.

### Thank You and Blessed Memory

Holy Protection gives thanks to +William Voharas for his bequest to us in his will. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaja Pomjat!

**Thank you** to the Greek Catholic Union (GCU) Headquarters for their \$1,000 gift to our parish.

## Building Fund

Envelopes are available to contribute to Holy Protection's Building Fund! On the back of the envelope write your envelope number.

### Adult Catechesis

The next catechesis will be in January 20, 2021. We will present the significance of our rite when attending our parish. Previous classes are linked on our parish website.

### Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgies

Saturday Divine Liturgies are celebrated for the faithful to fulfill their obligation and receive Eucharist. It enables spacing for parishioners to avoid overcrowding and possible exposure to COVID-19. There has been light attendance so it has been recommended to celebrate Saturday Divine Liturgy at **4pm** to help young families attend. Starting on **January 2, 2021** we will make this change.

### Parishioners in need

Any parishioners needing help in purchasing gifts for their children at Christmas, please e-mail Fr. Brian. We have benefactors willing to help. All communication is confidential.

### Special Prayers

Continue to pray for our Catechumen Josh studying to enter our Byzantine Catholic Church. We have special Catechumen prayers when he is present at Divine Liturgy.

### Ft. Collins December Divine Liturgies

The Divine Liturgy on the 27th is canceled and replaced by December 20.

### Future Church Locations

There are two brochures of possible new church locations posted in the narthex for review.

## Parish Celebrations:

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

**Collections: December 12/12/13**

### Parish

**Souls: 5/9/23**

**Tithe: \$ 785.00**  
(includes mailed in tithes).

### Outreach

**Souls: 35**

**Tithe: \$ 225.00**

**Tithing:** God bless all sending in their tithes when not at Divine Liturgy.

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

### **Divine Liturgy Intentions**

It is a holy act to remember individuals in Divine Liturgies. Sundays are always for the People of the Parish but Saturdays and weekday Divine Liturgies are open for intentions. We remember our living loved ones on birthdays, baptism and wedding anniversaries, health needs and any intention. We should remember our deceased family and friends on the anniversaries of their death or 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 directly from Our Lord and His holy church. **"Pray for those who love us and pray for those who hate us"**. See Fr. Brian to schedule Divine Liturgy intentions.

### **Sponsorship of Lamps**

If you want to sponsor the lamps (candles) on the tetrapod or in front of our holy Ruthenian martyrs (right side by iconostasis) see Fr. Brian. The cost is \$5 per lamp. Your intention will be commemorated through the entire week. You may keep your intention private or have it published.

### **Guidelines for our Public Liturgies**

1) Masks are requested to be worn, 2) Maintain Social Distancing 3) Hall closed, 4) Teal Divine Liturgy books cleaned after use or the faithful may bring their own from home, 5) Venerate the icon on the tetrapod by bowing and crossing yourself in the Byzantine manner, 6) Offertory basket is at the foot of the tetrapod.

Colorado is seeing a large upsurge in COVID-19 cases. Parishioners should ensure they keep the appropriate distancing and wear masks at Divine Liturgy. If we have any outbreak we will close down public Liturgy for all. Please help us keep our church open!

### **Divine Liturgy Guide**

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

**December 20 - Sunday of the Ancestors Tone Four**

**When you get to  
the...**

**Go to...**

***Troparion* on pg.27\_\_\_\_\_pg. 141 & 285-286**

***Kontakion* on pg. 27\_\_\_\_\_p. 287**

***Prokeimenon* on pg. 34\_\_\_\_\_pg. 137 & 287**

***Alleluia* on  
pg. 34\_\_\_\_\_pg. 287**

***Magnification* on pg. 62 \_\_\_\_\_pg. 62**

**Communion Hymn on pg.78\_\_\_\_\_pg. 287**

**Readings: Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40; Mt 1:1-25**

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

December 20-26

In honor of the living and deceased 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 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.