

Holy Protection of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
January 24 - Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy-for Parishioners
	2:30pm	Ft. Collins Divine Liturgy
January 19 - Venerables Xenophon & Mary	12:00pm	Sixth Hour
January 30 - The Three Holy Hierarchs	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy/Baptism (Joshua Bell)
January 31 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30pm	Divine Liturgy-for Parishioners

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 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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sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org - Office: (602) 861-9778

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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, Angie Bitsko, Olga Bodnar, Christine Borodich, Michele Boyd, Carol Donlin, Marge Driscoll, Fred Fraikor, Tom Tom Graham, Robert Haas, George Kmeck Jr, Helen Kmeck, Mike Mancinelli, Rhys Nunnally, Thomas Plahovinsak, Joe Ptak, John Rubano, 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 do not require sign-up for Divine Liturgy on our parish website. Services are live-streamed 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. If you need **dispensation** from attending on Sundays or holy days contact Fr. Brian to discuss.

Saturday Vespereal 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.

Theophany House Blessings

If you wish your house blessed for Theophany there are two methods this year. Send an email for Fr. Brian to come and bless your house or because of COVID-19 concerns you may pick up a blessing handout from Fr. Brian. The head of household will bless the house according to the provided prayers.

Vocations Reflection

"O God, be merciful to me a sinner." The Publican prayed simply for mercy, and our Byzantine prayer services begin with these simple words. Do you want to receive and share this mercy by giving your life to prayer as a religious, monastic, priest or deacon? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org.

Stipends

I am asked about stipends for services e.g. Divine Liturgy, Baptisms, Blessing of Houses, All Souls Panachida, etc. The eparchy provides recommended amounts. See the narthex handout for further information.

Building Fund

Envelopes in narthex to contribute to Holy Protection's Building Fund! Write your envelope number on the back of the envelope.

Adult Catechesis

Next catechesis will be in February. Date and topic will be posted soon for your planning. Previous classes linked on our parish website.

Special Prayers

Continue to pray for our Catechumen Josh who will enter our Byzantine Catholic Church this Saturday, January 30th.

Parish Prayer List

Review the list and let Fr. Brian know those who should be taken off or added.

Update the Hramody (Deceased) book in the narthex for All Souls Saturdays.

Check mark your family name or add names. All Souls stipends may be put in envelopes and given to Fr. Brian.

Tithing from your Bank Account

Directly from your bank account. Go to "pay bills" on your bank's website and set up automatic payment.

No fasting the week of the Publican & Pharisee.

Upcoming dates

-Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna" The Vigil Divine Liturgy **Monday, February 1** at 7pm. We will bless candles at the end of the Liturgy.
- Forgiveness Vespers on **February 14** at 7pm. The community seeks each others forgiveness as we begin the Great Fast.

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collections:

January 16/17

Parish

Souls: 12/52

Tithe: \$65.00

(includes mailed in tithes).

Outreach

Souls: --

Tithe: - \$ --

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.

January 24 - Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Tone One
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Readings: 2 Tim 3:10-15; Lk 18:10-14

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

January 24-30
For the health of David Sisko

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.