

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	February	Time	Service
14 Sunday of CheeseFare		9:00am 9:30am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy - for Parishioners
	9:30	2:30pm 7:00pm	Ft. Collins Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers
Feb 16 - Martyrs Pamphilius & Others		12:00pm	Terce-Sext for the Great Fast
Feb 17 - Martyr Theodore the Recruit		6:30pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Feb 19 - Apostle Archippus		6:30pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
February 20 -Miracle of Theodore		3:00pm 4:00pm	Confessions Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Paul Peek)
February 21 - 1st Sunday of the Great Fast		9:00am 9:30pm	Third Hour 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 - (602) 861-9778

Victim Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Caroline Bonham

email: victimassistanceofphoenix@gmail.com - cell: (505) 314-3943

Asst. SEP Coordinator: Sdcn. Paul F. Kilroy

email: sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org - cell: (702)498-5972

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 Baca, Jade Baca, Angie Bitsko, Olga Bodnar, Christine Borodich, Michele Boyd, Marge Driscoll, Fred Fraikor, Tom Graham, Robert Haas, George Kmeck Jr, Helen Kmeck, Mike Mancinelli, Catherine Mega, 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 need to 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 for the faithful to fulfill their obligation and receive Eucharist. It enables spacing for parishioners to avoid overcrowding and possible exposure to COVID-19.

Vocations Reflection

"Where your treasure is, your heart will be also." It is easy to mistake what our true treasure is, and we need wisdom and insight to see clearly. Our kontakion tells us that God is the "guide to wisdom and giver of insight". Is he guiding you to see that a vocation to the religious or ordained life is for you? As you pray and seek wisdom, consider contacting the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: **vocations@ephx.org**.

Stipends

I am frequently asked about stipends to the church and to the priest 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.

Tithing from your Bank Account

Tithing may be sent directly from your bank account. Go to "pay bills" on your bank's website and set up an automatic payment.

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 is **February 16th (6:30pm)**. The topic is Confessions: What should be talk about in Confession. Previous classes are linked on

Forgiveness Vespers at 7pm.

Our community seeks each others forgiveness to begin the Great Fast this evening for Pure Monday - February 15th. Plan to attend to enter the Fast with a purified soul.

Parenting With Intention - A Journey Through the Great Fast with Pani Janet

See today's handout for an exciting and instructive six session program from Pani Janet, a licensed Professional Counselor. Parenting is always a challenge and here is a course with solutions. Sign up now online and reserve a place! **Urgently Reserve Your Spot!**

Pascha Butter Lamb Molds

There are butter lamb molds for sale in the Gift Shop. Having a butter lamb is part of our Pascha traditions.

The Great Fast begins this Sunday evening at Sunset. We asked to abstain from meat and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays as a minimum guideline. This is a very holy and important time of preparation for Pascha!

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collections:

January 30/31 Feb 1

Parish

Souls: 30/35/3

Tithe: \$350/\$1,245/\$0
(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 continues to have a large number of 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.

February 14 - Sunday of CheeseFare

**Tone Four
Go to... the...**

When you get to

***Troparion* on pg.27_____pg. 141**

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***Prokeimenon* on pg. 34_____pg. 219**

***Alleluia* on pg. 34_____pg. 219**

***Magnification* on pg. 62 _____pg. 62**

Communion Hymn on pg.78_____pg. 78

Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

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

February 14-20

In memory of +Alaina Hughes (3rd anniversary 2/26)

Offered by John & MaryEllen Oslick

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.