

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

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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Mar 7 - 3rd Sunday of Great Fast	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy - for Parishioners
Mar 9 - 40 Martyrs of Sebaste	7:00pm	Vespers for Sundays of the Great
	10:00am	Fast Terce-Sext for the Great Fast
Mar 10 - Martyr Codratus & Others	6:30pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Mar 12 - Venerable Theophane	6:30pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Mar 13 -4th All Souls Saturday	10:00am	Divine Liturgy with Panachida
	3:00pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Open)
Mar 14 - 4th Sunday of the Great Fast (St. John Climacus)	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30pm	Divine Liturgy - for Parishioners
	2:30 pm	Ft. Collins 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.**

**3/7 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 - (602) 861-9778

Victim Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Caroline Bonham

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

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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 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, 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

### Divine Liturgies

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-1

### Vocations Reflection

"Whoever will lose his life for the sake of the Good News will save it." A vocation is a cross, it is a way to lose our lives for the Lord and His Gospel by giving life to the world in a life of prayer and devotion to the holy mysteries of the Church. The Lord may be showing you that holy orders or the religious life is something to consider. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto: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** may be sent directly through the mail to the church. Go to "pay bills" on your bank's website to set up 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

The next catechesis will be March 16th. The topic will be the priestly prayers of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil. Previous classes are linked on our website.

**The Great Fast** asks 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! We can always do more!

**PreSanctified Divine Liturgies every Wednesday and Friday at 6:30pm.** A great way to enter into the Great Fast in preparation for Pascha.

**What can I do during the Great Fast to help my brother and sister?** Pray the Prayer to St. Ephraim in the morning and live it during the day.

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

Due to the high demand registration is closed but Pani Janet will provide another series when this one is complete. Sign up in advance now online and reserve a place! Donations to our building fund are welcome!

### **Reception of Holy Communion**

Reminder to all that although we are using wooden spoons the manner of reception remains the same. Open your mouth wide, tilt back your head and wait for Father to remove the spoon. Please do not scrape the spoon with your teeth. Remind our children of this process too. Thank you so much!

### **Parish Celebrations:**

Congratulations to **Axel Rodriguez** on his transfer of rite to the Byzantine Catholic Church! God grant you many years!

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

### **Collections:**

**February 20/21**

**Parish**

**Souls: 13/42**

**Tithe: \$15.00/\$750.00** (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 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.**

<b>February 28 - 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast</b>	<b>Tone Six</b>	<b>Go to... the...</b>
<b>When you get to</b>		
<b><i>Troparion</i></b>	<b>on pg. 27</b>	<b>pg. 156</b>
<b><i>Kontakion</i></b>	<b>on pg. 27</b>	<b>pg. 224</b>
<b><i>Holy God</i></b>	<b>on pg. 27</b>	<b>pg. 224</b>
<b><i>Prokeimenon</i></b>	<b>on pg. 34</b>	<b>pg. 224</b>
<b><i>Alleluia</i></b>	<b>on pg. 34</b>	<b>pg. 225</b>
<b><i>Magnification</i></b>	<b>on pg. 62</b>	<b>pg. 225</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>on pg. 78</b>	<b>pg. 225</b>
<b>Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1.</b>		

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

March 7- 13

In memory of Martha Oslick (+ 1/7)

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.