

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

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Phoenix Bishop John S. Pazzak, C.Ss.R.

Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Mar21- 5th Sunday of Great Fast (St. Mary of Egypt)	9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Third Hour Divine Liturgy - for Parishioners Sunday Evening Vespers for the Great Fast
Mar 24 - Venerable Zachary	10:00am 6:30pm	Terce-Sext for the Great Fast Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Mar 25 - Annunciation of the Theotokos	7:00pm	Vespers & Divine Liturgy
March 26 - Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel	6:30pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Mar 27 -Saturday of Lazarus	3:00pm 4:00pm	Confessions Vesperal Divine Liturgy (+ Joseph Donlin 15 years)
Mar 28 - Palm/Pussy Willow	9:00am	Third Hour
Sunday	9:30pm 2:30 pm	Divine Liturgy - for Parishioners 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.

3/21 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, 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

Live-streamed Services are for those who for health reasons cannot attend. Otherwise we are obligated to honor the Lord's day in person with masks/proper distancing. If you need **dispensation** from attending on Sundays or holy days contact Fr. Brian to discuss.

Saturday Divine Liturgies are to fulfill our obligation and receive Eucharist. It enables spacing for parishioners to avoid overcrowding and possible exposure to COVID-1

Vocations Reflection

"Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." Jesus met the sinful woman, and her deep faith and love led to profound forgiveness. Have you received His love? Would you like to share it by dedicating your life to Him in a special manner as a member of the clergy or a monastic? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org.

Stipends

Eparchial recommended amounts cZstipends to the church and priest for services e.g. Divine Liturgy, Baptisms, Blessing of Houses, All Souls, Panachidas, etc. are in the narthex.

Bishop's Appeal

You should receive a packet from the Eparchy. Our 2021 goal is \$12,161.20 and a recommended tithe is \$300. We receive a 20% rebate if we meet our goal.

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.

There are 4 new lamb molds for sale in the Gift Shop!

Adult Catechesis

The next catechesis is April 8th. The topic is "The Great Fast". 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. This is a holy time to prepare for Pascha! Remember, we can always do more!

What can I do during the Great Fast to help my brother and sister? Make a monetary donation to Ucharity of your choice.

PreSanctified Divine Liturgies are Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30pm. A great way to prepare for Pascha.

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Theotokos. Vespersal Divine Liturgy at 7pm.

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

Although we are using wooden spoons, the manner of reception is the same. Open your mouth wide, tilt back your head and wait for Father to remove the spoon. Please don't scrape the spoon with your teeth. Remind our children of this too. Thank you so much!

Sunday Vespers for the Great Fast: The last one is today, Sunday 3/21 at 7pm. Last Vespers we had **one** person in attendance!

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collections:
March 13/14

Parish Souls: Snowed out!

Tithe: \$200.00, (includes mailed in tithes).

Outreach

Souls: - Snowed out!
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.

March 21 - 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

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***Troparion* on pg. 27 _____ pg. 125 & 230**

***Kontakion* on pg. 27 _____ pg. 230**

***Prokeimenon* pg. 34 _____ pg. 127 & 231**

***on Alleluia on* pg. 34 _____ pg. 127**

***Magnification* on pg. 62 _____ pg. 231**

Communion Hymn on pg.78 _____ pg. 78

Readings: Heb 9:11-14; Mk 10:32-45

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

March 21- 27

In memory of +Barry Smyda (3rd anniversary 3/8)

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.