

Holy Protection of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of
Phoenix Bishop John S. Pazzak, C.Ss.R.

Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Apr 18- Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers	9:00am	Third Hour and Typika
Apr 20 - Venerable Theodore the Hairshirt Wearer	12:00pm	Sixth Hour
Apr 24 - Martyr Sabbas	3:00pm 4:00pm	Confessions Vespers Divine Liturgy
Apr 25- Sunday of the Paralytic Man	9:00am 9:30am 2:30pm	Third Hour Divine Liturgy 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.

4/18 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, Clyde Harkins, George Kmeck Jr, Helen Kmeck, Mike Mancinelli, Rhys Nunnally, Thomas Plahovinsak, Joe Ptak, John Rubano, Jill Velasco, Brenda Washko, Sandy Woods.

Email frescobedo@ephx.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 can't attend for health reasons. Otherwise we 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.

Vocations Reflection

"You seek Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen!" In the midst of sadness, the good news comes to us and tells us of the life in Christ. To share this life with vigor, Christ seeks men and women to be like the angel who shared this good news to the myrrh-bearing women. HE may be calling you to do this by a life as a religious, consecrated man or woman, or to holy orders. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: **vocations@ephx.org**.

Bishop's Appeal

You should receive an eparchy packet. Our 2021 goal is \$12,161.20. A recommended tithe is \$300. We receive a 20% rebate if we meet our goal. Extra packets are in the narthex.

Tithing may be sent from your Bank Account directly by 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.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Programs: See the narthex posting about upcoming theology classes open to all. Application deadline is April 20.

Parish Roster: We are compiling a new parish roster. It will be in the narthex for you to update addresses, e-mails and phone number changes. Please update this for us and the Eparchy.

Adult Catechesis

The next catechesis is April 20th. The topic is the many blessings available for a Mother and newborn. Previous classes linked on our website.

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!

Altar Server Training

There will be a meeting on Sunday May 2nd with initial training for men and boys interested and willing to serve by God's holy table. For further information e-mail Fr. Brian.

Reminder: The Website Parish Calendar is always updated and is the latest information for services.

2021 Myrrh-Bearers Retreat

There will be an Eparchy Myrrh-Bearers Retreat via zoom on Saturday June 26th. Flyers and registration information in the Narthex.

Upcoming Holy Day

Ascension Thursday is May 13th and is a holy day of obligation. Divine Liturgy will be Wednesday May 12th at 7pm for the Vigil and Thursday May 13th at 10am for the holy day. Make plans to attend and celebrate our Lord's Ascension.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!
VOISTONU VOSKRESE!**

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collections:

April 10/11

Parish

Souls: -/-

Tithe: \$5-/\$- (includes mailed in tithes).

Outreach

Souls: - 27

Tithe: - \$ 390.00

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.

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.

April 18 - Sunday of Myrrh-Bearers
When you get to

Festal Tone
Go to the

Troparion on pg. 27 _____ **pg. xxx**

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Communion Hymn on pg.78 _____ **pg. xxx**

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43 - 16:8

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

April 18-24

For the health of Paul Peek

Offered by Sarah Peek

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.