

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

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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Jun 20 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy
Jun 22 - Bishop-Martyr Eusebius	12:00 pm	Sixth Hour
Jun 23- Martyr Agripina	7:0pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy (Birth of St. John the Baptist)
June 26 - Venerable David of Thessalonica	4:00pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	Great Vespers (Ben cantor)
June 27 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy
	2:30pm	Ft Collins DL

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 social gatherings. Restrooms may be used following the cleaning guidelines posted.**

**6/20 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

Asst. SEP Coordinator: Sdcn. Paul F. Kilroy

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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, Fred Fraikor, Tom Graham, Robert Haas, Clyde Harkins, George Kneck Jr, Helen Kneck, Mike Mancinelli, Rhys Nunnally, Thomas Plahovinsak, Joe Ptak, John Rubano, Jill Velasco, Sandy Woods.

***Email [frescobedo@ephx.org](mailto: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

No more live-streamed Sunday Divine Liturgies. We are required to honor the Lord's day in person. If you need a **dispensation** from attending on Sundays or holy days contact Fr. Brian to discuss. Other services are still livestreamed.

### Saturday Liturgical Schedule

Cantors are needed for Great Vespers on Saturdays. Please contact Fr. Brian.

### Vocations Reflection

"Let it be done for you as you have believed. Jesus brought healing to the centurion's servant when he sought healing. When we have faith and live it out, our Church can continue to share the love and healing of God to the world. a vocation to holy orders or the monastic life brings that to the Church in a special way. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org). There is a **new Diaconate class** beginning in mid-June 2023. Men should begin discerning now. Fr. Brian will answer any questions.

### Bishop's Appeal

Extra packets are in the narthex. Recommended tithe is \$300. We receive a rebate by meeting our goal. See our current standing in the narthex.

### Building Fund

Envelopes in narthex to contribute to the building fund! Write your envelope number on the back of the envelope.

There is an **eparchial survey** coming up in the upcoming Light of the West magazine. It is to be on our Eparchial website and Facebook page today. Also, 1,296 are being mailed to all of the faithful in our eparchial database,

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL FATHERS!**  
**YOU ARE A BLESSING TO THE WORLD**  
**AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH.**

**The Apostles Fast continues until June 28.**

### Adult Catechesis

The next catechesis is Tuesday, June 22nd. The topic: "The Persecution of Christians in the world today." Previous classes linked on our website.

### Evening Prayer and Bible Study

Continues through August 4th. Evening Prayer at 7pm followed by a Bible Study of the Gospel of Matthew. We will not meet this Wednesday June 23rd or Wednesday July 28th. Study outline is in the narthex. See Axel Rodriguez for details.

Remnder: There is **no Bible Study this week** because of the Vigil Liturgy for the Birth of St. John the Baptist (solemn holy day).

### Altar Server Training

Continues after Sunday's Divine Liturgy.

**Reminder:** The Website Parish Calendar is always updated with the latest information.

### Reception of Holy Communion

We are using wooden spoons but the manner of reception is the same. Open your mouth wide, tilt back your head and wait for Father to remove the spoon. Don't scrape the spoon with your teeth. **Remind your children too.** Thank you!

### Sacramental Registry

If you or a family member received any Holy Mysteries/Sacraments at Holy Protection prior to my arrival please contact me. Fr. Michael did not keep a register of them. The Eparchy is allowing me to try and create a parallel list for future uses of parishioners.

### **Parish Celebrations:**

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

**Collections: June 13**

### **Parish**

**Souls: 62**

**Tithe: \$ 910.00** (includes mailed in tithes).

### **Outreach**

**Souls: - 29**

**Tithes: - \$ 650.00**

### **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 by the unvaccinated, 2) Maintain Social Distancing 3) Hall use is limited, 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 appropriate distancing and wear masks at Divine Liturgy unless they have been fully vaccinated. Any outbreak could risk closing down public Liturgy for all. Please help keep our church open!

### **Divine Liturgy Guide**

**The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11. Option [A] unless noted.**

**Jun 20 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Tone Three  
Go to the**

**When you get to**

***Troparion on* pg. 27 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 135**

***Kontakion on* pg. 27 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 136**

***Prokeimenon on* pg. 34 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 137**

***Alleluia on* pg. 34 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 137**

***Magnification on* pg. 62 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 62**

***Communion Hymn on* pg. 78 \_\_\_\_\_ pg. 137**

**Readings: Rom 6:18-23; Mt 8:5-13**

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

Jun 20-26

For the health of Paul 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.