

Holy Protection of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Aug 8 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am 9:30am 2:30pm	Third Hour Divine Liturgy Ft. Collins DL
Aug 10 - Archdeacon-Martyr Lawrence	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Aug 14 - Translation of the relics of Theodosius of the Cave	4:00pm 5:00pm	Confessions Great Vespers (Ben cantor)
August 15 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost/Dormition of the Theotokos	9:00am 9:30am	Third Hour 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 social gatherings. Restrooms may be used following the cleaning guidelines posted.
8/8 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.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX SUBSCRIBES TO THE *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For further information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment program, please contact:

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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, Steve Fuller, Tom Graham, Robert Haas, Clyde Harkins, George Kmeck Jr, Helen Kmeck, Mike Mancinelli, Gina Navarra, Rhys Nunnally, Thomas Plahovinsak, Joe Ptak, Julianna Sweeting, John Rubano, Jill Velasco, 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

We must 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 needed for Saturday Great Vespers.

Vocations Reflection "The Lord of that slave, moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt." In today's parable, we see our Lord acting out of compassion. Just as his transfiguration shows a glory beyond this world, compassion transcends what we deserve and begins forgiveness in the midst of debt. Is life of prayer and compassion through the religious or ordained life something that God is calling you to consider? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or e-mail: vocations@ephx.org.

Bishop's Appeal

Info in the narthex. Recommended tithe is \$300. We receive a rebate by meeting our goal. See our current standing (38%) in the narthex.

Building Fund

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

Diaconate Program

The Eparchy's Vocation office is beginning to prepare for the applications for the next Deacon Class. I have asked our parish men to discern this over the last two months. If you have an interest in becoming a Deacon contact Fr. Brian with your note of intent and to receive further information on the requirements and the process.

Adult Catechesis

Next catechesis is Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30pm. Topic to be decided. Previous classes linked on our website.

Thank you **Axel Rodriguez** for conducting the excellent Study of the Gospel of Matthew completed last week.

Reception of Holy Communion

We use 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 September 2019 contact me. Fr. Michael did not keep a register and the Eparchy is allowing me to create a parallel list for future uses of parishioners.

Sophia-Montessori

Are hiring substitutes to join on days when the staff may be sick, have other appointments or take a day off. Contact Pauline Meert 719-651-6904 if you would like to be added to the list. Come spend time with our amazing students.

Dormition of the Theotokos

We will bless flowers next Sunday at Divine Liturgy. Dormition Fast continues through the 14th.

Alive in Christ Camp 2022

Please see the notice on the bulletin board and/or take a copy of the handout. This is the traditional "Ascetical Boot Camp" Retreat for Byzantine Catholic Young Men ages 7 - 17.

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collections: August 1 Parish

Souls: 70

Tithe: \$ 667.00
(plus \$200.00 mailed in tithes)

Outreach

Souls: - 11

Tithes: - \$ ---

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 7-day 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.

Aug 8 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost **Tone Two**

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Readings: I Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35

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

Aug 8-14

In memory of +Raymond and Catherine Mega

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.