

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

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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Sep 12 - Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30am	Divine Liturgy
	2:30pm	Ft Collins DL
Sep 13- Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection	7:00pm	Vigil DL (Exaltation of the Cross) (+John Rubano)
Sep 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10:00am	Divine Liturgy for Exaltation of the Cross (+Alie Hamilton)
Sep 18 - Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross	4:00pm	Confessions
	5:00pm	Great Vespers (Axel cantor)
Sep 19 - Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross	9:00am	Third Hour
	9:30am	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.

9/12 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, Christine Borodich, Michele Boyd, Fred Fraikor, Steve Fuller, Tom Graham, Robert Haas, Clyde Harkins, Wayne Ignowski, George Kmeck Jr, Helen Kmeck, Mike Mancinelli, Gina Navarra, Rhys Nunnally, Thomas Plahovinsak, Joe Ptak, Julianna Sweeting, 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 live streamed.

Vocations Reflection

"Certainly, God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be saved through him." Christ is truly the salvation of the world. As Christians, we are little Christs. Each of us can bring salvation to the world by living the life of Christ. Is God calling you to show his salvation to the world by a life of prayer and repentance as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or e-mail:

vocations@ephx.org. **See information on the Come and See Weekend (Nov 5-7) on the bulletin board or take a handout.**

Bishop's Appeal

Info in the narthex. Recommended tithe is \$300. Having everyone participate is more important than the amount you give. We receive a rebate by meeting our goal. See our current standing (39.6%) in the narthex. **Appeal ends Sept 30.**

Spirituality of the Desert

Fr. Dcn. Basil will lead a class on the spirituality and prayer styles of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. It will focus on how they prayed, why they did what they did, and how it can be applied to our lives today. Classes will meet after Sunday Divine Liturgy starting September 19th (next Sunday) through the Fall.

COVID Vaccination Exemptions

Please see Bishop Olmsted's letter posted in the Narthex.

Adult Catechesis

Next catechesis Tuesday, September 28th (6:30pm). Topic to be decided. Previous classes on our website.

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.

Alive in Christ Camp 2022

See narthex bulletin board and take a copy of the handout. This is a traditional "Ascetical Boot Camp" Retreat for Byzantine Catholic Young Men ages 7 - 17.

October 1st: Parish Feast Day

We will celebrate our parish feastday on Sunday October 3rd with a backyard potluck at the church. Cesca O'Loughlin and the Ladies Guild will coordinate it. Please e-mail cloloughlin@gmail.com to let Cesca know what you will bring.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This week we celebrate the Exaltation of the Most Precious and Life Giving Cross. This is a very important holy day in our Byzantine Catholic Church. To enable the faithful to attend please see the schedule for Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. By tradition we have strict abstinence from meat or dairy products on the holy day - September 14th.

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collection: September 5/7/8 (Sunday and also the Nativity of the Theotokos)

Parish

Souls: 52/7/6

Tithes: \$1,343.00

(Plus \$ 350.00 mailed in tithes)

Outreach

Souls: --

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.

Sep 12 - Sunday Before Exaltation of the Cross **Tone Seven**

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Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

**continues to burn before the real
presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**

Sep 12-18

For the health of Paul Peek

Offered by Audrey 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.