

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

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 Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of
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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Dec 12- Souday of the Forefathers (O.L. of Guadalupe)	9:00am 9:30am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy (for the parish)
Dec 14 - Martyrs Thrysus and Others	12:00pm	Sixth Hour
Dec 15 - Bishop-Martyr Eleutherius	10:00am	DL (Sophia-Montessori) (+Jerry Day)
Dec 18 - Saturday before Christmas	4:00pm 5:00pm	Confessions Great Vespers (Ben)
Dec 19 - Sunday before Christmas - Of the Holy Fathers	9:00am 9:30am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy (for the parish)

Ft. Collins Outreach Divine Liturgy: 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The church is open for private prayer upon request. Please e-mail Fr. Brian.

"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.

12/12 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, Mark Escobedo, 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 Rodriguez, Lou Schornack, 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 honor the Lord's day and holy days in person. If you need **dispensation** contact Fr. Brian to discuss.

Vocations Reflection

"Go our into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled" Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or e-mail: vocations@ephx.org.

Trojia Training

There is training Sunday, **December 19th** after Divine Liturgy. Thank you Theresa Gibbons for the training.

Oplatki has been ordered and will be available for the Christmas Eve Holy Supper.

Altar Servers

Please pick up a handout for measurements if you need a cassock or sticharion. When you have filled it out return to Fr. Brian.

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Congratulations to Perla Hoskins on being awarded the St. Nicholas Award! God grant you many years!

This Sunday is the **Special Collection for the Religious Retirement Fund**. Please be generous to those who have served you.

Adult Catechesis

Next catechesis will be in January 2022 with topic to be determined. Previous classes on our website.

Reception of Holy Communion

Per Eparchial instructions, we currently 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!

Philip's Fast continues through **December 24th**.

Sunday Collection

There is a collection basket in front of the tetrapod but we also bring a collection basket through the faithful after the Homily.

News from the Ladies Guild

Help make this season beautiful! Many hands make light work, and we could really use your assistance in making our parish home shiny and beautiful in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. Please consider donating a bit of your time on one of the following days:

Thursday December 23 (Preparation for the Eve of the Nativity).

Friday, December 24 (Luninarias set up & preparation for the Nativity).

If you can help, please sign up in the hall or contact Cesca O'Loughlin, Perla Hoskins or Rachel Cary. Thank you for your gift of service.

ECF Handouts

We are preparing to begin in-person ECF next year. In anticipation, parents are asked to take a handout for their family on "Byzantine Prayers that should be known". Work with your children to ensure they know the prayers on the handout. Thank you!

Parish Celebrations:

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

Collection: December 5 Parish

Souls: 78

Tithes: \$1,760.60
(Plus \$100.00 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.

Dec 12 - Sunday of the Forefathers

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Readings: Col :4-11; Lk 14:16-24

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

**Dec 12-18
in memory of +Helen Franchak
Offered by the Bodnar Family**

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.