

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

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 Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of
 Phoenix Bishop (sede vacante)

Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Dec 19- Sunday Before Christmas of the Holy Fathers	9:00am 9:30am	Third Hour Divine Liturgy (for the parish)
Dec 21 - Martyr Juliana	12:00pm	Sixth Hour
Dec 24 - Vigil of Christmas - Martyr Eugenia	9:00am 6:15pm 7:00pm	Royal Hours Church Caroling Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Dec 25 - Saturday before Christmas	8:00am 10:00am	Festal Matins Divine Liturgy
Dec 26 - Sunday after Christmas - David, Joseph, James	9:00am 9:30am 2:30pm	Third Hour Divine Liturgy (for the parish) Ft Collins DL

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.

12/19 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 Kneck Jr, Helen Kneck, 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

"They shall call him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." The presence of God is seen through the salvation foretold in the Old Covenant, and is revealed through the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, Emmanuel. Our own lives can manifest the presence of God when we live according to our vocations. Are you being called to show God's presence as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or e-mail: vocations@ephx.org.

Troija Training

There is training today after Divine Liturgy. Thank you Theresa Gibbons for the training.

Oplatki is available for pick up today for use at the 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.

Ft. Collins Outreach

There will be no Ft. Collins Divine Liturgy on January 9th. Fr. Brian will be out of town.

2022 Church Calendars are available today. Please take one per family. If there are extras at the end of January, I will be able to provide them to the faithful.

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: 68

Tithes: \$659.60

(Plus \$50.00 mailed in tithes)

Outreach

Souls: 18

Tithes: \$ 68.00

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 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 19- Sunday of the Forefathers Tone Five

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Readings: Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40; Mt 1:1-25

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

Dec 19-25

**in honor of the Fraikor Family and
deceased members of the Fraikor Family
Offered by Fred Fraikor**

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.