

Holy Protection of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy
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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
Dec 26 - Sunday After Christmas - David, Joseph and James	9:00am 9:30am 2:30pm	Third Hour Divine Liturgy (for the parish) Ft Collins DL
Dec 28 - 20,000 martyrs of Nicomedia	12:00pm	Sixth Hour
Dec 31 - Venerable Melanie	7:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy for Circumcision of Our Lord
Jan 2 - Sunday Before Theophany	9:30am 9:00am	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.

12/26 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

"Out of Egypt I have called my son." The righteous Joseph the betrothed was faithful to his calling, protecting Jesus and the Theotokos by journeying to Egypt and returning to Nazareth. Our Lord calls each one of us out of the spiritual Egypt of our lives so that we may live in the promised land meant for our lives. Is he calling you to a life of holy orders or monasticism? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or e-mail: vocations@ephx.org.

Troija Training

Is rescheduled for January 16th after Divine Liturgy. Thank you Theresa Gibbons for providing the training.

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 extras to the faithful.

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No fasting and abstinence this week!
Enjoy the Christmas Feast!

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.

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!

Thank you to Perla Hoskins for providing the beautiful red roses for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thank you to the special family who came and raked all the pine needles and leaves from around the church. It is these "little" things which help so much!

Parish Celebrations:

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

**Collection: December 5
Parish**

Souls: 64

Tithes: \$401.00

**(Plus \$50.00 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 26 - Sunday of the Forefathers

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<i>Kontakion on</i>	pg.27	pg.303
<i>Prokeimenon on</i>	pg.34	pg.153 & 296
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<i>Magnification on</i>	pg. 62	pg.296
<i>Communion Hymn on</i>	pg. 78	pg.153 & 287

Readings: Gal 1:11-19 & Heb 2:11-18; Mt 2:13-2

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

Dec 26-Jan 1

**in thanksgiving for favor received.
Offered with a grateful heart by MaryEllen Oslick**

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.