

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Very Reverend Michael J. Mandelas, Pastor
The Reverend Deacon Benjamin Z. Crow

Liturgical Schedule

February 2021

Liturgical Services			
	Saturday	Divine Liturgy – Saturday morning	9:00 a.m.
		Great Vespers – Saturday evening	4:30 p.m. <i>Also ONLINE</i>
	Sunday	Festal Matins	8:00 a.m. <i>Also ONLINE</i>
		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m. <i>Also ONLINE</i>
	Note Liturgical Time Changes:		
	Mondays starting Feb. 22 nd	Matins only	9:00 a.m.
	Tuesday-Friday starting Feb. 16 th	Matins with 6 th Hour	8:00 a.m.
	Saturday mornings	Matins with Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
	Holy Days (<i>Solemn Obligation</i>)	Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy	As indicated below <i>Also ONLINE</i>
Holy Mystery of Repentance			
	Saturday		3:30 – 4:15 p.m. <i>Or by appointment</i>
Rosary			
	Sunday		9:00 a.m.
Skagit Valley Outreach located at St. Charles Catholic Church			
Sundays Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm		935 Peterson Rd Burlington, WA 98233	

Liturgical Notes: *Presanctified Liturgies will be celebrated Wed. and Fri. evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning 2/17.*

**February 2nd
Tuesday**

Encounter of our Lord with Simeon

Festal Matins with Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m.

**February 6th
Saturday**

1st All Souls' Saturday

Matins, Divine Liturgy and Panachida 8:00 a.m.

**February 7th
Sunday**

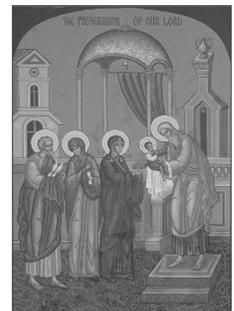
Meatfare Sunday

Follows the Sunday Liturgical Schedule

**Feb 10th and 12th
Wed & Fri**

Cheesefare Week – Days of Alleluia (without Divine Liturgy)

Matins 8:00 a.m.



February 14th
Sunday

Sunday of Cheese-Fare also called *Forgiveness Sunday*
Follows the Sunday Liturgical Schedule

February 15th
Monday

1st day of the Great Fast (A Day of Strict Fast and Abstinence)
Matins and 6th Hour 8:00 a.m. Lenten Vespers 6:30 p.m.
(Anointing of the Spiritual Athletic will take place at Vespers)

Feb 17, 19, 24, and 26
Wed & Fri

Presanctified Liturgy
Presanctified Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

February 27th
Saturday

2nd All Souls' Saturday
Matins, Divine Liturgy and Panachida 8:00 a.m.

Announcements

House Blessings began with the Feast of Theophany. Please make your appointment by speaking with Father Michael directly in person, or by calling the parish office at (206) 329-9219.

2020-2021 Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) Class

St. John's is pleased to provide our 2020-2021 series "***God Reveals Himself to Us Through the Bible***". Guided by parishioner Michael Crow, presentations are on Tuesday Evenings, 7-8 pm PT, via WebEx Conference (see link below). Classes for 2021 will resume on January 12th. The target audience is all St. John's parishioners age 10 and above. Join us for a tour of the 73 books of the Catholic Bible, designed to give a general orientation to the Bible. The initial sessions will give an overview of the four-year series of ECF courses (this is the second year of the series), and a survey of the religious landscape we live in, showing how our Catholic understanding of the Bible differentiates us from other faith traditions. We will then focus on three aspects of the Bible:

The Biblical timeline

- Types of literature found in the Bible
- Biblical Themes of covenant, marriage, sin and forgiveness, sacrifice, and leadership.
- Please feel free to share with friends and honest inquirers, and plan to join 10 minutes before the class starts so we can start promptly on time.

All meetings will be recorded but will not be published on YouTube or other public forums. *See link below.*

WebEx Meeting Link – <https://tinyurl.com/yb6qypor>

Archived Video Files – <https://tinyurl.com/y5awctkc>

Weekly and Monthly Tithes As some families and individuals are unable to attend services in person at this time, it has not removed the need for the parish to maintain its need for financial support. Bills continue to come in, and we are continually in need of our parishioner's support. It is possible to submit payments **online** with a credit card at ***no fee to you***. If you would like to save the postage of mailing in your tithe envelope/donation, you may go to <https://stjohnchrysostom.org/one-time-donation/> to make either a *one-time donation*, or to set up a *recurring* weekly or monthly donation. If you have been assigned physical donation envelopes for yourself/family, please include that information so that it may be properly documented for your household's tax purposes. (*Please note that your 2021 contribution envelope number may have changed. Do NOT continue to use your 2020 contribution envelopes.*)



Attendance Information – Based on *current* Washington State requirements we are only permitted to have 45 people in the Temple at one time (25% capacity), and at the same time 45 people in the parish hall. Therefore, space is limited for both Liturgies. Attendance is first come - first to worship in the Temple. The parish hall and outside areas are available for any overflow.

The Burlington Outreach continues to be suspended, but is tentatively scheduled to resume Sunday, February 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Washington State requires that a mask be worn by all capable individuals, and all items that are touched are to be cleaned with disinfectant wipes after use. Proper social distancing is also required (*six feet of separation between family/household units*).

Coffee and donut social following each Sunday Divine Liturgy continues to be suspended at this time

Vocation Office Sunday reflections for February:

Meatfare Sunday – February 7, 2021

“Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did it for me.” Our vocation is about being Christ to others and seeing Christ in others with as much faith, hope and love as possible. Is God calling you to this life through an increase in prayer as a monk, nun, or member of the clergy? To find out more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Cheesefare Sunday – February 14, 2021

“Where your treasure is, your heart will be also”. It is easy to mistake what our true treasure is, and we need wisdom and insight to see clearly. Our kontakion tells us that God is the “guide to wisdom and giver of insight”. Is he guiding you to see that a vocation to the religious or ordained life is for you? As you pray and seek wisdom, consider contacting the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Sunday of Orthodoxy – February 21, 2021

“We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law and also the prophets.” Finding our Savior during this Great Lent, we see that our “soiled image was restored to its original form, commingled with divine beauty.” God may be helping you find that a vocation to monasticism or holy orders is the beauty meant for you. To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Second Sunday of the Great Fast – February 28, 2021

“Arise, take up your mat and go to your house.” Our Lord healed the paralysis of the suffering man brought through the roof. His words of healing centered on the spiritual healing by the forgiving his sins. In response to God’s love and forgiveness, are you being called to a life of prayer and intercession as a religious, monastic, or a priestly life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

“Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin. Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful. Let the ear fast by not listening to evil talk and gossip. Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brother” – *St. John Chrysostom on The Proof of Fasting*



The Parish Advisory Board will meet Monday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

The Altar Society will **NOT** be meeting in the month of February.

The Holy Name Society will **NOT** be meeting in the month of February.



Religious Education

Eastern Catholic Formation classes are being held ONLINE Tuesday evenings.

See Announcements for more details.

