

# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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

## Liturgical Schedule

May 2021

<b>Liturgical Services</b>		
	Saturday	Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
		Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy (Vigil for Sunday) 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>
	Monday	Divine Liturgy Only 9:00 a.m.
	Tuesday-Friday	Matins with Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
	Holy Days (Solemn Obligation)	Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy As indicated below <i>Also ONLINE</i>
<b>Holy Mystery of Repentance</b>		
	Saturday	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Or by appointment
<b>Rosary</b>	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
<b><u>Skagit Valley Outreach located at St. Charles Catholic Church</u></b> <b>Sundays</b> 935 Peterson Rd Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Burlington, WA 98233		

**Liturgical Notes:** *There will be NO Liturgical services Wed. May 5<sup>th</sup> through Saturday morning May 8<sup>th</sup>; nor Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Sunday**

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
Follows the Sunday Liturgical schedule

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**

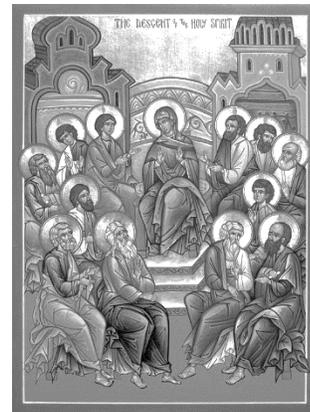
**Sunday of the Man Born Blind**  
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**May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday**

**Vigil for the Feast of the Ascension of our Blessed Lord** *Holy Day of Obligation*  
Daily Matins 8:00 a.m. Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the Feast 6:30 p.m.



<u>May 13<sup>th</sup></u> Thursday	<b><u>Feast of the Ascension of our Blessed Lord</u></b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Festal Matins and Divine Liturgy beginning at 8:00 a.m.
<u>May 16<sup>th</sup></u> Sunday	<b><u>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicean Council</u></b> Follows the Sunday Liturgical schedule
<u>May 22<sup>nd</sup></u> Saturday	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> All Souls' Saturday (Memory of all Faithful Departed)</u></b> Divine Liturgy with Panachida 9:00 a.m.
<u>May 23<sup>rd</sup></u> Sunday	<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b> Follows the Sunday Liturgical schedule
<u>May 30<sup>th</sup></u> Sunday	<b><u>Sunday of All Saints</u></b> Follows the Sunday Liturgical schedule



## Announcements

**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal** - The Eparchy of Phoenix has begun their 2021 Bishop's Appeal campaign. Each registered household should have received a form and postage paid envelope (*pledges and payments can also be made with a credit card*) within the last month. Please submit your Appeal form as soon as possible and help us to reach not only our financial goal, but our goal of **100% participation**. *St. John's is thankful for the many families and individuals who have generously given in the past, enabling us to reach our financial goals. May we continue to be blessed with your generous support!* For more information, or to print the pledge/donation form, please visit <https://ephx.org/eparchial-appeal/>. For making an online donation to directly benefit the campaign for St. John's, please visit the following link: <https://ephx.org/st-john-chrysostom-eparchial-appeal/>.

**Attendance Information** – Based on **current** Washington State requirements we are only permitted to have 50% capacity in Temple at one time and at the same time 50% capacity in the parish hall. Therefore, space is limited for all liturgies. Attendance is first come - first to worship in the Temple. The parish hall and outside areas are available for any overflow.

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*).

### **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). 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.

**WebEx Meeting Link** – <https://tinyurl.com/yb6qyppor>

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

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

**2021 Myrrh-Bearers Retreat "Be Not Afraid"**: The 2021 Myrrh-Bearers Retreat for women will convene **virtually** this year, via Zoom. The venue may be different, but our eyes, ears, hearts and souls are in need of some fellowship and spiritual refreshment more than ever. The date for this event will be Saturday, June 26, 2021. Additional information regarding this event will be forthcoming, so please check <https://ephx.org/myrrh-bearers-retreat/> for updates. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.



## **God With Us Online**

God With Us Online is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization. All programs are offered free of charge. Online Classes and Catechetical Resources can be found at <https://godwithusonline.org>. The current class offering is "I BELIEVE A Study of the Creed of the Church" on Wednesdays from 8-9:30 pm EDT which began on April 14 and conclude on June 16. Archived video of previous classes are available. *Registration is required to participate in the live class offerings.*

**Weekly and Monthly Tithes** As some families and individuals continue to be 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/your family, please include that information so that it may be properly documented for your household's tax purposes.

### **Vocation Themes for the Sundays of May:**

Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

#### **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – May 2, 2021**

"We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world, the Christ." The saving love of Christ quenched the thirst of the Samaritan woman. He wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Are you open to bringing that saving love to the world by becoming a priest, deacon, monk or nun?

#### **Sunday of the Man Born Blind – May 9, 2021**

"One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!" The healing love of Christ gave sight to the man born blind. Have you received the eyes to spiritually see your calling in life? Is he calling you to help the world see Him more clearly by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic or religious life?

#### **Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council – May 16, 2021**

"Keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one." Jesus prayed that we would share in the unity of the life-creating Trinity. The Church needs men and women who are called to live this prayer out in a religious vocation. He may be calling you to become a monk, a nun, or to ordained ministry.

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 23, 2021**

"Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." The Holy Spirit is our light of life. The Church is strengthened by those servants filled with the Spirit, whose life of prayer and service brings light and life to the world. Is the Holy Spirit guiding you to this life as a priest, deacon, monk or nun?



**Sunday of All Saints – May 30, 2021**

**“The one who saves his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will obtain it.”** The saints show us the meaning of Christ’s words, when they obtained life by giving their lives for the sake of Christ. Serving as a monk, nun, priest, deacon or in minor orders is one way to lose one’s life. This may be your calling to grow in Christ.

**The Parish Advisory Council** will be meeting on May 3rd via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

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

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

**Religious Education**

**Eastern Catholic Formation** classes are being held ONLINE on Tuesday evenings.  
*Please see the Announcements section for more details.*

