



# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Very Reverend Michael J. Mandelas, Pastor

## Liturgical Schedule

September 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 Orthros/Matins	8:00 a.m. <i>Also ONLINE</i>
		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m. <i>Also ONLINE</i>
	Monday Tuesday-Friday	No services unless announced Orthros/Matins with Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
	Holy Days (Solemn Obligation)	Vespers, Orthros/Matins, Divine Liturgy	As indicated below <i>Also ONLINE</i>
<b>Holy Mystery of Repentance</b>			
	Saturday	Confession	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. <i>Or by appointment</i>
<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 at 4:30 pm		Burlington, WA 98233	

### **Liturgical Notes:**

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday**

**Labor Day**  
Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday**

**Vigil for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Solemn Feast Day)**  
Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday**

**Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Solemn Feast Day)**  
Festal Matins/Orthros and Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday**

**Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Students**  
Begin the school year with Divine Liturgy and special blessing for students. All are welcome, especially students, to attend Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. *A blessing of students will take place after Liturgy.*

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday**

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11**  
Memorial Divine Liturgy for all those that died. Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.



**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**

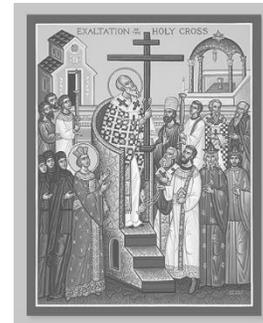
**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos**  
Follows the Sunday Liturgical Schedule

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday**

**Vigil for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (*Solemn Feast Day*)  
Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.  
\*Divine Liturgy for the intention of healing broken relationships  
***Crosses (wall and neck) will be blessed at the conclusion of Liturgy.***

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (*Solemn Feast Day*)  
Festal Matins/Orthros with Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m.  
Discovery of the Holy Cross and nails is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem in the year 326 A.D.



## **Announcements**

**End of Summer Celebration: Join us on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>** for a luncheon following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. *A free-will offering is asked to help defray the costs.* Please plan on joining us as we celebrate together as a community after the Liturgy. It is the power of community, pierced with the grace of the Holy Spirit, that strengthen us and supports us as we carry on with our daily life in Christ. And please, out of charity, stay and help clean up, this is part of being a community as well. - God bless you all!

### **Special Priests' Medical Insurance Collection**

On Saturday/Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, our Eparchy will once again take a special collection to help subsidize the medical insurance premiums of our pastors. Your outstanding generosity in the previous collections has been extremely helpful. Each household is asked to pray and consider what it can contribute this year. Medical insurance premiums are very expensive and continually on the rise. How does our little Eparchy manage to pay this monthly premium for our priests? The parishes pay a large portion of the premium for their priest while the Eparchy picks up the difference which also includes active and retired priests not assigned to parishes. God bless your continued support and generosity.

### **“Come and See” Weekend of Discovery**

“Come and See” is a retreat weekend that will take place at The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Friday, November 5 to Sunday, November 7, 2021. Men ages 18 to 35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church are invited to attend. The atmosphere will be prayerful, positive, and fraternal. The retreat includes sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community and an introduction to the Seminary formation program. It will also include a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the seminarians, and witness talks. There is no tuition for this “Come and See” Retreat of Discovery. The retreat, meals, and lodging are free. The application deadline is October 13, 2021. For more information and to apply, please see the Seminary’s website [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu). Only those who are fully COVID vaccinated will be permitted to register this year. If you would like more information about this topic, please call the Seminary Office at 412-321-8383 or email at [office@bcs.edu](mailto:office@bcs.edu).

**Oktoberfest Dinner Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**: SAVE THE DATE. St. John’s will once again offer a wonderful evening of dining and fellowship. Watch for more information and tickets to come on sale.



## ***Sundays of September Vocation Themes:***

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

### ***Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost. The Holy Prophet Zachary, Father of the Forerunner and His Wife, the Holy and Venerable Elizabeth. – September 5th, 2021***

“The entire law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” To love our God and our neighbor, this is the calling from God that is for each one of us. It manifests differently because each of us have a special vocation to make our lives the greatest gift of ourselves possible. May God be asking you to follow these commandments through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### ***Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Autonomous – September 12th, 2021***

“Certainly, God did not send his Son into the world to judge world, but so that the world should be saved through him.” Christ is truly the salvation of the world. As Christians, we are little Christs. Each of us can bring salvation to the world by living the life of Christ. Is God calling you to show his salvation to the world by a life of prayer and repentance as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### ***Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Martyrs, Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedont – September 19th, 2021***

“Whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it.” Our Lord teaches us that following him and his Gospel is both a loss and a gain at the same time. Devoting one’s life to the Church as a monastic, religious, or member of the clergy is a cross and is also an immense blessing. Are you being called to be this blessing to the Church? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### ***Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost. The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian – September 26th, 2021***

“When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.” Have you seen the Lord work in your life in such a powerful way that you would consider leaving everything to follow him? This is the response of the apostles in today’s gospel reading. The Church is fortified by men and women who follow him as priests, deacons, monks and nuns. If you may be hearing this call, Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

## **Children Learn What They Live**

*If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.*

*If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.*

*If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.*

*If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.*

*If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.*

*If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.*

*If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.*

*If children live with fairness, they learn justice.*

*If children live with security, they learn to have faith.*

*If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.*

*If children live with acceptance and friendship,  
they learn to find love in the world.*

- Dorothy Law Nolte



**The Parish Advisory Board** will meet on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**The Altar Society** will meet October 17<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy in the parish office.

**The Holy Name Society** will meet October 24<sup>th</sup> in the parish office following Divine Liturgy.



### **Religious Education**

**Eastern Christian Formation classes** to be determined.

### **Safe Environment Information**

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 information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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To report an allegation, please notify your pastor and then contact the Safe Environment Office. For assistance and support of anyone who has been abused or victimized by anyone representing the Catholic Church, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator.



### **Troparion of the New Year (Tone 2) – The year 7530 in the Byzantine reckoning**

O Lord, maker of the universe, who alone has power over times and seasons, bless this year with your bounty, preserve our country in safety, and keep your people in peace, save us through the prayers of the Theotokos.

