



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Very Reverend Michael J. Mandelas, Pastor

Liturgical Schedule

October 2021

<u>Liturgical Services</u>			
	Saturday	Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
		Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy (Vigil for Sunday)	4:30 p.m. Also ONLINE
	Sunday	Festal Orthos/Matins	8:00 a.m. Also ONLINE
		Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m. Also ONLINE
	Monday	No services unless announced	
Tuesday-Friday	Orthos/Matins with Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m.	
	Holy Days (Solemn Obligation)	Vespers, Orthos/Matins, Divine Liturgy	As indicated below Also ONLINE
<u>Holy Mystery of Repentance</u>			
	Saturday		3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Or by appointment
<u>Rosary</u>	Sunday		9:00 a.m.
<u>Skagit Valley Outreach located at St. Charles Catholic Church</u> Sundays 935 Peterson Rd Divine Liturgy at 4:30 pm Burlington, WA 98233			

Liturgical Notes: *There will be no Weekday morning Liturgical Services Oct. 11th-16th, and 18th-23rd.*

September 30th
Thursday

Vigil for the Protection of the Mother of God (Solemn Feast)
Vespers Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

October 1st
Friday

Protection of the Mother of God (Solemn Feast)
Orthros/Matins and Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m.

October 17th
Sunday

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Follows the regular Sunday Liturgical Schedule

The 7th Ecumenical Council (2nd Council of Nicea), in 787 A.D., was attended by 300 to 367 Bishops. Emperor Constantine V, his mother Irene, and Pope Adrian I, presided over by legates, regulated the veneration of holy icons.



Announcements

Special Priests' Medical Insurance Collection

On Saturday and Sunday October 16th – 17th, 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 rise each year. How does our little Eparchy manage to pay this monthly premium for our priests? Each parish pays 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. *May God bless you for your continued support and generosity.*

Oktoberfest Feast

Please join us on Saturday October 23rd at 6:30 PM (following Vespers with Divine Liturgy) for an Oktoberfest Feast! Enjoy an evening of great food and fun with St. John's parishioners and friends. Please see Sean Doyle to reserve your spot. Tickets/reservations are currently available (and payment can be made at the door), but there will be a max of 55 seats available. Please do let us know if you are attending. All are welcome! ***Invite your friends!*** **Please inquire with us if you are interested in a "To-Go" meal following Saturday evening vespers and Divine Liturgy.*

Prices: \$25 per adult (18+); \$15 per youth (age 5-17); children under 5 are free. ***Family max of \$60***

The Annual Eparchy of Phoenix Clergy Retreat is October 18th – 22nd. Please keep our bishop, priests, deacons, and subdeacons in your prayers. Without going to a deep well, where there is cool and refreshing water, there is no refreshment and rejuvenation in the spiritual life

"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. 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.

Sundays of October Vocation Themes:

Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost. The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite – October 3rd, 2021

"Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful." Our Lord teaches us how to love one another in today's Gospel, taking us beyond our human understanding of only being good to those who do good to us. A life in ordained ministry and monasticism is one way to give one's life to all people. Is this something that God may have in store for your life?



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost. The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia – October 10th, 2021

“God has visited his people!” When Jesus shows his compassion by raising the dead, the people around him experience the presence of God in their midst. As the Body of Christ, we can all do so when we show love, compassion and holiness in our lives. God is seeking to build his Church with men and women who serve him as priests, deacons, monks and nuns to continue to visit His people. If he may be calling you, contact the Vocations Office.

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost. Memory of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council. The Holy Prophet Hosea (Osee). The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete. – October 17th, 2021

“Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” Our Lord teaches us the truth of our hearts and his word in today’s parable. Are we ready to have ears to hear his word with an honest and good heart, to retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance? This is the calling for all of us, and for some of us that includes a special dedication through the ordained, religious or monastic life. If this may be on your heart to discern, contact the Vocations Office.

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions – October 24th, 2021

“If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone rises from the dead.” Abraham spoke to the rich man to emphasize to him and to us that we have many words of truth that show us the right way to live our lives. In his mercy, Our Lord calls men and women to be those modern day prophets by living as priests, deacons, monks and nuns. Is this something the Lord may be doing in your life?

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost. The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius, and their Companions. The Holy Martyr Epimachus. The Holy Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo. – October 31st, 2021

“Return to your house and proclaim what great things God has done for you.” Our healing Lord brings redemption and breaks the chains of sin, demonic possession and anything else that may be in our way to grow in holiness. Do you have a story of salvation that can be shared with the world by responding to it with a life in the monastic or ordained life? To learn more about this, contact the Vocations Office.

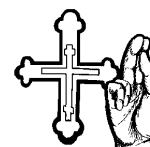
The Parish Council will meet Monday October 4th at 7pm in the parish office.

The Altar Society will meet October 17th following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy in the parish office.

The Holy Name Society will meet October 24th in the parish office after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Religious Education

Eastern Catholic Formation Classes are currently 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.

THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

Troparion – Tone 4:

Protected by your appearance, O Mother of God; today, we devout people solemnly celebrate. Gazing upon your most pure icon, we fervently say: Protect us with your holy veil, and deliver us from all evil, imploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Kontakion – Tone 3:

Today the Virgin is present in the Church, and with the choirs of the saints, invisibly prays to God for us. The angels worship with the hierarchs, the apostles rejoice with the prophets; because the Theotokos prays for us to the eternal God.

