



SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: November 17—November 24

Sunday, November 17—Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost (151)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends
of St. Irene

Monday, November 18—The Holy Martyrs Plato, Romanus and Barulas

Tuesday, November 19—The Holy Prophet Obadiah

Wednesday, November 20—Prefestive Day of the Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Mother of God

Thursday, November 21—The Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Mother of God (268)
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 22—The Holy Martyr Cecilia

Saturday, November 23—St Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, November 24—Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends
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WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:

For health and salvation: Bishop. Gerald N Dino, Fr. Frank Knuzel, Fr. Chris Zugger, Fr. Stephen Casmus, Tony and family, James, Ellie

For repose of the departed: +Kristina Beresh, + Fr. Michael Irwin

Please let Fr. Vasyl know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

If you would like to offer the 7-day candle for the intention of your family, friends, or loved ones, please use an envelope marked "7-Day Candle Request" found in the narthex and put it in Sunday's collection basket. Lamps are lit the following week after the Saturday Liturgy and the intention is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Dear Parishioners,

Please check out the sign-up sheet in the parish hall, near the bottom of the steps on the corner table.

"Breakfast with St. Nicholas" is going to be on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00-12:00 here at St. Irene.

Many volunteers are needed to cook pancakes, keep the drinks filled, decorate the hall, donate food, receive donations, take pictures, assist St. Nicholas and clean up afterward.

If you have questions, please call Becky at (360) 921-2745.

This is an opportunity to welcome people to the church and provide an enjoyable experience for children and families!

We really need all of you to help to make this a success for our parish!

Thank you very much and glory to Jesus Christ now and forever!

Dear Parish Volunteers, please bring a copy of the certificate certifying that you have undergone an annual online training course through virtus.online.org. Fr. Vasyl plans to send copies of the certificates to the Diocesan Safe Environment office on November 25, 2019.

About How God Whitens the Repentant Sinners

"Though your sins be like scarlet, they may be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

O, the boundless mercy of God! In His greatest wrath upon the faithless and ungrateful people, upon the people "laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters" (Isaiah 1:4), as "princes [rulers] of Sodom" (Isaiah 1:10) and upon the people who have become as the "people of Gomorrah" (Isaiah 1:10) – in such wrath, the Lord does not abandon mercy but rather calls them to repentance. Just as after terrible lightnings, a gentle rain falls. Such is the Lord long-suffering [patient] and full of mercy and "neither will He keep His anger forever" [Psalm 102:9 (103:9)]. Only if sinners cease to commit evil and learn to do good and turn to God with humility and repentance they will become "white as snow." The Lord is mighty and willing. No one, except Him, is able to cleanse the sinful soul of man from sin and, by cleansing, to whiten it. No matter how often linen is washed in water with ashes and soap, no matter how often it is washed and rewashed, it cannot receive whiteness until it is spread under the light of the sun. Thus, our soul cannot become white, no matter how often we cleanse it by our own effort and labor even with the help of all legal means of the law until we, at last, bring it beneath the feet of God, spread out and opened wide so that the light of God illumines it and whitens it. The Lord condones and even commends all of our labor and effort, i.e., He wants us to bathe our soul in tears, by repentance to constrain it by the pangs of the conscience to press it, to clothe it with good deeds and in the end of ends, He calls us to Him: "Come now," says the Lord, "and let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18). That is, I will look at you and I will see if there is Me in you and you will look upon Me as in a mirror and you will see what kind of person you are.

O Lord, slow to anger, have mercy on us before the last wrath of that Dreadful Day.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich

November

Tithes: \$285.00

Attendance: 13

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Register at EasternCatholic.org/events

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The Gift of God by Rev David Anderson

Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity

Wednesday, December 16
@5:00-6:00 pm PST