



SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Twenty—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.
Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: December 8—December 15

Sunday, December 8—Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Conception by St Anna of the Most Holy Mother of God (use handouts)
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene*

Monday, December 9—The Conception by St Anna of the Most Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 10—The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus

Wednesday, December 11—Our Holy Father Daniel the Stylite

Thursday, December 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 13—The Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes

Saturday, December 14—The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, Philemon, Apolonius and Callinicus
 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 15—Sunday of the Forefathers
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene*

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, +Dorothy Beresh

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:

Eternal Light: For + Tetyana and Volodymyr Tsiuch by Oresta Mutka

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: On December 12, Holy Catholic Church Celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe . On the occasion of the feast, Divine Liturgy will be held at our temple on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00.

We need volunteers to help with decorating of our church for upcoming Christmas. Let's make sure we meet the Newborn baby Jesus majestically. For more information see Rebecca Gufrey. Thank you for your help!

A big thank you to all who helped with organizing, setting up, selling, and cleaning up at our 1st annual **St. Nicholas Breakfast**. This activity not only makes money for our Church, but it also helps create a sense of community among our parish family. Thanks also to those who visited our event, who had a delicious breakfast, to those who brought or baked something for the breakfast, and who bought items, etc. Also, thank you to St. Nicholas for visit of our parish. Also, a big thank you to our wonderful sponsors. Your financial contribution is what helps make our event possible. You all did a tremendous job! God grant you many blessed years!

Christmas Votive Candle: Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. This 7-day votive candle will burn by the Manger and will be lit on Christmas Eve. Also there are envelopes in the narthex for Christmas Flowers Offering. Please help us to cover our expenses. Thank you!

THAT THE ABUNDANT GRACE MIGHT THROUGH THE THANKSGIVING OF MANY REDOUND TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Having met the Savior, therefore, the lepers earnestly besought Him to free them from their misery, and called Him Master, that is, Teacher. No one pitied them when suffering this malady; but He Who had appeared on earth for this very reason, and had become man that He might show pity to all, He was moved with compassion for them, and had mercy on them. And why did He not rather say, I will, be you cleansed; as He did in the case of another leper, but commanded them rather to show themselves to the priests? It was because the law gave directions to this effect to those who were delivered from leprosy (Lev. 14:2); for it commanded them to show themselves to the priests, and to offer a sacrifice for their cleansing. He commanded them to go, therefore, as being already healed, and, that they might, so to speak, bear witness to the priests, as rulers of the Jews, and ever envious of His glory, that wonderfully, and beyond their hope, they had been delivered from their misfortune by Christ's willing that they should be healed ... (Cf. Luke 5:12) ... The nine then, as being Jews, falling into a thankless forgetfulness, did not return to give glory to God; by which He shows that Israel was hard of heart, and utterly unthankful: but the stranger—for as being a Samaritan he was of foreign race, having been brought there from Assyria, for the phrase "in the middle of Samaria and Galilee" is not without meaning—returned with a loud voice to glorify God. It shows, therefore, that the Samaritans were grateful, but that the Jews, even when benefitted, were ungrateful. *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

December 1

Tithes: \$225.00
Attendance: 13

Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord's Holy House.

Are you up to date? Check your Tithing and Contribution schedule. End of the year is coming and our parish books are closed on December 31 for 2019.

2019 ONLINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/events

You may want to save this part of the bulletin & paste it into your calendar. The Gift of God by Rev David Anderson
Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity

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

St. Irene's Gift Shop is now open! Please visit our Gift Shop after Sunday Divine Liturgy and you can find a lot of useful and interesting things that will be a perfect gift for your family and friends for the upcoming holidays. If you need to visit it during the weekdays, feel free to contact Fr. Vasyl. Thank you for supporting our parish!

The cards with the schedule for the upcoming Christmas and Theophany holidays are available at the back of the church and parish hall.