



SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday of the Forefathers

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: December 15—December 22

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

Monday, December 16—The Holy Prophet Haggai

Tuesday, December 17—The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Children: Ananias, Azarias and Misael

Wednesday, December 18—The Holy Martyr Sebastian and those with him

Thursday, December 19—The Holy Martyr Boniface

Friday, December 20—Prefestive Day of Christmas. The Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch

Saturday, December 21—Saturday before Christmas. Prefestive Day of Christmas. The Holy Martyr Juliana, and the 630 martyrs with her
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, December 22—Sunday before Christmas, of the Ancestors. Prefestive Day of Christmas (use handouts)
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.

Important: Mark your Calendars for Christmas Liturgy

Important! Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Liturgy. Take a card with a Christmas worship schedule! How can we truly celebrate Christmas if we skip out the Christmas Liturgy? The Christmas season is a very busy time, and we have plans to be with friends and family. But we must learn to set our priorities straight, so schedule your meetings around the Christmas Liturgy. Can you imagine having a birthday party without a birthday boy or girl?! That's exactly what we do when we do not attend the Christmas Liturgy. Let us begin to change the secularization of Christmas and bring Christ back to the picture by remembering the reason for the season. We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Liturgy. God bless you!

2019-2020 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 at 5:00-6:00 pm PST

Baptized into Christ

The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God

Wednesdays January 8 and 15, & 22 at 5:00-6:00 pm PST

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!

Altar servants meeting will be next Sunday, December 22, after Divine Liturgy in the church. Dear parents of altar boys, make sure your sons are present for this meeting. Thank you.

The Parable of the Great Supper

This parable ...proclaims beforehand both the casting out of the Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles, and it indicates together with this also the strictness of the life required, and how great the punishment appointed for the careless ...And when were they bidden? By all the prophets; by John (the Baptist) again; for he would pass all on to Christ, saying "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30); by the Son Himself again, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you" (Matt. 11:28) and again, "If any man thirsts, let him come unto Me and drink" (John 7:37). But not by words only, by actions also He bade them, after his ascension by Peter, and those with him. "For He who wrought effectually in Peter," it is said, "to the apostleship of the circumcision, was mighty also in me towards the Gentiles," (Gal. 2:8) ...And yet the calling was of grace. Why then does He take a strict account? Because although to be called and to be cleansed was of grace, yet, when called and clothed in clean garments, to continue keeping them so, this is of the diligence of those who are called

St. John Chrysostom

December 8

Tithes: \$380.00
Attendance: 32

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

Dear Parishioners, We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas immediately following Divine Liturgy next Sunday, December 22. Please plan to participate in this offering of service. "Many hands make light work" and it will go fast if we all pitch in to help. Thank you and may God bless you.

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!