



SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Schedule of Services

January 3—January 10

Sunday, January 3—Sunday before Theophany
9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*
Panachida Service for the 9th day of the passing of Father Frank Knusel

Monday, January 4
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

Tuesday, January 5—Vigil of Theophany
9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
7:00 p.m. Vespers/Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
Great Blessing of Water and Mirovanie

Wednesday, January 6—The Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ OBLIGATION
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Great Blessing of Water and Mirovanie

Thursday, January 7—Synaxis of the Holy Forerunner, Prophet and Baptist John
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 8
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

Saturday, January 9—Saturday after Theophany. The Holy Martyr Polyeuct (312)
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 10 Sunday After Theophany (Music for Divine Liturgy)
9:45 a.m. Third Hour
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*

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!



"I have made an agreement with God: I will empty my pockets in alms giving and He will fill them. He has never violated our agreement. Will I violate it? May it never happen!"

Elder St Epiphanius of Athens

Please remember in your prayers:



Please re-submit names of people you wish to place on the prayer list for 2021. You can send names by email: stirenebcc@gmail.com. In front of the names of the departed, please put a "+" symbol.

Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors, and anyone we may have forgotten.

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

Eternal Light: Eternal Light: 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.

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord: Wednesday, January 6 - Holy Day of Obligation. Tuesday, January 5, is a day of Strict Fast. There will be Great Blessing of Water on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Divine Liturgies. Please bring a bottle with you so that you can take some of the Theophany water home. Feel free to also bring your own water to be blessed. Please make sure your own water is placed by the baptismal font before the blessing. Also sealed bottles of water will be available in the church, which will be blessed and you will be able to take with you.

Blessings of Homes 2021: It is time to sign up for house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed, please use the sheet in the hall to sign up. Please indicate the date and the time you would like for your home blessing. Thank you.

Fr. Knusel's funeral arrangements:

Sunday, January 17
6.00 pm Parastas with Rt. Rev. Joseph Stanichar at St. Irene Byzantine Catholic Church, Portland

Monday, January 18
12.00pm to 4.00pm Visitation
4.00 pm Funeral Divine Liturgy with Rt. Rev. Joseph Stanichar at St. Irene Byzantine Catholic Church, Portland

Tuesday, January 19
10.00am Funeral Mass with Archbishop Sample at St. Patrick Parish, Portland.

Burial to follow at St. Wenceslaus Parish Cemetery.
If you are planning to attend the funeral services for Fr. Frank Knusel, please contact Agnes at 503.438.8399 to be put on the list. There is a limited number of people allowed due to Covid.

Prayer in time of coronavirus
O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry of repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus. Send Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve you in peace and glorify Your most honorable and majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Bishop Alexis of Bethesda)

ALL / WINTER 2020 All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Live participation is highly encouraged for a full experience, including opportunities for discussion with fellow students and instructors.

For those unable to participate live, lectures are recorded and available on-demand, free of charge, in our event library, currently offering many hours of adult faith formation in the Eastern Christian tradition.

Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events
PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE
A Patristic Study of Deification

Rev. Nathan Symeon Adams
Wednesdays, January 13, 20, & 27 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

God has called his people to become partakers of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4). Join us for this three-part series as we explore this process of participating in the Sacramental and moral life of Christ by which each individual and the whole Church are transformed into the mystical body of Christ.

All Souls Saturdays: We have 5 All Souls Saturdays to commemorate our dead relatives. The first All Souls Saturday will be on February 6th, 2021. Envelopes "All Souls Saturdays" are available in the narthex of the church.

Please write clearly the names of the departed you wish to be remembered on a special offering envelope and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or just give it to Father Vasyl. Thank you.

"He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Answering God's call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@eph.org