

# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Schedule of Services

#### December 12—December 19

**Sunday, December 12—Second Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Forefathers);**

**Mother of God of Guadalupe**

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

Lesson 3

**Sunday, December 19—Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Ancestors)**

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

“Let not, therefore, the toil of the journey, nor the tongues of evil-speaking men, discourage you; but with all earnestness and zeal perform, by God's guidance, that which you have set about; being assured, that great labour is followed by the greater glory of an eternal reward.”

*St Gregory the Great*

### 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:** Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, John and Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie

**For repose of the departed:** +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Carol Pavlakovich

Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

### 7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

**Eternal Light: For David and Jamie Arellano by Anna Gonzalez**

**ANSWERING GOD'S CALL:** “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**Help needed:** We need volunteers to help with decorating the inside of the church on Sunday, December 19, after the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your help!

### Christmas special edition of our online Byzantine Weekly publication!

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmcatholic>  
You can see the Christmas publication (also posted on Facebook) here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/624982806/>

**Thank you:** We thank all who participated in our work party. Thank you for your sincere and devoted work. May the merciful Lord pour upon you profusely bounties from heaven.

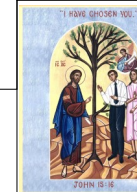


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### God save you!



### Pray for Vocation!

Everyone in the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that you can find in our parish hall. If you would like to

take the icon again, please feel free to do it. Please bring the Icon on the following Sunday and leave it on the Tetrapod for the next family.

Thank you for your prayerful support to those who have recognized the calling of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you also for the intentional prayers for those who are on their way to hearing the voice of Christ.

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** This special collection for retired religious will be taken next Sunday, December 12.

Elder sisters, brothers, and religious-order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer. Many worked for years for small stipends. As a result, their religious communities now lack adequate retirement savings. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.