

# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### Schedule of Services December 26—January 2

**Sunday, December 26—SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. COMMEMORATION OF THE RELATIVES OF THE LORD: SAINTS JOSEPH, JAMES AND DAVID. SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**

9:30 a.m. Singing of Christmas Carols

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors*

**Monday, December 27—THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN**

8:45 a.m. Singing of Christmas Carols

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Veneration of the first-class relic of The Holy Protomartyr Stephen the Archdeacon**

**Friday, December 31—The last day of 2021**

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Moleben of Thanksgiving

**Saturday, January 1—The Circumcision of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Our Holy

**Father Basil the Great**

Moleben for God's blessing of the New

**Year**

**Sunday, January 2—Sunday before Theophany**

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors*

“What, then, O, brethren, is required of us in order that we might avail ourselves of all the grace brought unto us from on high by the coming to earth of the Son of God? What is necessary, first of all, is faith in the Son of God, in the Gospel as the salvation-bestowing heavenly teaching; a true repentance of sins and the correction of life and of heart; communion in prayer and in the mysteries [sacraments]; the knowledge and fulfillment of Christ’s commandments. Also necessary are the virtues: Christian humility, alms-giving, continence, purity and chastity, simplicity and goodness of heart.

Let us, then, O brothers and sisters, bring these virtues as a gift to the One Who was born for the sake of our salvation – let us bring them in place of the gold, frankincense and myrrh which the Magi brought Him, as to One Who is King, God, and Man, come to die for us. This, from us, shall be the most-pleasing form of sacrifice to God and to the Infant Jesus Christ.”

*St. John of Kronstadt*

### 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.*

**ANSWERING GOD’S CALL:** “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” The righteous Joseph the betrothed was faithful to his calling, protecting Jesus and the Theotokos by journeying to Egypt and returning to Nazareth. Our Lord calls each one of us out of the spiritual Egypt of our lives so that we may live in the promised land meant for our lives. Is he calling you to a life of holy orders or monasticism? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**The 2022 Byzantine Liturgical Wall Calendars** are now available on the table at the back of the church. Please take only one per family. May God bless you!

*Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New  
Year!*



*May the glory and  
the love of the Infant  
Jesus fill your heart  
with joy. May every blessing of the  
Holy Season and increased health  
and prosperity be your portion in  
God's New Year!  
We thank all those who so generously  
made donations for our church  
throughout the year. Wishing you  
the blessings and joys of Christmas  
and a New Year filled with joy,  
peace, and happiness.*

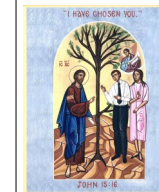
### Thank you for your donation!



**God save you!**

**Are you up to date? Check your Tithing and Contribution schedule. The end of the year is coming and our parish books will be closed on December 31st for 2021.**

### 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.

### Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy:

### The History of the Ecumenical Councils

*Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD*

**Wednesdays, January 12, 19 & 26, February 9 & 16**

**@ 8 PM ET/ 5 PM PT**

<https://godwithusonline.org/events/orthodoxy-heterodoxy/>