



# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY (SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS)

### Schedule of Services DECEMBER 18— DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday, December 18—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*

#### 2022 Christmas schedule

Friday, December 23

7:00 p.m. Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24 (Eve of Nativity)

6:30 p.m. Singing of Christmas

Carols

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great (Mirovanie after Divine Liturgy)

Sunday, December 25: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

9:30 a.m. Singing of Christmas

Carols

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Our Holy

Father John Chrysostom (Mirovanie after Divine Liturgy)

Monday, December 26: Synaxis of the Theotokos

6:45 p.m. Singing of Christmas

Carols

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 27: St. Stephen

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy



#### 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. Christopher Andrews, Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie, Martin, Louis Boudousquie

**For the repose of the departed:** +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Brenda Washicko, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Carol Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Jesse Gonzalez, +John, +Lucy Ortiz, +Martha Williams, +Martin Brandenfels, +Gail Parker, +Manuel Rodriguez, +Elizabeth Rodriguez, +Diane Walsh, +Fransica Rodriguez, +Nancy Bailey  
*Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.*

**ANSWERING GOD'S CALL:** "They shall call his name Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." The presence of God is seen through the salvation foretold in the Old Covenant, and is revealed through the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, Emmanuel. Our own lives can manifest the presence of God when we live according to our vocations. Are you being called to show God's presence as a priest, deacon, subdeacon monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**Christmas Votive Candle:** Offering envelopes are available in the back of the church. This 7-day votive candle will burn by the Manger and will be lit on Christmas Eve.

**Help needed:** We need volunteers to help with decorating the inside of the church today right after the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your help!

**Act of Repentance Using the Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12 to help you prepare for your Confession** (Green Faithful's Book, page 23) New American Bible  
*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Are we preoccupied with money and worldly goods? Do we dare try to increase our personal wealth at the expense of justice?

*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

Are we impatient in bearing our own burdens? Are we unconcerned about the burdens of others?

*"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."*

Are we at times ruthless with each other? Is our personal world full of discord and violence?

*"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."*

Do we thirst for You, O Lord, the fountain of all holiness?

Are we too slow to spread Your influence in our lives and in our society?

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mer-*



**On-line Giving:** or go to web page [www.mybyzantinechurch.org](http://www.mybyzantinechurch.org) click on "DONATE"

Thank you for your donation! God save you!

#### Tithes & Attendance:

##### December 11

Tithes: \$651.00

Gift shop: \$311.00

Attendance: 28

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.

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Are we slow to forgive and quick to condemn?

*"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."*

Are we prisoners of our senses and evil desires?

Are we caught up in our selfish intentions and needs?

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*

Do we fail to make peace in our families, in our work, in our Church, in our country and in the world?

*"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Do we prefer to practice injustice rather than suffer for the sake of righteousness?

Do we discriminate against people and oppress and persecute them?

*"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Have we suffered because of our faith and for following our Lord, Jesus Christ?

If so, we are on the right road to the Kingdom of Heaven.