



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Reverend Michael J. Mandelas, Pastor
Deacon Benjamin Crow

Liturgical Schedule

September 2016

Liturgical Services			
	Saturday	Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	Festal Matins Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
	Monday through Friday	Daily Matins Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
	Holy Days (<i>Solemn Obligation</i>)	Festal Matins Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Holy Mystery of Repentance			
	Saturday		3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)
	Sunday		9:00 a.m.
Baptism, Chrismation, Crowning in Marriage:			By appointment

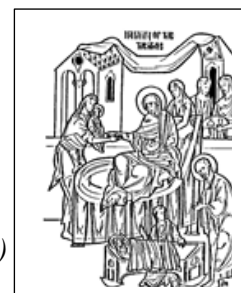
Liturgical Notes:

September 1st Thursday **Beginning of the Church Year** (The year 7525 in the Byzantine reckoning)
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.

September 5th Monday **Labor Day**
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

September 8th Thursday **Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God** (*Solemn Feast Day*)
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.

September 13th Tuesday **Vigil for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (*Solemn Feast Day*)
Vespers with *Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m.
*Divine Liturgy for the intention of healing broken relationships.
Discovery of the Holy Cross and nails is credited to Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great. The finding was made in Jerusalem in the year 326 A.D.



September 14th Wednesday **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (*Solemn Feast Day*)
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.



Announcements

Parish Grill: On Sunday September 18th the Parish Advisory Board will be hosting an All American Lunch. Following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, along with beverages and chips. The cost is \$1.50 for a hamburger and \$1.00 for a hot dog. (*Price includes a drink and chips.*) There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex asking individuals/families to bring other dishes, *i.e. salads, fruit, deserts, etc.* This is an opportunity to welcome everyone home after having enjoyed their summer activities.

Cake Reception for Deacon Benjamin Crow on his 1st Anniversary to the Order of Deacon

A cake reception will be held on Sunday, September 25th in honor of Deacon Benjamin celebrating his first anniversary to the order of the Diaconate. Please join us in celebrating his service and dedication to St. John's.

Special Priests' Medical Insurance Collection

On Sunday October 2nd, the Sunday after the feast of our eparchial patroness, the Holy Protection of Mary, our Eparchy will once again take a special collection to help subsidize the medical insurance premiums of our pastors. Your outstanding generosity in the previous collections has been extremely helpful. Bishop John asks each household to pray and consider what it can contribute this year. Medical insurance premiums are very expensive and still on the rise. How does our little Eparchy manage to pay this monthly premium? The parishes pay a large portion of the premium for their priest while the Eparchy picks up the difference which also includes active and retired priests not assigned to parishes. God bless your continued support and generosity.

Eastern Catholic Formation Classes begin October 2nd

All registered children of the parish, from three years old to high school age, are welcome. Classes are held Sundays from 9:00am to 9:45am. If you would like your child to attend ECF classes, please complete a registration form and submit it as soon as possible to Fr. Michael or Anne Black. Do not delay in turning in your registration form, as our teachers need a headcount to help plan for their classes and to ensure enough materials are on hand. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. *On the first day of class parents should accompany their child(ren) and meet in the church hall for class assignments.*

Also, at the start of 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy that same Sunday, we will have a special blessing of our children and their teachers. We ask that all students and faculty be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You all helped to make my ordination to the priesthood special. My heart was touched by your very generous gifts for my ordination!!! I have been swamped as a new pastor at a beautiful church here in Gilbert, Arizona so have not sent out any thank you cards. But until I do, please know how much I treasure having been ordained at St. John's and that I appreciate your generosity! --Fr. Michael Bezruchka

The Parish Advisory Board will meet Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office.

The Altar Society will meet October 16th in the parish office following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

The Holy Name Society will meet October 23rd in the parish office following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Religious Education

Eastern Catholic Formation: Classes will resume October 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Registration forms are now available in the Narthex. Please take this opportunity to fill them out and return them as soon as possible.



Adult Enrichment On-line Classes: The Eparchy of Phoenix will be holding on-line courses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please refer to the hand-out in the narthex or go to: http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith_formation.html for more information and registration. This is an excellent opportunity for personal enrichment of our Byzantine Faith without leaving your house.

