



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

The Reverend Michael J. Mandelas, Pastor
The Reverend Deacon Benjamin Z. Crow

Liturgical Schedule

October 2017

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:

There are NO week day Liturgical Services Oct. 10th – 14th & Oct. 17th – 21st

September 30 Friday Vigil for the Protection of the Holy Theotokos (*Solemn Feast Day*)
Daily Matins 8:00 a.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

October 1 Saturday Vigil for the Protection of the Holy Theotokos (*Solemn Feast Day*)
Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

October 2 Sunday Catechetical Sunday
Following the usual Liturgical Schedule – Blessing of Catechists and Children following the Gospel reading.

October 11 Sunday Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Follows the Sunday Liturgical Schedule
The 7th Ecumenical Council (2nd Council of Nicea), in 787 A.D., was attended by 300 to 367 Bishops. Emperor Constantine V, his mother Irene, and Pope Adrian I, presided over by legates, regulated the veneration of holy icons.

October 31 Monday Feast of Blessed Theodore Romza - Martyr
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.



Announcements

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

A cake reception will be held this 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 children and meet in the church hall for class assignments.*

Catechetical Sunday – Sunday October 2nd:

We are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life, and reflect on the words “Go, teach all nations” as we reflect on our baptism and the commission given to us. How often do we think of ourselves as “Evangelizers”? The greatness of the Church is that it is for every human society, at every time, in every place. We live the Gospel!

The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year. Though we are unique and individual, we are one. We are here to bring Christ to others. What we do should mirror what we say. We ask God to grant His servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves the grace to know this truth.

At the start of 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, 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.

The Annual Eparchy of Phoenix Clergy Retreat is October 17th – 21st. Please keep our bishop, priests, deacons, and subdeacons in your prayers. Without going to a deep well, where there is cool and refreshing water, there is no refreshment and rejuvenation in the spiritual life.

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.

