



# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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

## Liturgical Schedule

December 2016

<u>Liturgical Services</u>	
	Saturday Vespers with Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday Festal Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
	Monday through Friday Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:40 a.m.
	Holy Days ( <i>Solemn Obligation</i> ) Festal Matins 8:00 a.m. Vigil Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
<u>Holy Mystery of Repentance</u>	
	Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)
<u>Rosary</u>	
	Sunday 9:00 a.m.
<u>Baptism, Chrismation, Crowning in Marriage:</u>	
By appointment	

**Liturgical Notes:** Please refer to the insert for the 2015 Christmas Liturgical Schedule, beginning December 24th through Theophany, January 6th.

**Emmanuel Moleben (A Service of Prayer for the Christmas Fast)** will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings: November 30th, December 7th, and 14th. Daily Vespers will begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Emmanuel Moleben. Let us come together as a community and prepare for the Feast of the Nativity.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Monday

**Vigil for the Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra** with the Blessing of St. Nicholas Oil.  
Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday

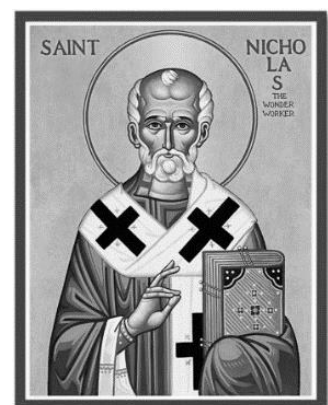
**Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra**  
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.  
With the Blessing of St. Nicholas Oil at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Thursday

**Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Feast Day**  
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Monday

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.



## Announcements

**Vegetarian Soup Sales for the St. Phillip's Fast:** The Altar Society will be providing pre-made, vegetarian Soup Sachets for your St. Phillip's Fast meal needs. These sachets will include all dry ingredients and preparation instructions. These items may be purchased following each Emmanuel Moleben or weekend Divine Liturgy. Sachets are \$8 each, two for \$15, and only \$5 each for additional (*same day*) purchases! Checks or exact change preferred. Please contact Megan Winter with questions or for more information.

**The 2016 Saint Nicholas Celebration** will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (722 East Union Street Seattle, WA 98122). Admission is \$7.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family. Families with last names A-M are asked to bring a main dish and a salad/side item. Families with last names N-Z are asked to bring a main dish and desert. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with this event (*i.e. set up, food preparation and service, as well as clean up*). Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. This event is hosted by the Holy Name Society. Please contact Taylor Black or Locke to address questions regarding this event. **REMINDER: There will be a cost for parking.** **Parents:** Don't forget to bring gifts for St. Nicholas to give to your child(ren). Your gifts may be brought in bags and dropped-off when you check-in at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Please attach your child's name to his/her present along with a faith question, on an index card or large post-it note, for St. Nicholas to ask your child (*it is helpful, and nice, to provide an answer to your question, as St. Nicholas has enough to think about at this time of the year.*)

**Annual Family Heritage Bake Sale** - The St. John Altar Society's Annual bake sale will be on Sundays Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. (*Note: Sales will NOT be held during the St. Nicholas party as in previous years.*) Your fellow parishioners will be sharing their homemade traditional family Christmas cookies, bars and candies. There will be prepared plates as well as "create-your-own" options. Contact Megan Winter ([meganwinter@msn.com](mailto:meganwinter@msn.com), 360-863-2294) with questions

We are asking for donations of 4-6 dozen cookies/pieces/items. Please bring them in on any of the preceding weekends/days and place them in the **LARGE** freezer by December 7<sup>th</sup>. *\*Please note any and all allergens that are in your items, such as nuts (please specify peanut or tree nut), eggs, and/or gluten.\**

**Baked Goods Preparation:** Join the Altar Society on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. as we prepare for the Family Heritage Bake Sale. We will be baking specialty cookies as well as plating/boxing items for the bake sale.

**Special Collection for the Retired Religious:** There will be a second collection taken up the weekend of Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at all services. Please be generous to our faithful servants of the Church.

**Parish Envelopes & 2017 Liturgical Calendars:** Parish contribution envelopes and Liturgical Calendars for the year 2017 will soon be available in the parish hall. *A donation to cover the cost of calendars is greatly appreciated.* Please try to have exact change/cash or a check.

**The Parish Advisory Board** will ***NOT*** meet in the month of December.

**The Altar Society** will ***NOT*** meet in the month of December.

**The Holy Name Society** will ***NOT*** meet in the month of December.



### **Religious Education**

**Eastern Catholic Formation:** Classes are held Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

There will be ***NO*** class on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Adult Enrichment Classes:** The Eparchy of Phoenix is holding on-line courses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (*currently by Fr. Joseph and Fr. Michael Bezruchka*). Please refer to the hand-out in the narthex or go to: [http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith\\_formation.html](http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith_formation.html) for more information.

