



# Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

## St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

Father Olexiy Nebesnyk - Administrator

Stephen Byers - Cantor

### Liturgy Schedule:

#### **Sunday, February 01 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son & The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna – Pg: 321

#### **Sunday, February 08 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am**

Meat-Fare Sunday – Tone 2 Pg: 130 & Pg: 217

Liturgy Intention: *Health & Birthday Blessings of Robert Byers*

#### **Sunday, February 15 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am**

Sunday of Cheese-Fare – Tone 3 Pg: 135 & Pg: 218

Liturgy Intention: *Health & Birthday Blessings of Christopher Byers*

Eternal Light Candle: *Health & Blessings of Byers Family*

#### **Wednesday, February 18 (Presanctified Gifts Divine Liturgy) – 5:30 pm**

#### **Sunday, February 22 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast – Sunday of Orthodoxy – Tone 4 Pg: 141 & Pg: 220

Liturgy Intention: *Blessed Memory of +Wiley Byers*

### **Praying For Those We Love**

Honor a family member or friend with an Eternal Light Candle (\$10) or by having a Liturgy (\$20) celebrated for them. Simply drop your request and stipend into the collection basket. This makes for a great birthday or anniversary gift! We have many weeks available. Laminated copies of The Rite of Preparation from the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom have been placed at the entrance for prayerful reflection. Unless one is next to the priest at the Table of Preparation before the Divine Liturgy, most parishioners cannot see or hear the ritual, prayers, and intentions offered to God behind the Iconostasis. The Rite of Preparation is one example of intentions offered during the Divine Liturgy for a deceased person or for the Health and God's Blessings of a living person. These offerings are so powerful in that God's Grace continues to flow to the offeror and to the deceased or living intention. Please take a moment to consider offering Divine Liturgies for your loved ones, deceased, and living. Please contact our cantor Stephen Byers for details.

### **Mystery of Repentance**

Offered before and after each Divine Liturgy, as well as by appointment. Please contact Father if you would like to partake in this great Mystery!

### **Air Conditioner Fund**

Thank you to the few that have already contributed to necessary replacement of 2 air conditioners at the church. For those still to contribute, please submit in an envelope and label it "Air Conditioners" and place in donation baskets or give to Father directly. Thank you in advance, we all benefit from their use. We all are responsible for their maintenance or replacement.

### **The Way of the Cross**

As Catholic Christians we profess our dedication to Jesus Christ and His teachings, but so often we get distracted by the ways of this world. With the seasons of the Church, and the preparation of fasting and prayer that we practice, we are constantly reminded to refocus on the way of the cross.

In the Western Catholic Church, the way of the cross is another name for the stations of the cross. A prayer devotion that focuses on the passions of Jesus and walks with Him from His agony in the garden to His long suffering to His resurrection.

We traditionally do not have this devotion in the Eastern Catholic Church per se but we are encouraged to dedicate our life in constant understanding that we are to adopt Jesus' command that if we are to be called His people, calling ourselves Christians, that we are to "take up our cross and follow Him". The only way to do this is to understand His passions and suffering and to live His example of accepting the suffering for God's greater plan.

Through our family, career and social lives, we will encounter difficulties and suffering, challenges and struggles, pains and illness. These are only a few examples of "crosses" that Jesus spoke about. As Christians, we are called to not curse or complain about these as we encounter them, but rather to "take them up". Or in other words, to own them and work through them in faith that God will use them for His greater plan. With practice, many can actually get through them with joy in their heart and learn to offer up the suffering for causes close to God's heart. Some examples include the souls going through Purgation. Or for family members who may not be in the graces of the Church or receiving the sacraments. Or for penance for our own sins.

Even though it may be early in the new year, the Lenten season will be here before we know it. We encourage you to contemplate and pray that God bless you with a greater understanding of the way of His cross and to give you the courage and strength to truly follow Jesus as He calls us to do. What crosses do you have right now that you can embrace differently?

### Prayer to St Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Living God,  
Have mercy on me,  
a sinner.

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit  
of Truth, everywhere present and  
filling all things, Treasury of  
blessings, and Giver of life, come  
and dwell within us, cleanse us of  
all stain, and save our souls, O  
Gracious One.

### Church

#### Tithes & Donations to St. Anne's

Thank you for supporting us! You can make your tithe, or a donation, by:

- dropping it in the collection basket
- visiting [stannebyzantine.com/donate](http://stannebyzantine.com/donate)
- simply scan the QR code below



### Donations & Attendance for Previous Week

(Please note, normal operations require approximately \$7,200 per month)

**Last Month's Support:** \$5,569.64 (of which \$2,026.64 was online)

**Attendance:** 70

