CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH CELEBRATION OF ST NICHOLAS
Sunday Dec 6
4:30 pm Confessions & The Sixth Hour
5:00 mm Divine Liturgy, Program and Potluck

MATERNITY OF HOLY ANNA Solemn Holy Day
Tuesday Dec 8 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

EPARCHIAL ON-LINE CLERGY MEETING
Friday Dec 11 2:00 pm

Sunday Dec 13 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy & Baptism/ Chrismation of Ezra Escobedo
Retired Religious Collection
Commemoration of our Lady of Guadalupe

CHRISTMAS-THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD Holy day of Obligation
Proposed Schedule
Tuesday Dec 24 12:01am Vesper/Liturgy

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX
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Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
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The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People.
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SATURDAY Lion's Club use our parish hall for Bingo
SUN NOV 22 26th Sunday After Pentecost, TONE 1 P. 125
No Morning Liturgy
3:30 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class
4:30 pm Confessions & The Sixth Hour
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy *Celebrating Robert & Eileen Escobedo's First Wedding Anniversary*
All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

SATURDAY Lion's Club use our parish hall for Bingo
SUN Nov 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8, p. 161
No Morning Liturgy
3:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class
4:30 pm Confession &The Sixth Hour
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to Him Forever!

26th Sunday after Pentecost **Tone 1** **November 22, 2026**

PRAYERS NEEDED for our parish family, Amanda Gullete, Esther Calamore, Elmira Calamore, Charles Amelin, Paul & Marcy Basay, Enedina Lopez & Special Intentions.
Expectant Mothers: Brittny Barlund & Meagan Odicino.
Clergy: Fr James Bankston, Msgr Michael Moran, Fr Robert Rankin & Fr Marcus Gomori.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to the wonderful Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings last Sunday which is the 3rd Sunday of the month for our Sunday night pot-luck. A wonderful way to bring and strengthen our parish. Also to the kind parishioners who took time to change the Altar Covers for the fasting period.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS we need the Parish Advisory Council to meet briefly to discuss decorating the church for Christmas & schedule our Christmas Eve Vesper/Liturgy. ***Father Stephen is proposing a Mid-night 12:01 am Christmas Service for St Nicholas Fontana***. Would we have a full church?
Annunciation's Christmas Eve Vesper/Liturgy is at 7:30 pm and Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Let us know your ideas. Father cannot change the schedule for Annunciation.

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE
Our Stewardship November 15
Souls in Attendance 30
Tithes: $1,34.00, & Candles: $5.00 Thank you!
We depend on you to support our parish. You may mail your or use e-checks, or Zelle for your contributions (**saintnicholasofmyra12-06**) or use the QR code to send your donations.
Thank you

Fr. Alexander Schmemann's prayer after his last liturgy

Father Alexander Schmemann celebrated his last Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1983, in the St. Vladimir's Seminary Chapel. At the end of the Liturgy he called upon all of us to give thanks to God: Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank you, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which is offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with "the joy, peace and righteousness in the Holy Spirit."

Thank you, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and for giving us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank you, O Lord, for having united us to one another, in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank you, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, and temptations and for having restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, O Lord, for the sufferings you bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and remind us of the "one thing needed: your eternal Kingdom."

Thank you, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank you, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank you, O Lord for our families, husbands, wives and, especially, children, who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name, in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank you, O Lord, for everyone and everything. Great are you, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.
Lord, it is good to be here !

VOCAL PRAYER
Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry aloud! (Ps 26[27]:7)

We pray with our lips, our mind, and our heart. Usually in the beginning, prayer is only verbal. But such prayer should be joined to the prayer of mind and heart, aroused and upheld by verbal prayer. The prayer of the lips is spiritually fruitful when it is united with inner attention. The masters of the spiritual life stress that if one's attention is distracted from the words of prayer, one should bring it back to the place where it was lost and repeat the words of the prayer until we are able to recite the whole prayer from beginning to end without distraction. Distraction may be caused by lack of experience or by an external temptation. If we are insistent, even temptations will not impair our prayer. Those who pray vocally are similar to the angels and together with them participate in the praise of God.