

# Saint Nicholas of Myra

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**Sunday Liturgy 10:00 am**      **Confession: 9:00 am**  
**Holy Day Liturgy 7:00 pm**      **Confession: 6:30 pm**  
**Eastern Christian Formation for children** with Eileen Escobedo  
**Inquiry Meetings for Adults** with Robert Escobedo

*Theophany*



*Feast of Theophany—The  
Baptism of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ (Strict Fast)  
Tuesday January 6 7:00 pm  
Liturgy of St John with the  
Blessing of Water*

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**Sunday before Theophany**

**Tone 5**

**January 4, 2026**

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## HOLY SERVICES

Page numbers are found in the Green Pew Book

### Hebrew Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 40:1–11, and Malachi 3:1-5

**Sunday, Jan 4 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY,**

**TONE 5, p. 146 & 309**

9:00 am      Confessions & Choir Practice  
9:40 am      Third Hour  
10:00 am      Divine Liturgy Special Intention  
11:45 am      ECF Classes & Enquiry Meet

**Tuesday January 6**

**THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, JESUS**

**CHRIST-Holy Day of Obligation with blessing of  
Water at all Holy Services**

7:00 pm      Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

### Hebrew Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 9:1–7, and Jonah 3:1–10

**Jan 11 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY & TONE  
6, P. 152 & 316**

9:00 am      Confessions & Choir Practice  
9:40 am      Third Hour  
10:00 am      Liturgy for our Parish Members  
11:45 am      ECF Classes & Enquiry Meet

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**W**e also pray you,  
Lord our God,  
to grant us eyes  
to see and hearts to know  
that we are baptized into  
the Holy Spirit, and  
through this knowledge  
bring about an increase in  
vocations to the  
priesthood, diaconate, and  
monastic orders that are rooted in the life of the undivided  
Trinity, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



“He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.” Answering God’s call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME FATHER JAMES LANE for this morning’s Divine Liturgy. He is covering for Father Lee Perry who is hospitalized. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FATHER STEPHEN FROM ANAHEIM** will celebrate the Holy Day Liturgy with the blessing of Water Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. You may bring your own water and place the containers around the Tetrapod. There is no need to open the containers—the Holy Spirit’s blessing can penetrate plastic and glass. Please bring your own containers for Holy Water.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO** the kind gentleman who replace the spigot for drawing the Holy Water.

**STRICT FASTING(No meat or dairy products)** on Monday in preparation for the Feast of Theophany

### FROM THE CATECHISM “CHRIST OUR PASCHA”

Environment in which Faith is Transmitted:  
Family, Nation, and Church

67 The primary context in which faith is transmitted is the family. Parents form their children in the faith by the example of their lives and the words of their prayer. In teaching the Gospel and witnessing to it, parents become the first catechists for their children. As they raise children in a Christian manner, parents create in their family a special atmosphere, one of common prayer before icons and the observance of Sundays and feast days.

68 From a young age, children enter into the spiritual life. This life is built on prayer, hearing the Word of God, and receiving Holy Communion. As they grow into maturity, with the assistance of their parents, children grow in the grace of the Mystery of Baptism. They learn to overcome evil and do what is good. For children, the inheritance of faith received from their parents is a token of assurance of eternal life. The godly life of godparents and extended family members also plays an important role in a child’s maturing in the faith. Christian family customs establish in children a Christian perspective on human birth and death, the formation of families and familial relationships, and they develop a sense of belonging within a church community and one’s people.

69 Every nation is a community, with its own historical memory, earthly homeland, and struggle for well-being and perfection. It was to the nations that Christ sent his apostles: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). The Christianization of the nations depends upon the gradual formation of a Christian worldview and structuring of life. The Christian culture of a given nation is a means for transmitting the faith from one generation to the next. It nurtures within a nation a love for God, for one’s earthly homeland, sacrificial service for the sake of its well-being, and an honest attitude towards work; it strengthens bonds within families, among relatives, and in society. The mutual permeation of the Gospel and the culture of a people is expressed in the self- governance of a Church.

## OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD’S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for December 28

Souls in Attendance 36

Souls for Christmas 22

Tithes: \$248.00, Christmas:  
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### The Rock and Sand Story:

Two friends were walking in the desert. At a certain point they had an argument and one of them slapped the other. The one who was slapped was hurt, but without saying anything he wrote on the sand: Today my best friend slapped me. They continued walking until they came upon an oasis where they decided to go for a swim. But the one who was slapped almost drowned and his friend saved his life. When he recovered he wrote on a rock: Today my best friend saved my life. The one who slapped him and then saved his life asked him: “When I slapped you, you wrote on the sand and now you wrote on the rock. Why?...” The other friend replied:

“When someone hurts us, we must write it on sand where the winds of forgiveness can wipe it out. But when someone does something good to us we must engrave it on rock, where no wind can wipe it out.”

Learn to write the wounds caused by others on sand, and engrave the benefactions done by them on rock.

*(from Sacred Convent of Holy Angels)*

### THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People  
adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

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. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents of concerns, please contact:

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