

Divine Liturgy: Tone 1 January 13, 2019 – Sunday after Theophany Eph 4:7-13 and Mt 4:12-17
 Divine Liturgy: Tone 2 January 20, 2019 – 35th Sunday after Pentecost Col 3:12-16 and Lk 18:18-27

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday	Jan 13	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday after Theophany Divine Liturgy -for health and blessings upon Joan Ostrowski by the Kowalik Family
Sunday	Jan 20	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy 35 th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Margaret Mihalo (2 years-1/22) by husband Robert
Sunday	Jan 27	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy 36 th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Barbara by sister-in-law Winnie Pizzitola
Saturday	Feb 2	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon Divine Liturgy -For St. John's friends by Johanna Urban
Sunday	Feb 3	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Zacchaeus Post-Festive of the Presentation Divine Liturgy -for health and birthday blessings upon Cara Hays by the Kowalik Family
Sunday	Feb 10	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Divine Liturgy -for health and healing of Louis Rafaj by Margaret Hays & family
Sunday	Feb 17	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy & Panachida

Saturday	Feb 23	12:00pm (Melkite) 9:00am(Ruthenian)	+Charles Tu by Fr. Elias & Parish Divine Liturgy 1 st All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy & Panachida
Sunday	Feb 24	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Meatfare Divine Liturgy +Teresa & +Esteban Prikazsky +Eva Schroeder & +John Prikazsky by family
Sunday	Mar 3	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy Sunday of Cheesefare Divine Liturgy +Otilie & +Ludvik Rafaj +Ludmila Videnska & +Marie Hanakova by Fr. Elias & Parish
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

Monday, Mar. 4, First Day of the Great Fast-Strict fast from all dairy, egg & meat products

Monday	Mar 4	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Tuesday	Mar 5	7:30pm(Melkite)	Great Compline
Wednesday	Mar 6	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday	Mar 8	7:30pm(Melkite)	Akathistos
Sunday	Mar 10	10:00am(Ruthenian)	1 st Sunday of the Great Fast Sunday of Orthodoxy Divine Liturgy +Otilie & +Ludvik Rafaj +Ludmila Videnska & +Marie Hanakova by Fr. Elias & Parish
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :
 Peter Mytchak, Bill Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon,
 Yuhanna Hirmiz, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Nancy Sandrock, Sr.
 Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: God bless you for your generosity!
 Dec 30-\$2,869.00 Jan 6-\$1,735.00

Calendar of Events

Jan 14-19 Fr. Elias leads class at Our Lady of Wisdom Italo-Greek Church
Jan 14-Feb 21 Deacon Andrew is on vacation
Jan 15-16 Byzantine Mosaics class at St. John's
Jan 15 Bible Study led by David Dominguez, 6:30pm potluck, 7pm study
Jan 19 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm (Deacon Jeff)
Jan 22-25 Fr. Elias participates and presents at the Southwest Liturgical Convention
Jan 26 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm
Jan 27 Talk to Married Couple retreat at St. John's 2pm
Jan 27 Theosis Group meets at 12:15pm after the Liturgy, in the School
Jan 28-Feb 9 Fr. Elias on vacation
Feb 2 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm (Deacon Jeff)
Feb 9 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm (Deacon Jeff)
Feb 12-15 Fr. Elias at Metropolitan Liturgical Commission meeting
Feb 18-23 Iconography Workshop at Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church
Feb 16 Brunch with St Anastasia Retreat at San Antonio Byzantine Community
Feb 16 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm
Feb 23 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm (Deacon Jeff)
Mar 2 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm
Mar 4 First day of the Great Fast, STRICT FAST (no meat, dairy or egg products)
Mar 9 Exhibit and Conference on Icons and Iconography-San Antonio, St. Anastasia's
Mar 11-16 Iconography Workshop at St. Anne's Catholic Church
Mar 16 Brunch with St Anastasia Retreat at St. John's- 10:30am

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped prepare the Holy Supper last week and also to all who helped with the clean up!

The **Theosis Group** will meet Sunday, Jan. 27 at approximately 12:15pm in the school building. We will discuss *Part 2-Asking Mary's Prayers in Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her* by Frederica Mathewes-Green (pgs. 83-104) All are welcome to attend!

Pilgrimage to Turkey-Fr. Elias will be leading a pilgrimage to Asia Minor and Constantinople from Sept. 30-Oct. 13, 2019. This pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of the Apostles and the Byzantine Saints" will be co-sponsored by Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky (Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Binghamton, NY) and Fr. Elias (St. John Chrysostom). Please contact Fr. Elias for further information.

Fundraiser : Delicious natural orange & lime jelly, made especially for St. John's and inspired by the flavors of Constantinople, can be purchased in the shop for \$8ea., two for \$15 or three for \$20.

The Liturgical calendar is open for intention on specific dates from now until January 31, 2020. If you have a special anniversary, please submit your intentions in written/electronic form. The calendar will fill up. The usual offering for a Liturgy is \$10, Panachida \$5.

The new Sign up sheet for providing refreshments after the Divine Liturgy is hanging on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Thank you for so generously signing up!

After the feast of the Theophany, the Baptism of Christ, it is our tradition to bless homes with the New Water. Since the Great Fast is beginning on March 4, we have a longer period of time to arrange the house blessings. If you would like your home blessed please contact Fr. Elias to set up a convenient date and time. Contact him at 713-256-8953 or at houstonelias@gmail.com

At this morning's Liturgy a new chalice set (from Greece) was blessed. The chalice was offered by Jeff & Anna Cooper and their children Elizabeth and Ingrid. The diskos and asteriskos were offered in thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of Louis & Anna Rafaj. The Cooper family and the Rafaj's will be remembered every time the Chalice and Diskos is used. May God bless them all with many happy years!

The new white and gold altar linens were offered by Veronika Kutka in memory of her mother +Maria Filova and in memory of +Nicholas and +Anna Kutka. The set was made in the Monastery of Basilian Nuns in Slovakia.

Bible Study: You are invited to join David Dominguez for our next Bible Study on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30pm for pot luck dinner and 7-8:30pm for study and discussion. We will be reading Esther, chapter B - 6.