

Saint Anne's Byzantine Gatholic Church

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February 28, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Great Fast, page 222. Tone 6, page 152. Schedule for the Coming Week

Wednesday	Mar	Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts.	<u>10 A.M.</u>
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Saturday	Mar	Vigil Divine Liturgy	4 P.M.
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Sunday	Mar	Divine Liturgy.	10 A.M.
	7	3 rd Sunday of Great Fast.	

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Last Week Attendance – **58**

Eternal light candle is burning this week:

In memory of +John Koza, by Stephen Byers

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Presanctified Liturgy

- A unique experience in the Byzantine Catholic church is to attend and participate in the gift of the Presanctified Liturgy. This is a worship experience unlike anything in the Western Catholic churches. The Presanctified Liturgy is a journey through our relationship with God and his commitment and faithfulness to us.
- As the very name suggests, the Eucharistic Gifts given in the communion at this service are pre-sanctified, consecrated beforehand. This is not considered a" complete Liturgy," but is only a service of a solemn Holy Communion. It is traditionally celebrated during the Great Fast on days when the regular liturgy would not be celebrated. Typically, it is celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays in the early evening.
- The liturgy opens with Vespers. Through the lamentation chanting of the psalms, one experiences the darkness that our sinful nature brings upon us and divides man and God. It concludes with an introduction to the "Joyful Light". Our salvation is experienced through the light of Christ.
- The liturgy moves to its second part, the Liturgy of the Catechumens. Where one experiences the renewal of our preparation for baptism in ancient prayers using incense and candles with beautiful intonements.
- The liturgy moves to the solemn procession of the presanctified gifts through the Great Entrance in silence and incensing. Full prostration before the holy presanctified gifts is often practiced by the faithful. Once Communion is distributed the final dismissal is then intoned. Many churches will also practice the closing prayers singing a beautiful traditional hymn called "Having Suffered" which involve full prostration and a solemn leaving of the church.
- The church invites all the faithful to attend at least one Presanctified Liturgy during their Lenten journey. Please see the bulletin announcement for dates and times. It changes and sets the tone of your Lenten days ahead of you.

Stephen Byers