

On Friday evening, at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts following the prayer at the Ambon, the Canon to the holy Great Martyr Theodore, composed by Saint John of Damascus, is sung. After this, Kolyva is blessed and distributed to the faithful. The celebration of the Great Martyr Theodore on the first Saturday of Great Lent was set by the Patriarch Nectarius of Constantinople (381-397). (We usually bless the Kolyva after the Liturgy.)

The Troparion to Saint Theodore is quite similar to the Troparion for the Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths (December 17, Sunday Before Nativity). The Kontakion to Saint Theodore, who suffered martyrdom by fire, reminds us that he also had faith as his breastplate (see I Thessalonians 5:8). Saint Theodore the Recruit is also commemorated on February 17.

Koliva is boiled wheat with (depending on the recipe) a combination of some or all of the following ingredients: icing sugar, almonds, ground walnuts, sesame seeds, cinnamon, pomegranate seeds, raisins, anise, parsley and more. We encourage the faithful to make the Kolyva for the blessing.

WHAT ARE ALITURGICAL DAYS? In the Eastern Church as well as in the Roman Church there are prescribed Aliturgical Days. Days on which the Divine Liturgy or Mass is not celebrated. In the Roman Tradition Good Friday is an Aliturgical Day. The Byzantine Churches have a number of days on which the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated which are more connected with fasting days in the Church.

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for February 20

24 Souls in Attendance

Tithes: \$503.00, Lion's club: \$600.00

We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for mailing your tithes to the parish office

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.

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Kolyva & Saint Theodore the Recruit Saturday March 5. Saints helping us fast.

SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

Tone 7

February 27, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM FATHER STEPHEN I want to thank you for your participation in the Safe Environment Training. This is very important direction and guidance from our Bishops to protect our children and vulnerable adults. It also gives you knowledge and the skill to recognize any threats that our children may face. I also want to thank you for the wonderful potluck meal and clean up that followed the presentation. I always enjoy coming to St. Nicholas for the Divine Liturgy we are very limited and need to fill our Church with more believers. Keep that welcoming spirit. God Bless you all.

THE GREAT FAST BEGINS TOMORROW, Monday, February 28. Strict Fast is required which means No Meat or Animal Products and No dairy products, milk, eggs, cheese. (Suggestion: Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat for breakfast & a good pot of Vegetable Soup will work for the day.)

Dispensations are granted to those with medical problems. Don't forget to join us at 7:00 pm the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Our Eparchy requires us to keep Wednesdays and Fridays at meatless days and to attend the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts or Liturgical Hours.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Carmin Rodriquez as we prepare to Baptized, Chrismate and Communicate to their Daughter Rosemary. God Grant them many happy and blessed years.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
Special Intentions: John Coffman, Sophia Gaydus, Victor & Patricia Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez

HOLY SERVICES FOR THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE
STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT
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OR [facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine](https://www.facebook.com/annunciation.byzantine)

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CONFESSIONS are heard behind the Altar one half hour before all Holy Services. 9:30 am for Sunday.

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Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Sirach 28: 1-7 & Isaiah 58: 1-11

27 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE, TONE 7, BAPTISM & CHRISMATION

Confessions behind the Altar.....9:00 am

The Third Hour9:40 am

Liturgy For our parish family and friends.....10:00 am

Baptism and Chrismation of Rosemary Rodrigues



COFFEE SOCIAL in the hall

FIRST WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST

28 Monday FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST Strict fast and Abstinence required. No Meat and Dairy Products. Abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays and other penances are traditionally observed throughout the Great Fast.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.....7:00 pm

1 Tuesday Venerable Woman Martyr Eudoxia

Liturgical Hours with Holy Communion.....9:30 am

2 Wednesday Bishop Martyr Theodotus (Meatless)

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts— Peggy Carrasco.....7:00 pm

Megan Mount

3 Thursday Parish Office Closed

No Service Scheduled

4 Friday Parish Office Closed (Meatless)

No Service Scheduled

5 Saturday Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great-Martyr

Theodore with the blessing of Boiled Wheat & Honey(Koliva) Recipes can be found on the internet. P. 379

Divine Liturgy — Special Intention.....9:30 am

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 5: 1-5 & Isaiah 42: 1-12

6 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY & MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS,

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Confession (in the chapel).....9:00 am

The Third Hour.....9:40 am

Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great (Bright Vestments)

For our Parish Family and Friends.....10:00 am



COFFEE SOCIAL in the hall

ON SATURDAY THE BYZANTINE CHURCH REMEMBERS the miracle of Saint Theodore the Recruit and Kolyva (boiled wheat & honey). On the first Saturday of Lent we celebrate Liturgy of St John Chrysostom with the blessing of the Kolyva.

Fifty years after the death of Saint Theodore, the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), wanting to commit an outrage upon the Christians during the first week of Great Lent, commanded the city-commander of Constantinople to sprinkle all the food provisions in the marketplaces with the blood offered to idols. Saint Theodore appeared in a dream to Archbishop Eudoxius, ordering him to inform all the Christians that no one should buy anything at the marketplaces, but rather to eat cooked wheat with honey (Kolyva).

In memory of this occurrence, the Byzantine Church annually celebrates the holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit on the first Saturday of Great Lent. Continue