

July 31, 2022 / T one 7  
8th Sunday After Pentecost

Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



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Our Gifts to the Lord  
**Attendance: Saturday: ; Sunday:**

May the Lord Bless your kindness and  
generosity to His House!

**ONLINE GIVING / ONLINE TITHING**  
is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information. You can do a one-time donation or setup weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at: [ps://www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**THEOSIS:** 2nd & 4th Thursday  
Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

**Advisory Board**

Fr. Chris Zuger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,  
Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

**Finance Council**

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

**Confession (Mystery of  
Reconciliation):**

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or  
after weekday Liturgies, or by appoint-  
ment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/  
Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in  
advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in  
advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

**Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22**

**YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Festal Matins, Confessions  
10:00 am / Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God Over Ukraine

**Aug 1 Mon** ***Procession of the Cross / Beginning of Dormition Fast***  
***1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11.13-21-27.30-35***



9:00 am Divine Liturgy/ Lesser Blessing of Water / Blessing of Honey/  
+AJ Romero by Priscilla Hughes

**Aug 2 Tue** ***Translation of the Relics of Stephen***  
***1 Cor 12:12-26; Mt 18:18-22 & 19:1-2.13-15***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/ God's Blessing on Isaiah Vijill by Gloetzners

**Aug 3 Wed** ***Isaac and Others Venerables / 1 Cor 13:4-14:5; Mt 20:1-16***



6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/ +Dorothy Curl by Debbie Sanchez

**Aug 4 Thu** ***Seven Youths of Ephesus Martyrs / 1 Cor 14:6-19; Mt 20:17-28***

**Aug 5 Fri** ***Eusignius Martyr / 1 Cor 14:27-40; M 21:12-14 & 17:20***



9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration / Blessing of Fruit / Myrovanije  
+Phyllis Snider by Debbie Sanchez / YOUTUBE LIVE

**Aug 6 Sat** ***Transfiguration of Our Lord / Solemn Holy Day / 2 Pet 1:10-2-19; Mt 17:1-9***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (masks required ) +Fr. Brian Escobedo by Svenssons

**Aug 7 Sun** ***9th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34***

4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Mary Sanchez by Debbie Sanchez  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:  
Numbers 16:25-33; Sirach 18:19-23; 22:3-6.11-12; Jeremiah 3:12-17

**YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends

**YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING:** OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube.  
The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olpmedia>. Please click the "Subscribe" button to make it easier for you to find the channel in the future. Please, send your feedback about the quality of the live stream / comments / suggestions to Dan Riley: [riley.dan@gmail.com](mailto:riley.dan@gmail.com)

### **Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:**

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify your might divine

Sharif Rabadi	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Soriah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Svensson	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Lori Medina	Jordan Smith
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Janet Worthington
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Patti Klinkovsky
Lara Davis	Todd Bailey	Matt Williamson
Carol Donlin	Jessica Pieniadz	James Epstein
Fr Chris Zuger	Rhonda Glasscock	Katy Ford
Marcie Dark	Amber Roybal	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Andrews	Eli Griegos	Juanita Montoya

### **Intentions of the Rosary:**

- 1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

### **Holy Father's Intentions for August Small Businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses, in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



Vocation Icon

Today:

Davidson-Talley Family  
Next Sunday: Carol Donlin

“Bring them to me.” Jesus miraculously fed the thousands by blessing the loaves and the fish. To do this, he asked his followers to gather and bring the food to him. He still uses us as his servants, particularly those men and women who are monastics, as well as through men called to holy orders. Is this something God is calling you to? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



**August 7, 2022**

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Michael Wells

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Maddy Riley & Zachary  
Fedorowich

Counters: Mary Roseman &  
Michael Wells

**Propers for 8/7/2022**

9th Sunday after Pentecost & Post-  
festive Day of Transfiguration  
Tone 8

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn: 346 & 350

Troparion (Tone 8) - 161

Troparion (Feast)- 347  
*v. Glory...*

Kontakion (Feast)- 348  
*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162-3

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 349  
Our Father- 73

Communion - 78 & 350 [A]

**OLPH Prayer Warriors**

Sunday (Zoom). Send your  
prayer requests to

Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

THE PRAYER WARRIORS IS  
OPEN TO EVERYONE--WOMEN,  
MEN, & CHILDREN (children who  
have their parents' permission)!  
Please join us!!

**Barbara's Hall Report**

Thanks to Evie Jilek for bringing  
sandwiches! Yum! And thank you  
whoever cleans the coffee pot out  
every Sunday. It is much  
appreciated.

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Tue Aug 9	<b>6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting</b>
Mon Aug 15	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation</b> 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Flowers
Fri Aug 19 - Sat Aug 20	<b>Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at the Norbertine Community Retreat Center</b>
Mon Aug 29	<b>Beheading of John the Baptist Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Thu Sept 1	<b>Beginning of the Church Year</b>
Wed Sept 7	<b>Birth of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Wed Sept 14	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Rite of the Exaltation of the Cross Divine Liturgy
Fri Sept 30	<b>Protection of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Mon Oct 31	<b>Bl Theodore Romzha</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Nov 7th	<b>Archangel Michael &amp; All Angels Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00pm Vigil Liturgy

We are so excited to be able to offer our **Women's Spiritual Enrichment weekend** at the Norbertine Abbey once again. We will meet on **Sat, August 20**, with an overnight option on Friday, August 19. This year's theme is centered on intercession, service, joy, and reconciliation and the presenters will be from within our community. The cost of registration includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please see the brochures on the back counter for more information. **You are encouraged to register before July 28th.** Please see Cindy Loescher, Lara Davis, Mary Blain, or Evie Jilek for more information.

**August 1** is a day of multiple events in the Byzantine rite calendar. It marks the start of the Dormition Fast; the Procession of the Holy Cross; the Seven Macabee Martyrs (Old Testament saints) with their mother and teacher; and the Little Blessing of Water.

### **DORMITION FAST**

On Aug. 1 we begin a two-week fast in honor of the Holy Theotokos, in preparation for the celebration of her holy Dormition (falling asleep). Our fast ends on August 14th, the Vigil of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. Traditionally this was a strict fast, but observance in America is voluntary.

According to tradition, our heavenly Mother in preparation for her death prayed and fasted. In imitation of her and for proper spiritual preparation for the glorious feast of the Assumption, the Church prescribes for her faithful a fasting period of two weeks. It begins on the 1st of August, that is, on the feast of the martyred Maccabees. However, the fast is not kept on the feast of the Transfiguration.

Why do we have fasting seasons? The Scriptural foundation for the practice of Fasting is found in the Synoptic Gospels, when the Pharisees criticized the Apostles for not fasting, Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." Our Lord, in this passage, was referring to his being taken to be crucified; but in the larger sense these words of the Lord are understood in terms of his Ascension into heaven, and his command to preach the Gospel, which can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting. The New Testament mentions the practice of fasting many times.

According to Eastern Christian teaching, by fasting we observe this time-honored Apostolic practice. We can also unite our lives more closely to the Mother of God through the Dormition Fast. By fasting, we can join in and show our appreciation for the sacrifices of the Theotokos. Our Lady sacrificed much to give birth to Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity - Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to raise Him, and to be with Him during His ministry, His crucifixion, and His resurrection.

**Procession of the Holy Cross** – In medieval cities, summer was the season of plague and other ailments. This is why the Dormition Blessing of Flowers includes herbs used in medicine. It became the custom to carry the True Cross through the streets of Constantinople on August 1, at the height of the plague season, to ask for protection from illness. A Cross can be set up in your home icon corner or altar, with flowers around it.

**Maccabee Martyrs** – The history of the Maccabean revolt against forced imposition of pagan practice is found in the Bible in 1 and 2 Maccabees. This story is found in 2 Maccabees 6:18–7:42. This chapter strongly influenced Christian writing about the sufferings of martyrs. In particular, the discourse of the mother to her last, and youngest, son is deeply moving.

The Maccabee books recount the struggle that took place when Antiochus IV began his rabid persecution of the Jews, trying to force them into the Hellenic world and paganism. The first uses of the words "Judaism" and "Hellenism" appear in the Bible in these books. The last high priests were incredibly corrupt and gave Antiochus the impression that the office was simply a job that could be traded around for bribes. The last one actually stole sacred vessels from the Temple, resulting in riots. Antiochus brutally suppressed the riots, installed altars of Greek gods and a statue of Zeus on the altar in the Temple itself, banned Jewish worship and rituals, and ordered pagan worship. Jewish sacrifice was forbidden, sabbaths and feasts were banned, eating pork mandated, and those who persisted in the faith fiercely persecuted.

Then in 166 BC Antiochus came up against an especially stubborn family. The mother, whose name is usually rendered Salome, was brought forward with her seven children, because they refused to eat pork. The boys' names are generally given as Habim, Antonin, Guriah, Eleazar, Eusebon, Hadim (Halim) and Marcellus - which is a Greek name! The family interacted with the larger society, but held firm to its Jewish beliefs.

The account says of her: “[she] was the most remarkable of all, and deserves to be remembered with special honor. She watched her seven sons die in the space of a single day, yet she bore it bravely because she put her trust in the Lord.” In addition, the scribe Eleazar, over 90 years old, was killed for the crime of teaching the Jewish faith, in particular to this stubborn family, and refusing to sacrifice to the idols. The mother died last, either executed or throwing herself off of a high building to save herself from the Greeks. The Church preserves this feast because of what it teaches about constancy in faith, no matter what the cost, and the Maccabean Martyrs have been invoked over the centuries as inspiring figures.

**Small or Lesser Blessing of Water** – It was the practice in the Byzantine rite to bless holy water on the first day of the month, February – December. Only the August blessing has survived, probably because of the summer heat, the demand for new holy water when epidemics broke out, and the carrying of the True Cross on this day in Constantinople (a cross is inserted three times into the water being blessed). Holy water can be sanctified at other times, using the ritual of this day.

August is the premier **pilgrimage season** in the Eastern Christian world. It is marked by three major feasts: the Transfiguration of Christ, the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, and the beheading of St. John the Baptist.

## **The Transfiguration** by Fr. Chris

**August 6** marks the holy day of the Transfiguration, a day which, as Dorothy Lee writes so eloquently in her book *Transfiguration* (London: Continuum, 2004, p. 2): the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Jesus takes his three closest friends – Peter, James and John, who He will also take into the Garden of Gethsemane - to the top of Mount Tabor. There on this high place, He is finally revealed in all His glory. He is accompanied by Moses, the giver of the Law, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, who come to confirm His divinity as the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah. In the icon, only Peter is able to look up and he is the only one to speak, where he utters his famous line, asking Jesus for permission to build tents for Him and the two prophets, so that the three apostles could remain there forever. He says this in his role as leader of the apostolic college, and God gives him the grace to look and to speak so he can fulfill his role.

Jesus tells them on the way down the mountain that He revealed Himself so as to strengthen them for what will soon come: His Passion. Unfortunately, they will forget this marvelous event and run away. But the Church's meditations on the Transfiguration continue to bear fruit today (the pun re: fruit blessings was definitely intended).

In the month of August in the northern hemisphere, fruits are ready for harvest and so these are brought to church on August 6 to be blessed for the Transfiguration. In particular, grapes are brought to church, symbolizing the wine for the Precious Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and apples signify our redemption from the curse of original sin, introduced when Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of Life. All fruits are welcome however.

Please bring the fruit in a basket or container to be put on the blessing table.



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