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CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM / HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Sunday after Christmas

Today we celebrate three important saints who are connected with Jesus: David the King, Joseph His foster-father, and James the Just.

Saint Joseph belonged to the house of David, and through Joseph, Jesus obtained His legal status as a son of David. God had promised David that the Messiah would come from his descendants. David is the author of many of the psalms, especially Psalm 50/51, the poignant Miserere. It is in David's hometown of Bethlehem that the Messiah was to be born, and so Joseph and Mary went there. David's life foreshadows that of Jesus: both are born in Bethlehem; he used five stones to kill Goliath and so save Israel, reflecting the five wounds which save us from death to sin and the five Books of the Law; he was a young shepherd, Jesus is the Good Shepherd; both are betrayed by a trusted helper; and of course the psalms are filled with imagery that are seen by Christians as referring to Christ.

Joseph is a just man, a man devoted to obeying God's commandments as we see in Matthew's Gospel, where he immediately gets up after each dream with an angel's message and acts upon it. Joseph is willing to give up

everything – the possibility of having his own children, abandoning his business to go to Egypt, and abandoning life in Egypt to return to the Holy Land – so as to do what God wishes him to do. Joseph is the male figure in Jesus' life, and we see in the Gospels just how well Jesus grew up as a Man as a result of Joseph's influence! Joseph died before Jesus' public ministry began, leading to the devotion to him as a patron of a holy death since he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

James the Just is the "brother of the Lord" (Galatians 1:19) and the first bishop in the New Testament Church, as the bishop of Jerusalem. In Catholic and Orthodox theology, James is a relative of Jesus, but not a brother in our sense of the word. Aramaic used the words brother and sister for people whom we consider to be cousins. The great Scripture scholar Saint Jerome wrote that this James is the son of Mary and Clopas/ Cleophas; his mother was one of the holy women who came to Jesus' grave. James was a major leader of the early Church, and the Christians turned to him for help in deciding what Gentile Christians had to observe of Jewish law (Acts 15). It was written of him that his knees were swollen from the hours he spent on them in prayer. He was stoned to death by order of the notoriously corrupt high priest Ananias, circa 62-64 AD.

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

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

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**Confession (Mystery of
Reconciliation):**

9:00—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 re-
ceive the Anointing of the Sick before any
major surgery. Please don't let the priest
be last to know that someone is ill!

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 trav-
eling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set
up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or deb-
it 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 com-
puter / smartphone at [ps://www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

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!

Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Xenia Mary Rose Macik / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
2:00—5:00 pm Farewell Party for Bishop-Elect Artur
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Dec 30 Mon** ***Anysia Martyr / 2 Tim 2:20-26; Lk 19:37-44***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Holy Souls by Svenssons
- Dec 31Tue** ***Melany Venerable / 2 Tim 3:16-4:4; Lk 19:45-48***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Health and Salvation of Sven and Barbara Svensson
- Jan 1 Wed** ***Circumcision of Our Lord / Basil the Great Archbishop / Solemn Holy Day Col 2:8-12; Heb 7:26-8:2; Lk 2:2-21 & 40-52; Lk 6:17-23***
6:00 pm Festive Liturgy of St. Basil the Great / +Celia De La Cruz by the Riley Family
- Jan 2 Thu** ***Sylvester Pope / Titus 1:5-2:1; Lk 20:9-18***
- Jan 3 Fri** ***Malachi Prophet / Royal Hours***
9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Great Compline for the Feast of Theophany / Blessing of Litija
- Jan 4 Sat** ***Saturday before Theophany / Synaxis of the 70 Apostles 1 Tim 3:14-4:5; Mt 3:1-11***
- Jan 5 Sun** ***Sunday Before Theophany / 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8***
4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Deuteronomy 31:7-13; Psalm 42:1-5; Psalms 42-43
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Monica Balido by Talamante Family
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
- YouTube LIVE** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy /Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
- ECF Classes** Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olpimedia>. 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

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	Irene Bradley	Jordan Smith
Jenny Ford	Soriah Chavez	Janet Worthington
Marilyn Fore	Abraham Haddad	Patti Klinkovsky
Sven & Barbara	Marianne Gerace	Matt Williamson
Svensson	Michael Baron	James Epstein
Laurie Bienz	Jessica Pieniadz	Katy Ford
Brent Dodson-	Rhonda Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
Sands	Amber Roybal	Paola Terlaza
Lara Davis	Philip Leahy	Vicki Frank
Carol Donlin	Juanita Montoya	Emily
Marcie Dark	Linda Granci	Wojciechowski
Fr Chris Zegger		Fr Joel Barstad
Fr Robert Rankin		Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Buster Miscusi		Fr James Bankston
Richard Jacobs		Killian Parker
Lourdes Lasin		

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 / December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

“Out of Egypt I have called my son.” The righteous Joseph the betrothed was faithful to his calling, protecting Jesus and the Theotokos by journeying to Egypt and returning to Nazareth. Our Lord calls each one of us out of the spiritual Egypt of our lives so that we may live in the promised land meant for our lives. Is he calling you to a life of holy orders or monasticism? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today:
Sullivan Family
Next Sunday:
Montano Family



Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

January 5, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley
 Reader: Kellen Tyler Gall
 Altar Server: Michael Grega
 Troijca: Zoe Serna
 Counters: Michael Wells &
 Michael Fedorowich

**Propers for 1/5/25
 Sunday Before Theophany
 Tone 8**

Troparion (Tone 8) - DL 161
 Troparion (Vigil) - DL 310
v. Glory...
 Kontakion (Vigil) - DL 311
v. Now & Ever...
 Theotokion - DL 406
 Prokeimenon & Alleluia - DL 311
 Our Father- DL 73
 Communion Hymn - DL 305

The OLPH Prayer Warriors

make intercessory prayer a daily commitment. We pray voluntarily and without bias; that is, we take to the Blessed Trinity the requests that come our way.

The Prayer Warriors meet on Zoom every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for the meetings. **If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors**, would like additional information, and/or would like for us to pray for your intentions, please contact Lara Davis at crowhopdavis@yahoo.com

Mon Jan 6	Theophany / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil / Great Blessing of Water / Myrovanije
Mon Jan 27	Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim, CA 7:00 pm Vespers with Profession of Faith bishop-elect Artur Bubnevych
Tue Jan 28	Annunciation Church in Anaheim, CA 1:00 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with episcopal ordination and enthronement of Fr Artur Bubnevych
Sat Feb 22	1st All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Mon Mar 3	Beginning of Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 15	2nd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Sat Mar 22	3rd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida

Thinking of caring for those at their hour of death?

Join Inhora's next Caregiver Training class on 1/11 from 12:30-5pm with a potluck to follow. Tell Miles at 505-255-0325 or miles@inhora.org.

Can't serve, but want to donate? www.givebutter.com/giveinhora.

Alicia's Hall Report

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Last Sunday we had a simple and lovely macaroni, soup, salad, and bread social and a fruitful Parish meeting, thanks be to God & thanks to all who contributed! Holy Supper was a superb celebration and wow- who knew a meatless and dairy free meal could be so delicious and the fellowship and caroling such a blessing! God grant you all a Nativity season full of peace, health, and happiness!

Father Artur, we love you! You'll be in our prayers!

Year End Finances For those parishioners who use their tithe as a part of their income tax charitable deductions for 2024, all contributions must be received at the church by Dec 31.

ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY TITHING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2024 WITH YOUR NAME ON IT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON THE FRONT PEW AT THE ENTRANCE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR NAME PLEASE SEE ANN.

Byzantine Wall Calendars for 2025 are now available on the greeting table by the Holy Water font.

“Save the Date!

The 2025 Alive in Christ Camp will be held July 10-13 at Palomar Christian Conference Center in San Diego County, California.

This ascetical boot camp is for boys aged 7-17 and for dads/guardians, with an emphasis on vocational discernment and growth in the life in Christ.

More details to come."

‘Lord Teach Me To Pray’ is a three part Teaching series on prayer and discernment that has been adapted from St. Ignatius of Loyola’s Spiritual Exercises. Lord Teach Me To Pray has been approved by the USCCB for teaching in small, lay groups. The first of the three series, a once a week teaching for twelve weeks, will start here at OLPH on Tuesday January 7th 6:00 pm and ending by 7:30 pm. There are two facilitators that guide the group through the process, but the Holy Spirit is actual prayer teacher. This class will be for women. Please sign up at the greeting table. Questions may be directed to Cathy Sullivan. A \$20.00 fee will cover materials.

Employment Opportunity:

Director, Mary Undoer of Knots Byzantine Catholic Shrine, Mt. Lemmon AZ

Do you want to be at the service of Mary the Theotokos? We are looking for a mature Catholic with passion for evangelization and a desire to share God’s love as the Director or Mary Undoer of Knots Byzantine Catholic Shrine located atop the forested mountains of the Coronado National Forest overlooking Tucson, Arizona.

The Director of the Byzantine Catholic Shrine is responsible for the overall management, strategic direction, and operational success of the Shrine. This includes collaborating with the Shrine’s Board, the Eparchy of Phoenix, staff, volunteers, and the broader community to uphold the Shrine’s mission, promote its spiritual and cultural significance, and ensure its long-term sustainability. If this sounds like you, then answer the call and apply today!

Full details can be found on the website of the Eparchy of Phoenix. In your browser, simply type: *Eparchy of Phoenix*. Then choose to view the website and you’ll see the announcement under Eparchial Announcements. Choose the ‘Apply Today’ blue link which will take you to the job description.

MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT ONLINE TRAINING FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Reminder: PLEASE, CHECK your Safe Environment Compliance Certificate Expiration date.

Please note that Online Virtus training for many will be expiring within August-Sept-October.

The Eparchy's revised Safe Environment Policy no longer allows for lapses in compliance - either in Virtus training or in background screenings - for ALL OLPH VOLUNTEERS AND EXPLORER YOUTH GROUP LEADERS. Anyone falling out of compliance at any point must immediately cease from their designated area of service at OLPH until such time as they are in compliance once again. No one - not members of the clergy, volunteers, educators, employees etc. - may serve for even one day when out of SEP compliance. Thank you for your vigilance in this matter.

January 1st / Naming of the Lord/ Circumcision

For Jews, the **eighth day is the day when a child receives her/his name**, and the boy is circumcised as a sign of the Covenant which God made with Abraham all those centuries ago. For Christians, **this feast is a sign that Jesus is both fully human and divine**. The mother and foster-father submit him to the Biblical law, even though He is, in fact, the Son of the Most High, and therefore not in need of circumcision.

The Name of Jesus: **“Jesus” means “YHWH saves/ delivers.”** In Matthew 1:21 the angel says that He will save people from their sins, and so this child Jesus takes on the **salvific nature of YHWH Himself**. The Name has been invoked since the beginning of Christianity, as Jesus Himself says in Mark 16:17-18, that **“In my Name”** sick people will be cured when His Name is invoked with the laying on of hands, and serpents and poison will not harm them. The **Apostles used Jesus’ Name** to cure the crippled and raise the dead (Acts 3:6, 9:36, 40). Invoking the Name of Jesus protects us from the wickedness of the devil. Saint Paul wrote : "That in the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). It is a pious custom to bow one’s head when saying the Name of Jesus aloud, as a sign of respect. In this age when **it is common for people to use Jesus’ Name as a curse, it is all the more important for us to give good example whenever we hear Jesus’ Name.**

January 1st / St. Basil the Great

St. Basil the Great is honored today as well. He was **born into a family of saints and heroes of the Christian faith** and his maternal grandfather was executed for his Christian beliefs. Macrina the Younger, who took Basil’s rule and adapted it for women, is a canonized saint, as are father Basil the Elder, his grandmother Macrina the Elder and his brothers Peter, bishop of Sebaste, Gregory of Nyssa, and Naucratus the Hermit. All of these people were well-educated and writers. Gregory and Basil are both Fathers of the Church.

St. Basil was an eloquent preacher and writer. **St. Ephrem the Syrian said that he saw the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove whispering into Basil’s ear** while he was preaching, a proof of the orthodoxy of what he wrote and said. He was a redactor of the Byzantine Liturgy, and the **Anaphora which we use today** echoes many of his writings. A vigorous opponent of the Arian heresy and a defender of the divinity of the Holy Spirit, Basil wrote from his monastery and as a bishop. In addition to his service as bishop of Caesarea, he was also **actively involved in feeding the poor and protecting the elderly**. He died on January 1 in 379, probably worn out from his many penances.

I Have Called You by Name by Laurie Bienz 12-3-2023

I heard my name being called. I answered, “Yes Lord.”

Into my darkness: He brings His light.

Into my valley of death: He brings life everlasting.

Into my pain and hurt: He brings forgiveness and healing.

Into my chaos: He brings order.

Into my noise: He brings silence.

Into my isolation: He brings friendship.

Into my loneliness and despair: He brings Hope

Into my broken heart: He brings compassion and great love.

Into my restless soul: He brings peace.

He sees a homeless child and taking my outstretched hand, He gently leads me home saying,

“You are mine!”

“Yes. I am fully yours, I answer. Thank you, Jesus.



**Christmas Divine Liturgy
Gospel Reading**



Christmas Star Carolers

