

February 9, 2025 / Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee / T one 5

Glory to Jesus Christ! / Glory to Him Forever!

¡Gloria a Cristo! / ¡Gloria a Él para siempre!



**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
Most Reverend Artur Bubnevych**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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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)

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).

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!

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!

2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Matins & Confessions

ECF Classes 10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

Feb 10 Mon ***Charalampus Martyr / 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13***

Feb 11 Tue ***Blasé Bishop-Martyr / 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23***

6:00—7:30 pm Lord Teach Me to Pray Women's group meeting

Feb 12 Wed ***Meletius Archbishop / 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31***

4:00-6:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Feb 13 Thu ***Martinian Venerable / 1 John 1:8-2:6; Mk 13:31-14:2***

6:00 pm FNE Meeting

Feb 14 Fri ***Death of Cyril Apostle to the Slavs / Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas

Feb 15 Sat ***Onesimus Apostle / 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:46-21:4***

9:00 am—12 noon church cleaning

2:00 pm Neighborhood Association Meeting

Feb 16 Sun ***Sunday of the Prodigal Son / 1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32***

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: 2 Samuel 1:17-27; Job 14:1-12; Daniel 9:1-11

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia>. 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	Harry & Barbara	Jordan Smith
Jenny Ford	De Lap	Janet Worthington
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Patti Klinkovsky
Sven & Barbara	Sorlah Chavez	Matt Williamson
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	James Epstein
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Katy Ford
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Madalyn Davis
Sands	Jessica Pieniadz	Rebecca Russo
Lara Davis	Rhonda Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
Carol Donlin	Amber Roybal	Paola Terlaza
Marcie Dark	Philip Leahy	Vicki Frank
Fr Chris Zugger	Juanita Montoya	Emily
Fr Chris Andrews	Linda Granci	Wojciechowski
Fr Robert Rankin	Christopher	Fr Joel Barstad
Fr. Steve Washko	Barlow	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Buster Miscusi	Joel Ford	Fr James Bankston
Richard Jacobs	Andrew Martinez	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 / February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” The Publican prayed simply for mercy, and our Byzantine prayer services begin with these simple words. Do you want to receive and share this mercy by giving your life to prayer as a religious, monastic, priest or deacon?

Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Montano Family
Next Sunday: Sullivan Family

February 16, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Kendrick Sena

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Liliana Sena

Counters: Jana Brewer & Laura Serna

**Propers for 2/1625
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Tone 6**

Troparion (Tone 6) – 152

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Prodigal Son) – 216

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion – 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 153

Our Father- 71

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

ALICIA'S HALL REPORT

Thanks Carol & Rita for the last of the bountiful Fr. Thomas' Ordination spaghetti, and the fresh bread and salad!

I'm glad you all enjoyed the mine-strope too. Thanks so much to the Riley family for your steadfast cleanup job! Please make sure to dump leftover food in the compost bowl, rinse your plate/bowl/utensil, and place in the dishwasher & make sure your kids know to do the same! Many hands make light work. Please sign up to host, set up and clean up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#. Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Thu Feb 20	10:30 am—Noon OASIS Class
Sat Feb 22	1st All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Sat Feb 22	Altar service practice after All Souls Liturgy Trojca holder practice
Sat Mar 1	Cleaning Day
Mon Mar 3	Beginning of Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 15	2nd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Sat Mar 22	3rd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Tue Mar 25	Annunciation of the Theotokos 6:00 pm Vesper Liturgy
Wed Mar 26	MID LENT 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 29	4th All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida

The advisory board recommends that we hold a Cleaning Day on March 1st. Lunch will be provided.

Please bring buckets and rags, we will provide cleaning supplies. Lunch will be provided, ages 13 and up are welcome. We need workers to clean up the west wall, light fixtures, ceiling blades, windows, get scuff marks off the wooden floor, and more.

Thank you in advance!

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS will take place in February, March, and June. Please submit **FIRST NAMES** of your deceased on the envelope; if there is no change from 2024 write “same as last year” as we keep the list updated. If you are **writing a check as an offering for All Souls, please make the check out to the parish**, as the priests who offer these Liturgies will be different while we await a new pastor to be assigned. **We will then provide the stipends to the celebrating priests.** Thank you for your cooperation!

If you are a **registered parishioner** and not receiving the bulletin electronically, please inform Ann or Father Chris in the office.

Father Tyler Strand will be offering the Divine Liturgies on the weekends and on Wednesday evenings. The Wednesday Liturgies will be offered at 6 pm on February 12 and 19 but there will not be one offered on the 26th.

Thank you to all those who are keeping up the office work, Sunday catechism, maintenance, cleaning, supplies, and watering of the properties. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Bishop Artur has appointed Miles Gloetzner, Michael Grega, and Michael Wells to assist Father Tyler with the ablutions at the end of the Liturgy. The ablutions consist of consuming whatever remains of the Holy Eucharist, rinsing the chalice and consuming that water as well, and wiping down all of the sacred vessels so that no tiny particle or crumb of Communion is left behind. This is done using cloth purificators, which are then washed in a special way, separate from any other linens, and that water is then disposed of carefully. This is an important ministry. Notice that these men will be vested when they are performing this rite, and we ask that you do not disturb them until they leave the sanctuary.

2025 Pysanky Workshops

OLPH will again host workshops for anyone interested in creating pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs). The workshops are open to all skill levels (children do need a supervising adult) and will be held January-March at the following dates from **12-3pm** in the parish hall: **February 17 & 22, March 17 & 22. All OLPH Parishioners receive a 50% discount of workshop participation fee.** Workshop space is limited, so please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/olph-pysanky> or by contacting Andrea Riley at 505-220-9137 or andrea.riley@gmail.com

Apologetics Club: February 20, 6:00 pm

We will be hosting an Apologetics Club for ages 18 and up, meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6 pm in our hall. Alex Jurado will be the moderator and main presenter. He is well-known for his online presence at the Voice of Reason channel on YouTube, and has been an active member of our parish for two years. We ask that you sign up if you are interested, or speak to Alex. There will be presentations on how to explain and defend different doctrines of the Catholic Faith, aspects of Church history, resources to use, etc.

ICONS: Doorways to Heaven, by Fr. Chris, February 20, 10:30-Noon *OASIS adult education* presents this class on icons, using both our church's images and some from Father's collection. Class covers how colors, poses, faces all tell us about the saints and their response to God's grace. Register with OASIS for Class 186; go to www.albuquerque.oasisnet.org or call (505) 8844529. Cost is \$15, ages 50 and up.

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.

Publican and Pharisee Sunday
Meditation by Fr. Chris :

Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of Zacchaeus. Today we hear about a different tax collector. This day is officially the first Pre-Lenten Sunday. Over the next weeks, we will be presented with different examples to follow during Great Lent. I think that this might be why some people say "Our Lent is so long!" We have six weeks of getting ready for it. **But this week is a great way to start: no fasting or abstinence! This is so that we are not proud like the Pharisee.** So, if you normally abstain on Wednesday and Friday, it is **basically obligatory to eat meat on those days. Now is that a great way to start or what?**

While eating the meat, we do well to ask ourselves all week, just how much do I recognize my sinfulness, weakness, and dependency on God? The publican was a tax collector for the Romans, hated by his own people and derided as a thief since they routinely charged more than what was owed and pocketed the difference. But because of his recognition of his sinfulness, God not only is pleased with him, but **exalts** him. **This then is a week to get started in breaking free of the chains of minimizing my sins and exaggerating my goodness that I have wrapped around my heart and soul. It is also the chance to give thanks to God for His great goodness: He is always ready to accept us back into His loving embrace, as we will see next week!**

Quotes:

An old man much given to simplicity questioned Abba Ammonas: "Three thoughts occupy me, either, should I wander in the deserts, or should I go to a foreign land where no one knows me, or should I shut myself up in a cell without opening the door to anyone, eating only every second day?" Abba Ammonas replied, "It is not right for you to do any of these three things. Rather, sit in your cell and eat a little every day, **keeping the word of the publican [O God, be merciful to me, a sinner] always in your heart, and you may be saved.**"

Amma Syncletiki said: "**Imitate the Publican and you will not be condemned with the Pharisee.** Choose the meekness of Moses and you will find your heart which is a rock changed into a spring of water."

*If repentance is too much for you, and you sin out of habit even when you do not want to, **show humility like the publican; this is enough to ensure your salvation.***

- Saint Peter of Damascus

The main obstacle to all virtue is pride. For this reason, the Church presents us with the example of the proud Pharisee and the humble Publican. The publican won newness of soul in spite of his knowledge of his own misery and he sincerely sought the grace of God. **Because of his humility, he obtained the forgiveness of his sins and the grace of God.** The Church wants to teach us the value of humility as the foundation of Christian life. - Father Basil Shereghy, *Liturgical Year of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite*

Father Lev Gillet wrote about this day: ***Do we have the right to condemn the Pharisee and to consider ourselves more righteous than him if, first of all, we break the commandments that the Pharisee observes? Have we the right to place ourselves – in contrast to the Pharisee – on the same level as the justified publican? We cannot do that unless our attitude is exactly the same as that of the publican ... If we ostentatiously condemn the Pharisee without becoming like the publican, we fall into Phariseeism itself.***

