

December 22, 2024
Sunday Before Christmas—Of the Ancestors / T one 6
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Apostolic Administrator**

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

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

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

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Sunday December 15, 2024

Attendance: Saturday 28; Sunday 130

Our Gifts to the Lord:

Adult tithing	\$3,871.63
On-line giving	1,040.00
Calendars	11.00
Candles	25.45
Religious Retirement	30.00
Building Fund	50.00
Nativity	50.00
Book Store (12/9—12/15)	74.00
TOTAL:	\$5,152.08

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).

Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:00—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by appointment 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!

Hebrews 11:9-10 & 17-23 & 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
12:30 pm All-parish meeting in the Hall
5—8 pm Ask A Priest Pre-Christmas gathering at Brewers
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

Dec 23 Mon ***Ten Holy Martyrs of Cete / James 2:14-26; Mk 10:46-52***



9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Natalia Veresh

Dec 24 Tue ***Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast / Eugenia Martyr / Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20***



10:00 am Royal Hours
4:30 pm Holy Supper
7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil / For OLPH Parish Family

Dec 25 Wed ***Christmas Birth of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation / Gal 4:4-7***

9:00 am Matins
10:00 am Festive Liturgy / For OLPH Parish Family, benefactors and Friends

Dec 26 Thu ***Synaxis of the Theotokos / Solemn Feast / Heb 2:11-18; M5 2:13-23***

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Mykhaylo & Nadija Mulesa

Dec 27 Fri ***Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day / Stephen Protomartyr Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Igor & Nora Shanta

Dec 28 Sat ***Saturday After Christmas / 1 Tim 6:11-16; M5 12:15-21***

Dec 29 Sun ***Sunday After Christmas—David, Joseph and James / Gal 1:11-19; Mt 2:13-23***

4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Ruth Sousa by Lara Davis

YouTube LIVE 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions

ECF Classes 10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
2—5:00 pm Farewell Party for Bishop-Elect Artur

Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

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-Sands	Michael Baron	Madalyn Davis
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Rebecca Russo
Carol Donlin	Rhonda Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
Marcie Dark	Amber Roybal	Paola Terlaza
Fr Chris Zugger	Philip Leahy	Vicki Frank
Fr Chris Andrews	Juanita Montoya	Emily
Fr Robert Rankin	Linda Granci	Wojciechowski
Fr. Steve Washko	Christopher Barlow	Fr Joel Barstad
Buster Miscusi	Joel Ford	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Richard Jacobs	Andrew Martinez	Fr James Bankston
Lourdes Lasin		Killian Parker

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.

“They shall call his name Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” The presence of God is seen through the salvation foretold in the Old Covenant, and is revealed through the Birth of Our Lord Jesus, Emmanuel. Our own lives can manifest the presence of God when we live according to our vocations. Are you being called to show God’s presence as a priest, deacon, subdeacon monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

December Birthdays

James Descamps, 2/12
Cyrus Dodson-Sands, 2/12
Lara Davis, 2/12
Henry Wofford, 4/12
Tom Sullivan, Sr., 5/12
Agnes Griffith, 5/12
Dan Riley, 6/12
Theodore Martinez, 6/12
Bryan Doherty, 6/12
Pedro Sullivan, 7/12
Fatima Martinez, 14/12
Michael Diaz, 12/18
Katara Dodson-Sands, 12/20
Savannah Gloetzner, 12/26
Ronald Gloetzner, 12/26
Marissa Talamante, 12/27
Mary Blain, 12/31

**Grant O Lord to your
faithful servants Many
Happy & Blessed Years**



Vocation Icon

Today:
Hebert Family
Next Sunday:
Sullivan Family

December 29, 2024

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojica: Ellie Montano

Counters: Maria Alden & Ann Rajala

Propers for 12/29/24

Sunday after Christmas / Tone 7

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn, DL 289 & 295

Troparion (Tone 7) - DL 156

Troparion (Christmas) - DL 290

Troparion (Saints) - DL 303

v. Glory... Now & Ever

Kontakion (Saints) - DL 303

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - DL 158 & 304

Our Father- DL 73

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - DL 293

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

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Wed Jan 1	Circumcision of Our Lord / St Basil the Great / Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Jan 3	Vigil of Theophany (day of strict Fast) 6:00 pm Great Compline / Blessing of Litija
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

Alicia's Hall Report

Thanks to Emily Kosty for hosting the social last Sunday! I heard the macaroni was delicious! Many thanks to those who contributed food, set up, served, and cleaned up also. Let me know if you have any ideas or themes for our socials in the new year. May God bless you all with a most joyful and blessed Feast of the Nativity! Let us all keep Sven, long time epistle reader, and Barbara, our prior kitchen organizer in our daily prayers- Sven has been in the ICU at Rust Hospital but had surgery and the doctors were very pleased. We love and miss you, Svenssons! May God comfort you both!

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 2024 are now available on the greeting table by the Holy Water font.

As we prepare for Fr. Artur's departure to lead the eparchy, we need to come together as a parish to ensure that OLPH is cleaned, cared for and running smoothly. This work is extremely important to the operation of the parish that we all love. To organize this effort we are calling an all-parish meeting after liturgy on **Sunday December 22** at approximately 12:30 in the parish hall. This is a very important meeting to the continued operation of the parish and we encourage everyone to stay a little after liturgy to attend. For anyone who cannot be present in person, there will be a Zoom teleconference available with meeting ID 821 483 1987 or via the following link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8214831987?omn=81498121422>) or by calling in at (669) 444-9171.

“Save the Date!

With Kyr Artur's blessing, 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS ICON

All icons are filled with rich symbolism from the colors to the position of the people, to the backgrounds. The Nativity icons are no exception. Our Lady rests on the large traveling blanket in which she rode, slung along the side of the donkey while traveling to Bethlehem. She is in **blue (for her humanity) and red (for the divinity of Jesus)** robes. The Infant Jesus is wrapped in **swaddling clothes** which also **prefigure the wrapping of the linens around His dead body** after the crucifixion.

The **ox and donkey** fulfill the **prophecy of Isaiah 1:3**: the animals recognize their true Master, and they also represent **the union of Israel and the Gentiles** in Christ. The **Magi are shown traveling** toward Bethlehem, while the **shepherds come to worship** the newborn King of the Jews.

The **angels** who appeared to the shepherds are shown above them. Sometimes Saint **Joseph is off to the side**, pondering the great mystery, while a figure who is really Satan tries – unsuccessfully - to tempt him. In other icons, Joseph is next to Mary, both adoring Jesus while protecting Him. The **cave is the gift of the earth** to its redeemer, and also prefigures the tomb with its black interior. **Midwives** are sometimes shown, washing the Infant, to show **His humanity, but Jesus' halo with the Divine Name** remains intact to show His divinity.

HOLY SUPPER on CHRISTMAS EVE

Byzantine Catholics celebrate Christmas Eve in a special way. Family and friends gather in the evening to partake of the Holy Supper, an ancient tradition of Eastern Europe. In a time when family life and religious practice are both under pressure, this is a good practice to keep at home to strengthen both faith **Christmas Eve is a day of strict fast**, which means no meat or dairy products, and also only one full meal. That meal is taken after sunset and is known as the **Holy Supper**. Since the strict abstinence is kept until midnight, the meal is free of both meat and dairy products.

The house is thoroughly cleaned, as a sign of the spiritual cleansing of our souls which should be done through Confession before Christmas Eve. Thus, the family and the house are all ready to receive the Christ Child.

A clean white linen cloth covers the dinner table, representing the swaddling clothes with which the Virgin Mary clothed her infant son. In the center of the table is a loaf of bread, with a candle in the center, or on either side of it. Straw is placed on the table as a reminder of the birth of Jesus in a stable. A sheaf of wheat, oats or other grain, called the *didukh*, can be placed under the icons to ask for a prosperous New Year. One place setting is left open for the Prophet Elijah, who will come to announce the coming of the Messiah, according to both Jewish and Christian beliefs (Malachi 4:1-5).

“Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up on the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars, have learned from a star to worship You [bow and bless + yourself] the Sun of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on High. Glory to you, O Lord!”

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

Farewell

Party for
BISHOP-ELECT
Artur Bubnevych

Sunday, December 29th
2:00-5:00pm

Annunciation
Community Center

2615 Vermont St NE
Albuquerque, NM

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Refreshments Served
Table w/box for cards

