

June 8, 2025 / Festal T one / Pentecost Sunday

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



**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)

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!

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 per-
centage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease
of the system. You can donate using your comput-
er / 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
Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!
*Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52 & 8:12***

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 Inquiry Class with Father Chris
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

June 9 Mon ***Pentecos Monday / Simple Holy Day / Eph 5:8b-19; Mt 18:10-20***

Clergy Conference / No Liturgy

June 10 Tue ***Timothy Bishop-Martyr / Rom 1:1-7 & 13-17; Mt 4:25-5:12***

Clergy Conference / No Liturgy

June 11 Wed ***Bartholomew and Barnabas—Apostles / Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Lk 10:16-21***

Clergy Conference / No Liturgy

June 12 Thu ***Onuphry and Peter Venerables / Rom 1:28-2:9; Mt 5:27-32***

June 13 Fri ***Azuilina Martyr / Rom 2:14-29; Mt 5:33-41***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
Clergy Conference / No Liturgy

June 14 Sat ***Elisha Prophet / Rom 1:7-12; Mt 5:42-48***



4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 12:1-9; Sirach 44:1-15
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / +Sven Svensson by Mary Alice Cooper

June 15 Sun ***Sunday of All Saints / Father's Day
Heb 11:32-12:2a; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30***

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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

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	Matt Williamson
Jenny Ford	Sorjah Chavez	James Epstein
Marilyn Fore	Abraham Haddad	Katy Ford
Barbara Svensson	Marianne Gerace	Madalyn Davis
Laurie Bienz	Michael Baron	Rebecca Russo
Brent Dodson-	Jessica Pieniadz	Jacob McTernan
Sands	Rhonda Glasscock	Paola Terlaza
Lara Davis	Amber Roybal	Vicki Frank
Carol Donlin	Philip Leahy	Emily
Marcie Dark	Juanita Montoya	Wojciechowski
Fr Chris Zuger	Linda Granci	Fr Joel Barstad
Fr Robert Rankin	Christopher	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Fr. Steve Washko	Barlow	Fr James Bankston
Buster Miscusi	Joel Ford	Eric Forrest
Richard Jacobs	Andrew Martinez	Natalie Forrest
Lourdes Lasin	Jordan Smith	Ann Marie Gurule
Harry & Barbara	Janet Worthington	Tracy McTernan
De Lap	Sarah Chavez	Melissa Allen

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 / June 2025

That the world might grow in compassion

“Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” The Holy Spirit is our light and life. The Church is strengthened by those servants filled with the Spirit, whose life of prayer and service brings light and life to the world. Is the Holy Spirit guiding you to this life as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Call the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Gloetzner Family
Next Sunday: Wyatt Family

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

June 15, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Michael Wells

Altar Server:

Sbdcn Michael Grega; Team C

Propers for 6/15/25

Sunday of All Saints

Tone 8

Troparion (Tone 8)- 211

Troparion (Saints) – 211

v. Glory... Now & Ever...

Kontakion - 212

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162 &
213

Our Father- 73

Communion Hymn - 78 & 213 [A]

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

Sat Jun 28	Church inventory day
Jun 30-Jul 5	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Conference
Sun July 6	Parish Patronal Feast Hierarchial Divine Liturgy Pool party at Jilek's
July 13-14	Apologetics Retreat
July 25-27	Guided by Mary Camp for Girls 9-17 Santa Fe, NM Register at: GuideByMaryCamp.org Registration deadline: June 24
Sat Aug 2	Holubki making
Aug 22-23	Otpust at Olympia, WA
Aug 29 -Sep 1	Otpust Uniontown, PA
Fri Sep 26	Bring baked goods for bake sale Load Holubki roasters Slice kielbasa Set-up for Bazaar inside hall
Sat Sep 27	Bazaar

Alicia's Hall Report

Glory to Jesus Christ! It was a great social with tamales, beans, pulled pork, salads, cupcakes, chips, fruits, and other goodies! Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped set up, serve, and clean up! Please sign up this summer to host or co-host a social. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/> Ask me if you need any ideas:) Have a blessed week and happy and blessed Feast of Pentecost!!!

Volunteers Requested.

The parish is looking for one or more interested volunteers to become the *Parish Historian*. We have many photos, documents, and videos from our more than 50 years of history that need to be sorted, digitized, and organized into an ongoing archive. With this work, current and future generations can enjoy the history of being Byzantine in New Mexico.

If you would enjoy these types of activities, please contact the parish office.

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2025 Bishop Artur extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already generously answered the Christian call to support the Church with prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during this Fast. Make your Fast of SS Peter & Paul especially meaningful with a special financial gift as the Eparchy continues to provide for your spiritual needs — and make sure you select your parish on the donation page so that the Bishop knows that you support your parish! Those with sharp eyes will notice that this is a new landing page, which enhances our stewardship of your gifts while maintaining the secure online experience that safeguards your financial transactions. Thank you for participating in the Bishop's Appeal!

Our sincere thank you to those who have donated to the annual Bishop's Appeal. We have received a total of \$11,359.30. Our goal is **\$18,000**; please give according to your means based on the household goal of \$300.

We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office 8105 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85020 OR to <https://eparchy-of-phoenix.givecloud.co>.

Byzantine Daily Office (BDO) - Eastern Christian Publications Shop by Category Byzantine Daily Office

(BDO) Eastern Christian Publications is pleased to offer an electronic form of the Byzantine Daily Office, daily prayers according to the tradition of the Eastern Christian Churches of Constantinople (Byzantium).

The BDO Hours includes the full prayer text for Morning and Evening Prayer, and the canonical Hours during the day.

To learn more go to ecpubs.com

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.

The Icon of Pentecost – Fr. Chris

Pentecost icons show Our Lady in the upper part, just off-center. She is the one who prayed with the apostles and disciples, and this is her last physical appearance in the bible. She will step aside to let the apostles and disciples undertake their preaching ministry to save souls. **The apostles are in a semi-circle, showing their unity in the Body of Christ.** The Holy Spirit is at the top, as a dove, with rays of fire coming forth. Many icons have **an empty space in the center, where Christ would sit.** Instead, His invisible presence is shown by the small gap in the altar or seats. Most icons also show a large black opening at the bottom center, with a king in the center. **The king is “Cosmos”, a crowned man who represents the universe.** The Gospel is to be carried out to all nations, to the cosmos itself. **The Gospel is for everyone.** With the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are able to launch out into the known world, and shortly enough to go beyond the boundaries and trade routes of the Roman and Persian empires as they carry the Good News to all peoples. **Within the first generation of Christians, the Faith was carried all the way to India, and across Europe and the Near East!**

Why We Kneel on Pentecost Sunday On Pentecost, we kneel down while the priest kneels at the Royal Doors and sings “Heavenly King” once, and we repeat it two more times, just like the Easter Troparion. **We kneel in humility, waiting for the Spirit of God to descend upon us.** Through the gift of sacred time, *kairos*, we are lifted out of our daily time, *chronos*, and so we are present in the Upper Room with Mary and the rest of the apostles and disciples, and we are able to partake in the Spirit’s gifts. The Prophet Isaiah listed these gifts for us in chapter 11, verses 2-3: **“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”** Kneeling shows that we are ready to receive these gifts into our hearts and so become disciples of the Lord and messengers of the Good News, no matter what our age is, what we do, where we live or work. Above all, we must love God.

Customs: Pentecost gives us new life in the Holy Spirit!

In the East European territory of our Church (Transcarpathia, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia), this feast is a real holiday. **Pentecost is called Green Sunday** and it is indeed marked in Eastern Europe by a profusion of greenery. This is actually **a Jewish custom**: synagogues and homes are decorated on their Pentecost which celebrates the giving of the Law by God to Moses at Mount Sinai. **In Jewish neighborhoods of New York City, the fire escapes on apartment buildings are covered in green branches and framed in as prayer houses, as a reminder of how the Israelites lived at the foot of Mount Sinai.**

On this day in Europe, every Greek Catholic and Orthodox home is adorned with green branches at the gates, on apartment balconies, and over doorways. Fresh greenery is put into a vase for the family icon corner, greenery is put over framed photos and mirrors, and if there's no carpet, green grasses and rushes cover the floor. Women wear headscarves filled with green designs when going to church, and **everyone tries to put on something with green in it.**

In the church, green branches are put across the iconostas so that it becomes a shiny green forest, large sheaves of green grass are on the floor, and all the clergy are vested in green. In many places people bring bouquets of the first flowering plants to church to be blessed and to take home for the icon corner or to put on the dining table in a vase. When these are dried up, they must be buried in the garden or burned.

In many parishes, people take food to the cemetery, as this is the last weekend for commemorating the dead on the previous Saturday, and families will sit down for picnic meals at the family plots. It serves both as a reminder of the departed and the need to pray for them, and a blunt reminder that we all face the same end and should live accordingly.

