

February 16, 2025 / Sunday of the Prodigal Son / T one 6

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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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!**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32**

**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  
5:30 pm Ask A Priest

**Feb 17 Mon** ***Theodore the Recruit Great-Martyr / 1 Jn 2:18-3:10; Mk 11:1-11***

12—3:00 pm Pysanky Workshop

**Feb 18 Tue** ***Leo the Great Pope / 1 Jn 3:10-20; Mk 14:10-42***

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

6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM

**Feb 19 Wed** ***Archippus Apostle / 1 Jn 3:21-4:6; Mk 14:43-15:1***

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

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**Feb 20 Thu** ***Leo of Catania Bishop / 1 Jn 4:20-5:21; Mk 15:1-15***

10:00am—noon OASIS Class; ICONS, Doorways to Heaven by Father Chris

6:00 pm FNE Meeting

6:00 pm Apologetics Meeting in the Hall

**Feb 21 Fri** ***Timothy Venerable / 2 Jn 1-13; Mk 15:22.25 & 33-41***



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

**Feb 22 Sat** ***1st All Souls Saturday / 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 21:8-025-27.33-36***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Panachida

Altar Server & Trojca practice after Liturgy

12—3:00 pm Pysanky Workshop

**Feb 23 Sun** ***Sunday of Meat Fare / 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Mt 25:31-46***

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ezekiel 37:1-14

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](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	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

**“All that is mine is yours.”** The merciful Father welcomed the Prodigal Son and showed love to his brother when he questioned that profound love which gave all that was his to his children. Are you open to share that love of the Father by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or monastic life? If so, contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today: Sullivan Family  
Next Sunday:  
Fedorowich Family

**February 23, 2025**

Cantor: Andrea Riley  
Reader: Michael Wells  
Altar Server: Michael Grega  
Trojca: Monica Sena  
Counters: Rita Montano &  
Miles Gloetzner

Propers for 2/23/25

Meatfare Sunday

Tone 7

Troparion (Tone 7) – 156

*v. Glory...*

Kontakion (Meatfare) – 217

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion – 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 217-8

Our Father- 72

Communion - 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](mailto:crowhopdavis@yahoo.com)

### **ALICIA'S HALL REPORT**

It was a lovely social once again, with lots of visitors this week!

Thanks to the young ladies of the parish for serving up our meal! Double thanks to the Griffith Family for the pulled pork round 2! Thanks to Rita for rounding it out with the organic greens, Joe Romano for the fruit and bread (always good to have!) & a big thanks to the Serna family for the great cleanup job! Please sign up to host at the end of February and March. Have a blessed week!

## **Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Sat Mar 1	Cleaning Day
Mon Mar 3	<b>Beginning of Great Fast</b> 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Mon Mar 10	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Sat Mar 15	<b>2nd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Sat Mar 22	<b>3rd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Tue Mar 25	<b>Annunciation of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Mar 26	<b>MID LENT</b> 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 29	<b>4th All Souls Saturday</b> 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!

**To improve the security of the church**, we will be changing the security code to our alarm system. Each parishioner with the need to arm or disarm the alarm system will be given a unique security code. This allows us to know who has armed or disarmed the alarm system for each code entry.

The change will be implemented on Friday, February 28. Before that date, Dan Riley will be in contact with all building key holders to give them their personal security codes. Please do not share your code with anyone. If you are in need of a code, but were not assigned a building key by Bishop Artur, please contact Dan.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 23**, Fr Chris will be in Phoenix to give a retreat to the cathedral and pastoral center staff at the request of Bishop Artur. Fr. Tyler will hear confessions during Matins, but will have to conclude by 9:50 AM so that he can offer the Liturgy. If there is still a line, he can hear confessions after the kissing of the cross. Thank you for your understanding.

### **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: **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](mailto: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](http://www.albuquerque.oasisnet.org) or call (505) 8844529. Cost is \$15, ages 50 and up.

**Albuquerque, NM Catholic Schoolhouse**, a local, classical, homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2025-2026 academic year. More than an academic co-op, we strive to grow in virtue and holiness together as a community. Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class including field trips and parties. There are programs available for students 3 years old through 9th grade.

Please join us for an informational session and open house on Thursday March 6 at 6pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall (1860 Griegos Rd NW) to learn more about this program. There will be time to tour our classrooms with immersive mock class sessions, review the curriculum, and to ask questions about the program. Kindly RSVP to [albuquerquenm@catholicschoolhouse.com](mailto:albuquerquenm@catholicschoolhouse.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.

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The first hidden message lies in the staging of the two protagonists: the repentant son, and the all-loving father.

The first message lies in what the son is wearing: he is shown in plain brown clothing, **colors of emptiness, of the desert wastes**. Sometimes he is even shown in rags, nearly naked, bereft of any decent covering. Next, notice that **he inclines his head forward**, as is proper for the lesser to greet the greater. ***Sin destroys me, leaves me without God's grace, and ruins me.***

The **second message** comes from the father, whose image is especially fascinating. A) he is shown in action: his robes are **literally flying behind him because he has rushed to greet** this son who wasted everything but has returned. B) the father is shown as a venerable man, white-haired and bearded. This emphasizes the pain he suffered in waiting, and in having been rejected by the young man: **how could a young man have so insulted an elderly father like that?** See how the two faces blend together, in absolute tenderness. The full positioning of the faces tells us that the sinful son has been redeemed. ***God awaits us, longs for us, to come to Him and He does so in absolute love.***

But the **real message** is in my last observation: **iconographers usually depict the father wearing the divine colors of red and blue**. He stands for God the Father, the Source of all life, the One Who Is for all time, with the white hair and beard of the Ancient of Days seen by St Daniel the Prophet in his vision. The iconographer does not want us to have any misconceptions at all – **the sinner who can bring nothing to this scene except his besmirched soul and his sorrow, is being acknowledged, embraced, and forgiven, by a God Who rushes to love us. A God Who rushes to us when we make that first repentant step toward Him again. What other faith offers anything like this?**

***What is in the Parable: The "prodigal son" does not mean the repentant son. "Prodigal" is a medieval word for someone who spends recklessly, without necessity, or is lavish in all purchases.*** Thus, the prodigal son has gone through his entire inheritance, has no money left, and has ended up caring for pigs which are impure to all Jews. In his decision to return home, he will lose "face" among everyone for having wasted the money, and putting himself as the **least servant would be the most appropriate position for him**. The least servant was responsible for garbage and for cleaning the feet of visitors after they walked through filthy streets.

**It is the amazing decision of the father which reverses all of his plans.** First, the father has been **watching for him**, a sign of his feeling of loss and of his love for his missing child. Second, the **father runs to him**, in an extravagant gesture of love, and embarrassing himself among the people for doing so, especially to a sinful son! Finally, **the father redeems this wastrel son with three gestures:**

the **fine robe** - the son is restored to the family.

**the ring** – the son is restored to his role as son and heir even though he has squandered his share.

**the sandals** – the son had resigned himself to cleaning filthy feet, but now he is given foot-gear which only the rich could afford to wear daily.

In the father's compassion, **the son is not only redeemed, he is embraced with extravagant love**, as the killing of the fatted calf and banquet show. He is welcomed back far beyond his expectations as a sinner – and the same extravagant love awaits us from God the Father when we repent and turn back to Him.

What of **the older brother?** He passes judgment on the prodigal, is angry at the reception this sinner is given, and does not want to rejoice with his father at the return of this wastrel. Instead, he is holding on to **both anger and self-righteousness. Is this what I do regarding those I don't think are worthy of God's great mercy?**



Bishop Theodore Matsapula, came from Mukachevo, Ukraine for the enthronement of Bishop Artur Bubnevych. Bishop Artur came here from Ukraine 13 years ago and was our **Mission Society** contact while in Ukraine. He continues to encourage our work. As a seminarian there, Bishop Artur met Pope John Paul II as part of the first seminary class from post-communist Ukraine! We had a very good meeting in Anaheim and are committed to helping the people of Ukraine recover. The **Mission Society** has been on the ground helping the church in Ukraine & Slovakia since 1998. See more pictures on our website at

[Bishop Artur Bubnevych's Consecration & Enthronement January 28, 2025](#)

