

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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May the Lord Bless your kindness and  
generosity to His House!

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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](http://ps://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 Fr Joshua or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

***1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35***

**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 Fr. Joshua  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

**Aug 25 Mon** ***Return of the Relics of Bartholomew Apostle / 2 Cor 5:10-15; Mk 1:9-15***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

**Aug 26 Tue** ***Adrian and Natalie Martyrs / 2 Cor 5:15-21; Mk 1:16-22***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Albert & Lois Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

**Aug 27 Wed** ***Poemen Venerable / 2 Cor 6:11-16***

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

**Aug 28 Thu** ***Moses the Ethiopian Venerable / 2 Cor 7:1-10; Mk 1:29-35***

**Aug 29 Fri** ***Beheading of John the Baptist / Simple Holy Day / Acts 13:25-33; Mk 6:14-30***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Albert & Lois Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

**Aug 30 Sat** ***Alexander, John & Paul Patriarchs / 1 Cor 1:26-29; Mt 20:29-34***

12—3:00 0m Explorer Meeting  
4:00 pm Great Vespers  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:  
Numbers 24:1-9; 1 Samuel 12:1-8; Sirach 26:13-19a  
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Jeremiah Joseph Jilek by Brook & Evie Jilek

**Aug 31 Sun** ***12th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mt 19:16-26***

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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	Irene Bradley	Matt Williamson
Jenny Ford	Abraham Haddad	James Epstein
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Harry & Barbara	Sarah Chavez	Melissa Allen
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### 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 / August 2025 For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**"The lord of that slave,** moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt." In today's parable, we see our Lord acting out of a compassion that transcends what we deserve and brings forgiveness in the midst of debt. Is a life of prayer and compassion through the religious or ordained life something that God is calling you to consider? To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

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



Vocation Icon

Today:  
Fedorowich Family  
Next Sunday: Sullivan Family

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

**August 31, 2025**

Cantors: Andrea Riley &  
Evie Jilek

Reader: Dylan Davidson-Talley

Altar Servers:

Sdcn Michael Grega; Team B

**Propers for 8/31/25**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Tone 3**

Troparion – 135

*v. Glory...*

Kontakion - 136

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion – 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 137

Our Father- 68

Mon Sep 1	<b>Beginning of the Church Year</b>
Thu Sept 4	5:45 pm FNE gathering at OLPH 6:45 pm FNE Leadership meeting
Sat Sept 6	FNE Youth meeting at Alvarado Park and OLPH
Mon Sep 8	<b>Birth of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Sep 26	Bring baked goods for bake sale Load Holubki roasters Slice kielbasa Set-up for Bazaar inside hall
Sat Sep 27	<b>10 am—3 pm Bazaar</b>
Sep 29– Oct 3	<b>Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ</b>

## REMINDER ABOUT PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED.ORG

For those who are new to Formed.org: This site offers amazing opportunity to enrich our FAITH. You will find thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, studies and much more. The content of website is updated on daily basis with new helpful resources. Everyone can use OLPH parish account to log in. This is what you need to do:

1. Go to Formed.org, click sign in and then click "I belong to parish"

2. Enter zip code 87110

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4. Put your name and email (you will get a link in your email to directly log in) Enjoy the content!

Also, you are most welcome and encouraged to share parish subscription with your friends, neighbors, coworkers or just anyone who would benefit.

## Alicia's Hall Report

Another glorious continuation of fellowship in the social hall after Sunday's Divine Liturgy. A big thanks to Madeline for the freshly baked cheesy rolls and beans! Thanks to everyone who contributed, set up, served and cleaned up! I'll be gone again September 14, so if you can host that day, or any other day, please let me know or signup here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/. Have a blessed week!](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/)

**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)

## **OLPH ANNUAL BAZAAR** Saturday, September 27th 10am-3pm

There are many ways you can contribute to making this another blessed & fun-filled bazaar.

Spread the word! We need HELP before, during & after!

Valentina (505) 515-454 Alicia (720) 280-0710

Sign-Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-57258684-ourlady>

**As was announced by Bishop Artur** in July, Father Chris will be transferred to Phoenix later this year to work in the areas of religious education and evangelization. There is no specific date set as of now; this will probably take place sometime in November.

**EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2025** Bishop Artur extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already generously answered the Christian call to support the Church. Thank you for participating in the Bishop's Appeal! We have received a total of \$16,302.90. Our goal is **\$18,000; please give according to your means based on the household goal of \$300**

*Bishop's Appeal ends on September 15th.*

*The Appeal is the major source of income for our eparchy. It empowers the work of our Church for education and expansion of our mission in 13 states.* 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>.

**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*

**Join with the Sisters of St. Basil**—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province as we celebrate the 92st Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Labor Day weekend. Fr.

Chris and Fr. Thomas will be speaking. Through your generosity, the Pilgrimage, our very special ministry, has evolved into a means of providing more authentic experiences of Eastern Catholic liturgical services and practices for the faithful.

## **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.

## Aug 29 Beheading of St John

**Because of his importance, John the Baptist is the only saint other than the Virgin Mary whose conception (Sept 23), birth (June 4) and death (Aug 29) are commemorated.** Along with those dates are the commemorations of finding of his head (Feb 24: First and Second times, and May 25 the Third); and the Synaxis on January 7, the day after the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany, January 6). **We hold him in such reverence because**

- **he is the last of the prophets of the Old Testament;**
- **he is the first to announce the coming of the Messiah to people on earth;**
- **in his preaching, he fulfilled the role of Elijah and is the forerunner of the Messiah;**
- **he fearlessly preached the truth, even to the court of Herod, and was killed because of this;**

- **he preached to the dead in Sheol to announce that their deliverance was at hand in Jesus.** After the beheading, it is Church Tradition that St. Joanna, wife of Chuza, King Herod's steward, retrieved the head of John and delivered it to his disciples. She herself belonged to the company of women who assisted Jesus and the apostles, as we see in Luke's Gospel.

**John preached a baptism of repentance, in running (or "living") water. He preached along the Jordan river, all the while proclaiming that the One to follow him was greater. He preached the need to repent, to follow the Law, and to prepare for the Messiah.**

King Herod Antipas had divorced his legitimate wife and **contracted an illicit marriage** with Herodias, the wife of his brother, Philip. This was **a terrible violation of Jewish law**. John's firm – and loud - condemnation resulted in Herod Antipas seeing the prophet as a threat. At the infamous birthday party, he yielded to the whims of his stepdaughter who performed a forbidden dance in front of him and his guests, and so he killed John. This did not earn him anything but the anger of the Jewish people and the clergy alike. **After Jesus' resurrection, Herod and Herodias were accused of being disloyal to the emperor Caligula and they were exiled to Gaul and died in obscurity. Their victim, on the other hand, and his brave defense of morality and marriage, remains known throughout the world.**

**John is shown dressed in camel's hair and holding a staff, both the signs of a prophet of God. He is also shown with wings, because the gospels call him a messenger.**

As for the relics of St John, the original burial place in Samaria was disturbed and parts of his body, and his head, have been scattered across the Christian world, from the cathedral of Amiens in France, to a humble Armenian Orthodox church in West Bengal, India. At least part of his head rests in a chapel in the Umayyad Mosque of Damascus; this was the cathedral of the city until after the Muslim conquest (634) when Caliph Al-Walid I destroyed the church and built his mosque (704-715) but preserved the chapel and the relic. The Muslims have usually allowed Christian pilgrims to go to the chapel to pray at the shrine; the most famous of these is Pope John Paul II.

***It is an old custom that on this feast day, nothing round is eaten, and food must be taken from a bowl and not a plate, in memory of the martyrdom. Also, this is traditionally a day of strict fasting, although this is lessened on a Sunday.***





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