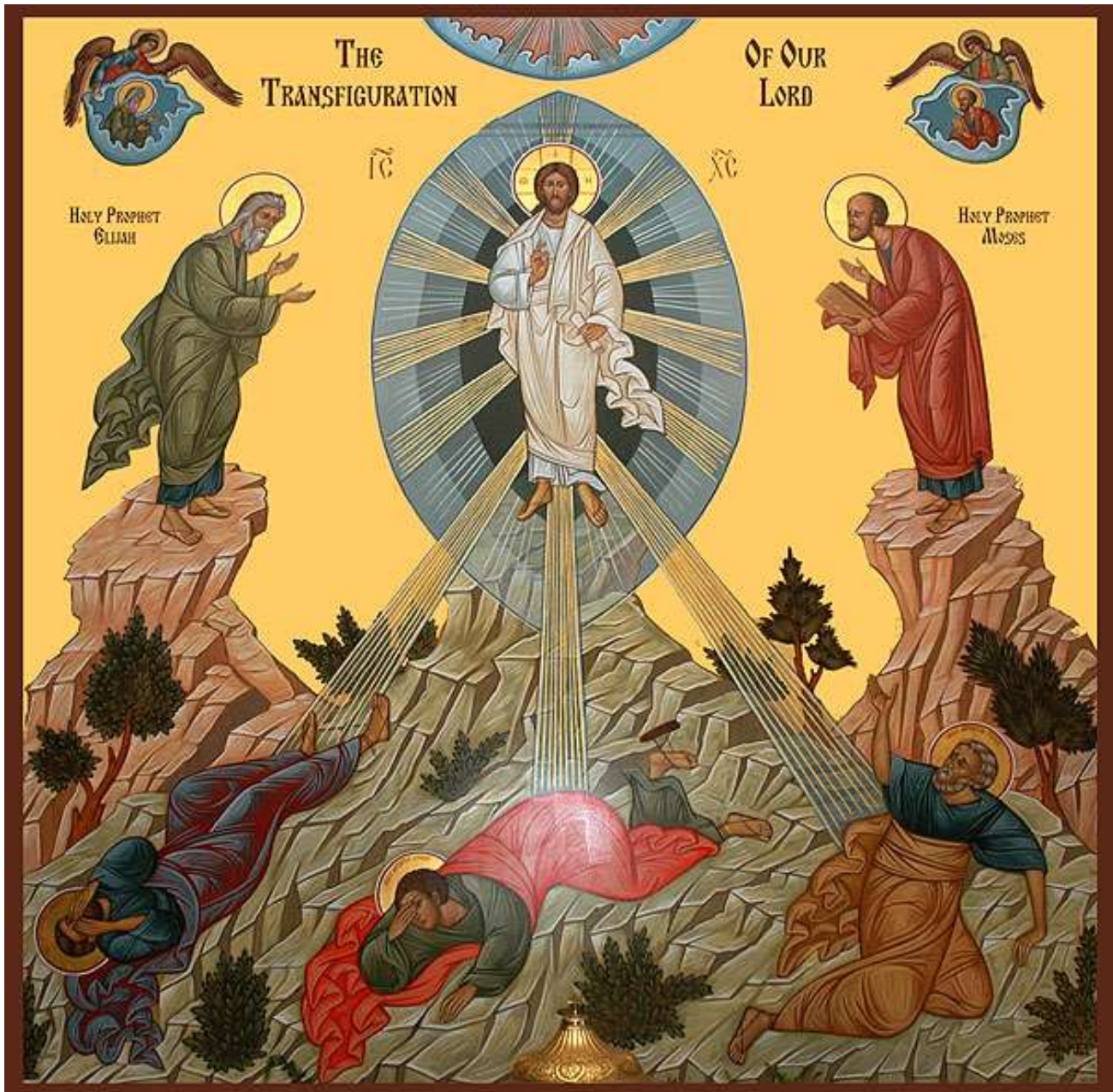


August 3, 2025 / Tone 7
8th Sunday After Pentecost
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



**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
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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
Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22

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

Aug 4 Mon ***Seven Youths of Ephesus Martyrs / 1 Cor 11:31-12:6; Mt 18:1-11***



9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Albert & Lois Dvorack by Michael Dvorack
2:00 pm Ask A Priest Party
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting

Aug 5 Tue ***Eusignius Martyr / 1 Cor 12:12-26; Mt 18:22 & 19:1-2; 13-15***

6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Fruit
+Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvoack

Aug 6 Wed ***Transfiguration of Our Lord / Solemn Holy Day / 2 Pet 1:10-19; Mt 17:1-9***

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Fruit
+Albert & Lois Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

Aug 7 Thu ***Domitius Venerable Martyr / 1 Cor 14:6-19; Mt 20:17-28***

Aug 8 Fri ***Emilian Bishop-Confessor / 1 Cor 14:26-40; Mt 21:12-14 & 17-20***



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

Aug 9 Sat ***Matthias Apostle /Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Lk 9:1-6***

4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Numbers 16:25-33; Sirach 18:19-23; 22:3-6.11-12; Jeremiah 3:12-17
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Elijah Joseph Jilek by Brook & Evie Jilek

Aug 10 Sun ***9th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34***

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

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.

“Bring them to me.” Jesus miraculously fed the thousands by blessing the loaves and the fish. To do this, he asked his followers to gather and bring the food to him. He still uses us as his servants, particularly those men and women who are monastics, as well as through men called to holy orders. Is this something God is calling you or someone you know to?

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



Vocation Icon

Today: Kendrick Sena Family
Next Sunday:
Fedorowich Family

August 10, 2025

Cantors: Andrea Riley &
Evie Jilek

Reader: Sdcn Michael Grega

Altar Servers: Sdcn Michael Grega;
Team B

Counters: Mary Blain, Ann Rajala

Propers for 8/10/25
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Post-festive day of
Transfiguration
Tone 8

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn - 346 &
350

Troparion (Tone 8) – 161

Troparion (Feast) – 347

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

Kontakion (Feast) - 126

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 348

Instead of 'It is Truly Proper' – 349

Our Father- 73

Communion Hymn - 350

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

Thu Aug 14	Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Flowers
Aug 22-23	Otpust 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	10 am—3 pm Bazaar
Sep 29– Oct 3	Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ

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>

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.*

Alicia's Hall Report

I heard it was a lovely welcome social for the Johnson family with Gumbo by Mr. Talley and cake for all. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way! A big thanks to those who cleaned out the fridge for the Holubki making ingredients. Please do sign up to host or co-host a social this summer or let me know if you have any good theme ideas. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph> Have a blessed week!

The Apologetics Retreat was a huge success. We had 150 people on the first night and over 180 on the second night. Thank you to everyone who provided food and refreshments. We received \$ 150 in cash donations and \$2,000 from online registrations including a donation from Jonathan Cabada's Voice Ministries.

Congratulations to Noah Braunschweiger who is received into the Byzantine Catholic Church today through the Mystery of Chrismation (Confirmation) and reception of his First Holy Communion. May God grant him many blessed years, and continued growth in the Catholic Faith.

Thank you to all who helped with the Guided By Mary Retreat last weekend at the Bishop's Ridge Retreat camp: it was a great event for all of the mothers and daughters who attended.

There were good talks on the spiritual life presented during the retreat along with prayer services and the Divine Liturgy offered by Bishop Artur Bubnevych with Father Thomas Donlin and Deacon Jonathan Deane.

ASK A PRIEST WELCOME BACK PARTY— for incoming 9th graders and high school students: meeting at Silva Lanes at 2 pm on Monday, August 4th. Please call Jana Brewer at (505) 715-8406 to confirm that you are coming.

**Triumph of the Heart – Pre-Release Screening
Sunday, August 10 at 4:00 PM**

Rio Rancho Premiere 14 – 1000 Legacy Pkwy SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Tickets will be \$20 and sold directly through the theater once available

RSVP here to stay in the loop: <https://toth-albuquerque.eventbrite.com>

This RSVP page helps us get a headcount and notify attendees when tickets go on sale.

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! Our sincere thank you to: Tristan & Fiona Griffith, Dan and Andrea Riley and Joseph Romano

We have received a total of \$15,786.90. Our goal is **\$18,000**; *please give according to your means based on the household goal of \$300.*

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>.

**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 Transfiguration by Fr. Chris

August 6 marks the holy day of the Transfiguration, a day which, as Dorothy Lee writes so eloquently in her book *Transfiguration* (London: Continuum, 2004, p. 2): ***the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.*** Jesus takes his three closest friends – Peter, James and John, who He will also take into the Garden of Gethsemane - to the top of Mount Tabor. There **He is finally revealed in all His glory.** He is accompanied by **Moses, the giver of the Law, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets,** who come to confirm His divinity as the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah.

In the icon, **only Peter is able to look at the vision and he is the only one to speak,** where he utters his famous line, asking Jesus for permission to build tents for Him and the two prophets, so that the three apostles could remain there forever. **He says this in his role as leader of the apostolic college, and God gives him the grace to look and to speak so he can fulfill his role.**

Jesus tells them on the way down the mountain that He revealed Himself to strengthen them for what will soon come: His Passion. Unfortunately, they will forget this marvelous event and run away. But the Church's meditations on the Transfiguration continue to bring us many blessings.

Blessing of Fruit – August 6

The annual blessing of fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration is an extremely ancient custom of our Church. The first written text is from 220 AD, written by Saint Hippolytus: “The oldest prayer for the blessing of fruits is registered by the Apostolic Constitutions in the fourth century. But there is also an older Prayer of Thanksgiving for the new fruits in the work of St. Hippolytus, the *Apostolic Tradition*, composed about 220 A.D. St. Hippolytus mentions the following fruits usually blessed: grapes, figs, pomegranates, pears, mulberries, peaches, and almonds.”

– Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

The first fruits of the harvest season are blessed both as a giving back to the Lord what is His and has come from Him (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as a celebration of the promise of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. The Divine Light glimpsed by the Apostles on Mount Tabor will transform all creation to its most perfect flowering and fruitfulness. Today we bring samples of the fruits available to us for the priest to bless, especially grapes (symbol of the Precious Blood and of the new wine that Christ offers in His Kingdom) and apples (our redemption from original sin).

Please bring your fruit in a basket (such as the one you use for the Easter blessing of food) or another container to put on the table in front of the icon of Our Lord.

