

April 22, 2018, Festival of the Paralytic Man
Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Therefore Jesus said to them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. (Mt. 9:37-38) Do not say, 'There are still four months until the harvest' I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest. (Jn.4:35)

Reminder—Mail your **CALLED BY NAME** recommendation card to Fr Michael O'Loughlin, Director of Vocations. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish. Please, use a recommendation card. Additional cards may be obtained from the parish office.

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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish.

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support);

Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:

1. Being registered
2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes!

Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on "Membership in a Parish"

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

Today	8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Matins & Confessions 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
ECF Classes	Fr. Chris: +Fr. Francis Vivona by Shari Sanderson Eternal Lamp: Haley Kadish by Dorothy Curl
April 23 Monday	<i>George Great Martyr / Simple Holy Day / Acts 12:1-11; John 15:17-16:2</i> Clergy Conference—No Liturgy 10:30 am Shut-ins visits 5:45 pm Explorers Meeting
April 24 Tuesday	<i>Sabbas Martyr / Acts 10:21-33 / John 7:1-13</i> Clergy Conference—No Liturgy 6:30 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
April 25 Wednesday	<i>MID-PENTECOST / Mark Apostle Evangelist / Acts 16:6-18; John 7:14-30</i> Clergy Conference—No Liturgy
April 26 Thursday	<i>Basil Bishop-Martyr / Acts 10:34-45; John 8:12-20</i> 6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study
April 27 Friday	<i>Simeon Bishop-Martyr / Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30</i> 9:00 am Prayer and witness in front of Abortion Clinic on San Mateo Clergy Conference—No Liturgy
April 28 Saturday	<i>Jason & Sosipater Apostles / Acts 12:1-11; John 8:31-42</i> 9:00 am— 4:00 pm making stuffed cabbage for Bazaar in the hall
April 29 Sunday	<i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman / Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; John 4:5-42</i> 4:00 pm Great Vespers 5:00 pm +George Rabadi
Catholic Home Mission Special Collection	8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Matins & Confessions
ECF Classes	10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends Fr. Chris: Health of Frank Gimbrone Jr. & of Family Members



Sharif Rabadi	Fr. Julian Gnall	William Frank
Katrina Anderson	Henry Zugger	Mary Nell Preisler
Abraham Haddad	John & Margie	Mike Harahuc
Tim & Jenny Ford	Disque	Lorraine Hubbell
Threima Leech	Phillip Fall	Heather Mattax
Priscilla Hughes	Laura Dominquez	Larry Bennett
Steve Jakymiw	Olga Bodnar	Paola Terlaza
Marilyn Fore	Frances Brannan	Ruth Sousa
Demetrius Yackanich	John Deflice	Linda Granci
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Mary Ann Kosty	Mary Danyluk
Laurie Bienz	Jordan Smith	Richard Hornung
Brent & Nicole Dodson-	Jean Pesce	Kris Nelson
Sands	Tracy McTernan	Scott Fafrak
Eva Schuler	Terry Rains	Dana Papaj
Charlie & Maggie Batsel	Eli Griego	Peter Dzek
	Brother Vittorio	Vicki Frank

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

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group.

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 for April

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



Vocation Icon

Today: E Ilfson Family
Next Sunday: Dodson-Sands Family



April 15, 2018 / Attendance 91

Now this I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully, Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

April 29, 2018

Cantor	Evie Jilek Andrea Riley, 4/28
Reader	Jose Salazar
Trojca	Sorilah Chavez
Greeter	Open
Usher	Dan Riley, Jeff Brewer
Counter	
Host	Open
Church Cleaners	Tom Plut, Tom Ellefson
Altar Servers:	Thomas, Donlin Michael Grega Joe Ellefson Patricio Chavez Daniel Fogg Jeremiah Jilek Elijah Jilek Mikey Grega Jr.

Mother's Day Cards For Sale!

The Federation of North American Explorers Sangre de Cristo Group will be selling Mother's Day cards for \$5 each through Sunday, May 6th. The cards include artwork created by the Explorers. In addition, the children will be praying a rosary for the intentions of the mothers who receive the cards. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Explorers group as they continue to grow. Cards can be purchased from the Explorer families. See Andrea Riley for more information.

Saturday May 19, Book Club will meet at 11:00 am at Loesch's house. Our book "*Becoming a Healing Presence*" by Albert Rossi is available in the OLPH Gift Shop.

Attention: Perpetual Helpers—We will be meeting Tuesday, May 1, 6-8 pm in the hall to discuss and plan for the September women's day of reflection. Light potluck. Please come with your ideas! All ladies are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: summer camps/retreats:

Myrrh-Bearers Retreat for all girls, 7-11, teens 12-17 & women 18+ The Myrrh-Bearers Retreat will be held from Friday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 24th at the Franciscan Renewal center, Scottsdale, AZ. *The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos* is the theme for this Retreat. All girls and teens 7-17 and women 18+ are invited to attend this annual Retreat. Fliers are available on the greeting table. For registration and full info go to: www.myrrh-bearers.com

"Who is My Neighbor?" ByzANTEEN Youth Rally July 5 - 8, 2018 for youth ages 13 to 18 (through high school years). This year the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is hosting the Rally on the campus of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Cost: \$310 for early registration before May 1st, 2018. From May 1 through June 16 the cost will be \$335.

Alive in Christ Camp for boys and dads July 12 - 15 2018 at Palomar Christian Conference Center, CA.

Forms and flyers with the information re: the above-mentioned events available on the welcome shelves in the narthex or in the office with Fr Artur. Thank you.

Barbara's Hall Report

Thank you , Mr. Nobody for bringing no food! What is up with that? I thought we got rid of you during Lent!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars

May 1 Tuesday	6:00—8:00 pm Perpetual Helpers meeting in the Hall
May 9 Wed. May 10 Thursday	Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Litija 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Myrovanije
May 12 Saturday	Annual Byzantine Bazaar
May 19 Saturday	9:00 am 5th All Souls Liturgy / Panachida 11:00 am Book Club meeting at Loescher's home
May 21 Monday	Pentecost Monday / Simple Holy Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy. Procession around the church with reading of four Gospels
July 1 Sunday	Church Patronal Feast of the Miraculous Icon of OLPH 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Main Celebrant His Grace Bishop John Pazak, C.Ss.R. Blessing of Church hall renovations

OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR this year is Saturday, May 12, 10am - 3pm. We are once again asking for homemade baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet on the greeting table by the Holy Water font. We will sell whole cakes, whole pies, breads, cookies by the dozen etc. Please, think about making your favorite baked goods. Traditional Eastern European bakery products are most popular. Make sure that cakes and pies are in containers that will be sold with the item. Your items must be visible. If we know in advance exactly what you are making, we can make professional tags and have professional boxes. Please, no gluten free or sugar free - they do not sell. Breads (which sell very well) can be either sweet or savory. All baked goods must be brought to the church the Friday before the Bazaar. If you have questions or need ideas, please, see Rafael Plut. Thank you!

Bazaar Volunteers, PLEASE, mark these dates in your calendars: Making holubki (stuffed cabbage rolls) – Saturday, April 28; Wrapping and pricing – Friday, May 11.

Next Sunday— Catholic Home Mission Collection:

Launched in 1998, the appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses/eparchies. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry within ethnic groups. Grant funds are available to dioceses and eparchies for these purposes on an annual application basis. *Proceeds: 100% to the Office of National Collections Catholic Home Missions Appeal*

Cantor Corner

Liturgical Propers for
4/29/18 Sunday of the
Samaritan Woman

Troparion
(Resurrection) - DL 186
Troparion (Mid-
Pentecost) - DL 186
v. Glory... (Tone 8)
Kontakion (Samaritan) -
DL 187
Now & Ever... (Tone 4)
Kontakion (Mid-
Pentecost) - DL 187
Prokeimenon & Allelu-
ia - DL 188
Instead of 'It is Truly
Proper' - DL 167
Our Father (Paschal) -
DL 167
Communion Hymn - DL
168-9 & 78-81
Dismissal - DL 170

OLPH Prayer Warriors
Believing in Jesus's promise that where two or more are gathered in His name, He is with us, please join our intercessory prayer group, the OLPH Prayer Warriors, Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the conference room to pray for our individual and collective needs. Although we will dedicate our prayers to particular themes each week, and if you cannot participate in our gatherings, do let us know of your particular petitions and we will include them in our prayers. Send your prayer requests to Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

April 2018

April 29/ Persecution

May 2018

May 6 / Signs

May 13 / Word of God

Saint George the Great Martyr

One of the most popular saints in Christian history, his feast day of April 23rd is celebrated across the Christian world, from the ancient Churches to Anglicans and Lutherans. **He reflects universal Christian values**, ones that many men in the western world would do well to emulate: *constancy, strength, fidelity, love of God and neighbor, self-sacrifice, upholding a true military code of chivalry and honor. A saint like George, who inspired others both in life and death, and whose heavenly protection has been felt for over 1,700 years, is one who can move Christian men forward in their faith lives. . Too often the gifts of Christian men are spurned in pseudo-feminist dialogues of the western world, missing the point of what a solid Christian man offers to the world, and how badly the world needs Christian men!*

The basics of the St George icon are the **bold warrior astride a white stallion, raising his spear to pierce the dragon in its open throat, while a woman stands in the distance** waiting to be rescued. Out of that icon, comes the legend of George slaying a dragon who was fed with an annual tribute of a virgin from a besieged town. **But the icon has nothing to do with such a legend at all. Rather, the woman is Ekklesia, the Church.** The warrior is indeed George, who we know was an officer in the Roman army and is one of many who died rather than sacrifice incense to a statue of the emperor. We also know that this **George suffered a great deal in his martyrdom**, probably because of both his high rank and own personal popularity among the troops, in order to frighten other Christian soldiers to convert to paganism. The **dragon is the force of Evil** – and the righteous George plunges the spear, which is topped with the Cross of the Savior, right into the jaws of hell. Thus Satan is destroyed, the Church's victory won, and souls are inspired to follow George in his righteous behavior. **St George is the patron saint of the military - in these times, let us say a special prayer for his intercession** for their Christian life and protection.

MID-PENTECOST

Mid-Pentecost celebrates the midpoint between the Feasts of Pascha (Easter) and Pentecost. Specifically, it falls on the 25th day of Pascha. At the feast of Mid-Pentecost, a Small Blessing of the Waters is traditionally performed after Divine Liturgy of the feast. It has an post-feast of seven days. Throughout these eight days [including the day of the feast] the hymns of Mid- Pentecost are joined to those of the Paschal season at the Divine Liturgies and in the Hours and Divine Office. The thrust of this commemoration is that Easter/ Pascha prepares us for Pentecost, just as Jesus spent the forty days of His resurrected life on earth teaching the apostles and disciples what they would need to prepare for the Holy Spirit to come upon them. **The icon often used, however, is of the Child Jesus in the Temple, teaching the elders. Why? Because this event foreshadowed Jesus' adult ministry, and His role as the Source of knowledge since He is the Logos, the Word of God.**

At Divine Liturgy for the feast, the Gospel read is John 14:14-30. This gospel relates the account of Jesus speaking at the Mid-feast of the Feast of Tabernacles, an eight-day harvest festival during which the nation of Israel commemorated the wanderings of ancient Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. During the feast, one ceremony consisted of carrying water from the pool of Siloam and pouring it as a libation in the temple. This ceremony commemorated the water that flowed from the rock that Moses struck in the wilderness. On this occasion, Christ proclaims, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 17:37-38).

The Fathers of the Church have always seen this living water to be the Holy Spirit who was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, establishing the Church. The source of the water is the Cross ("out of His side flowed blood and water"); this flows through His Body, the Church, and so washes us and strengthens us. Cf. these verses from Revelation: "*And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb*" (Rev.22:1); "*And the Spirit and the bride say 'Come' and let him who hears say 'Come'. And let him who thirst come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely*" (Rev.22:17).

