



January 29, 2017
Sunday of Zacchaeus / T one 4

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to God Forever!



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SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15—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 or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Rosary Matins/Confessions Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: +Christianne Overlin by Ann Rajala ECF Classes
January 30 Monday		<i>Three Holy Hierarchs/Simple Holy Day</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16; Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19</i> 6:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Karen Barlow
January 31 Tuesday		<i>Cyrus and John Unmercenaries</i> <i>Epistle: 1 Peter 3:10-22; Gospel: Mark 12:18-27</i> 9:00 am +Keenan Allen Wofford by Jileks 11:30 am Cantors meeting 6:30 pm CAFE Meeting at UNM— Acoma Room Topic: Galileo in the hands of the Pope
February 1 Wednesday		<i>Pre-festive of the Encounter/Tryphon Martyr</i> <i>Epistle: 1 Peter 4:1-11; Gospel: Mark 12:28-37</i> 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy with Blessing of Litija / Blessing of Candles Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit Fr. Chris: Barbara Irving by Ann Rajala
February 2 Thursday		<i>Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon / Solemn Holy Day</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40</i> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy with Mirovanije / Blessing of Candles For Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
February 3 Friday		<i>Post-Festive of Encounter / Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon & Anna</i> <i>Epistle: 2 Peter 1:1-10; Gospel: Mark 13:1-8</i> 6:00 pm +Benjamin Frederick by Jileks
February 4 Saturday		<i>Post-festive of Encounter / Isidore Venerable</i> <i>Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Gospel: Luke 18:2-8</i> 9:00 am Mothers' Group & K of C clean children's area 10:00 am Perpetual Helpers Book Club meeting in the Hall
February 5 Sunday		<i>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</i> <i>Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Gospel: Luke 18:14-14</i> 4:00 pm Great Vespers 5:00 pm +Alan William Schmuck by Jileks
Canned Goods Collection for Friars	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Rosary Matins/Confessions Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: +Joseph Nolan by Ann Rajala ECF classes

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
 Stephen Horner
 Katrina Anderson
 Abraham Haddad
 Jenny Ford
 Threima Leech
 Priscilla Hughes
 Steve Jakymiw
 Lillian Murphy
 Marilyn Fore
 Demetrius Yackanich
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 Phillip Fall
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 Olga Bodnar
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 John Deflice
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 Richard Hornung

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 Mike Harahuc
 Robert Zadel
 Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
 Heather Mattax
 Larry Bennett
 Paola Terlaza
 Ruth Sousa
 Frank Gerace
 Linda Granci
 Barbara Irving
 Mary Danyluk

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



Vocation Icon

Today: Donlin

Next Sunday: Talamante

Holy Father's Intentions for January

Christian Unity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

January 22, 2017; Attendance: 98

THANK YOU

Thank you and God Grant Many Years to **Jeff Brewer and his Family** for completing the restoration of the lower part of our New Marquee sign. It is truly a work of art!!!

The hero of this week - Sharif Rabadi!!!! Thank you and God Grant Many Years to **Sharif and his Family** for organizing and sponsoring the laying the new asphalt on the back alley of the church. We will reap many benefits from this act of generosity.

May the Lord Bless beautifiers and benefactors of our God-loving Church and grant them salvation!

Friar's Needs for Collection next Sunday:

- Socks for men & women (Dollar Tree 3/\$1)
- Toothpaste, trial-sized (no toothbrushes needed right now)
- Backpacks (new or clean and gently used)
- Deodorant for men and women, solid only (no liquid, gel, or spray)
- Lotion, trial-sized
- Shampoo & conditioner, trial-sized
- Bar soap
- Winter coats and blankets
- Winter caps and beanies
- Olive oil
- Peanut butter and jelly/jam /preserves
- Drink mixes in bulk only, powdered or liquid (Kool-Aid, lemonade, punch, etc. Generic is fine.)
- Coffee, bulk
- 55-gal (or larger) black garbage bags
- Tall white kitchen garbage bags
- Clamshell to-go boxes

Perpetual Helpers Book Club

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday February 4th from 10am to noon in the OLPH Hall. We will share a potluck brunch & begin discussion of *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. This book, by Ralph Martin, guides us into a deeper relationship with God, based on the lives & teachings of Doctors of the Church. Due to the Holiday Season, some of us are at different places in the book. So even if you WANT to read the book, join us!! The OLPH Gift Shop has copies of the book along with a helpful Study Guide.

Attention Ladies!

The Perpetual Helpers will hold our next Large Group meeting on Tuesday February 7 from 6 to 8 pm. There will be a light supper potluck. We will be officially voting in our new Leader & Secretary. All ladies are welcome to attend. We do need at least one member from each Small Group to attend & give report on their activities since the last meeting & plans for the new year. Thank you all for blessing our OLPH Parish!!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Feb. 5	Brook Jilek	Sorih Chavez	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl	Super Bowl Social

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to Evie Jilek for making lots of sub sandwiches to celebrate Jeremiah's 11th birthday. Chips were also served. Happy Birthday, Jeremiah, and may God grant you many more years!

Don't forget about our Super Bowl social next Sunday! Bring your favorite snack. So, the Falcons and the Patriots are not are the two most exciting teams to ever play in the Super Bowl, but I bet all the food we bring will be exciting!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

February 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesday	6:30 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
February 13, 26 Monday	10:30 am Shut-ins Visits
February 13 Monday	5:45 pm Explorers Meeting 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
February 18 Saturday	First All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida and the reading of the names of our Deceased
February 7, 21 Tuesday	6:00 pm St. John Bible Study for our tweens at the Flying Star
February 27 Monday	First Day of the Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
March 11 Saturday	Second All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida and the reading of the names of our Deceased 12:30—3:30 pm Home School Group Meeting

Upcoming Mothers' Group Events

2/4/17- Sat- 9am- 11:30ish- Clean Children's Area and Hall with the Knights of Columbus- We hope to make this a regular event & keep the children's area clean! We'll have some snacks, bring lunch if needed.

2/11/17- Sat- 9-9:30 Children's Half Hour Adoration at San Juan Diego Friary at 404 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Alb. 87108 - this is a great opportunity to introduce your children to the beauty of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! Kids can sit on the floor as Br. Maximilian, CFR, guides us in prayer & adoration. All ages welcome.

2/11/17- Sat- 10 am-noon (After Children's Adoration Half Hour)- Make blessing bags in the Hall to keep in your cars for needy folks on the streets & for the Knights of Columbus to hand out for homeless outreach. Non-Perishable consumable food items, bus passes, water, gallon sized zip lock bags, socks & gloves needed. More extensive sign up list will be in hall. All are welcome to this event!

2/23/17- Thursday- 6pm- 8pm Women's Adoration at Annunciation and Dinner/Dessert at Flying Star on Menaul- All women & nurslings welcome.

VALENTINE CRAFT FAIR

When: SUNDAY - Feb 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
562 Artisco S.W.

Come in and eat breakfast/lunch and shop for your special person(s)

For more info: please, call 842-5426

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

In 2017 there will be only **4 All Souls Saturdays** this year due to the feast day of Annunciation falling on one of those Saturdays the 25th of March. They are: **February 18, March 11, March 18, and June 3**. Divine Liturgy and Panichida will be offered on those days for your faithful departed. Our tradition is to read all the names that you submit during each of those Saturdays. Use the special All Souls envelopes in your budget envelope sets and be sure to print out the **FIRST** names of your deceased beloved for remembrance and leave them in the collection basket or hand it to Father. **Please, note that checks with donations for All Souls Saturdays should be made out Fr Artur as normally all the Liturgy intentions are done and not to OLPH.** In case your list is the same as last year just mention "no changes for All Souls list". **Deadline Date Sunday February 12. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Early Christians brought to the graves of the dead bread, wine and oil as a mercy offering for the departed. This was done not to appease or satisfy God or departed souls. Bread, wine and oil were intended for clergy and the poor who were asked to pray for the departed. Nowadays wine that is offered is usually used for the Liturgy and olive oil for the myrovaniye on feast days of the liturgical year. Bread is given to the poor or used by the priest or cantors.

It is customary to give alms in memory of the dead in addition to the prayers we offer for their souls. The angel who spoke to Cornelius testifies to the efficacy of almsgiving, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). □

Memorial services for the dead may be traced back to ancient times. Chapter 8 of the *Apostolic Constitutions* recommends memorial services with Psalms for the dead. It also contains a beautiful prayer for the departed, asking that their voluntary and involuntary sins be pardoned, that they be given rest with the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles in a place where sorrow, suffering, and sighing have fled away (Isaiah 35:10). St John Chrysostom mentions the service for the dead in one of his homilies on Philipians, and says that it was established by the Apostles. St Cyprian of Carthage (Letter 37) also speaks of our duty to remember the martyrs. □ The holy Fathers also testify to the benefit of offering prayers, memorial services, Liturgies, and alms for the dead (St John Chrysostom, St Cyril of Jerusalem, St John of Damascus, etc.).

Although both the righteous and those who have not repented and corrected themselves may receive benefit and consolation from the Church's prayer, it has not been revealed to what extent the unrighteous can receive this solace. It is not possible, however, for the Church's prayer to transfer a soul from a state of evil and condemnation to a state of holiness and blessedness. St Basil the Great points out that the time for repentance and forgiveness of sins is during the present life, while the future life is a time for righteous judgment and retribution (Moralia 1). St John Chrysostom, St Gregory the Theologian, and other patristic writers concur with St Basil's statement. □

By praying for others, we bring benefit to them, and also to ourselves, because "God is not so unjust as to forget your work and the love which you showed for His sake in serving the saints..." (Heb. 6:10)

A Meditation on Zaccheus Sunday:

Zacchaeus the tax collector, for all his power over the people because of his civic job, cannot get the crowds to part. What is interesting is that this public sinner, this tax collector who stole from his own people while collecting the Roman taxes, felt impelled to see Jesus. And so he forsook his dignity, something held dearly by every man in the cultures of the Middle East, by climbing up into a tree. That was something to be done only by children, not by powerful officials. Luke is telling us in this gospel story that there is still a seed of goodness within this tax collector, in that he feels impelled, even driven, to look upon our Lord.

Three Holy Hierarchs— Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of SS. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. These Fathers of the Church are the leading theologians of the Byzantine Church with individual feast days in January. Their writings and sermons were so popular among the faithful that people clamored for more recognition of their holiness and significance. Our Church's seminary in Europe was dedicated to these saints, as models for future priests, until it was closed by the Soviets in 1945.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Christmas cycle of feast days concludes with the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2nd, the fortieth day after the Nativity of Christ. From the meeting of the Divine Child and his most Holy Mother with the just Simeon, the feast in the Eastern Church receives its name "The Meeting or Encounter." This feast has one day pre-feast and a seven-day post-feast.

The Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ commemorates the Entrance of Our Lord into the temple 40 days after His Nativity. At that time, in fulfillment of the Old Testament Law, Christ Our Savior was carried by His Mother and the Holy and Righteous Joseph to the temple, where a Prophet Simeon the Just, received the Divine Savior into his arms and presented Him at the Holy of Holies. At this event Our Savior Jesus Christ, first "encountered" the people of the Law in the Jewish Sanctuary. The Holy and Righteous Simeon had been promised that he would not die before he would behold with his own eyes the Messiah. When he received Our Lord, he joyfully exclaimed: "Lord, now you may dismiss Your servant in peace, according to Your Word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and for the glory of Your people Israel." This prayer is sung at the end of the vesper service in the Byzantine Church.

Blessing of Candles

It is a pious and venerable tradition in our Church to bless candles after the Ambon Prayer of the Holy Encounter Liturgy. It is impossible to imagine an Eastern Church without burning candles. We use candles made of beeswax as a form of prayer offering and devotion to God, Most Holy Theotokos or Saints. Candles are used in all church solemnities and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is "the Light of the World." According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body). According to Saint Simeon of Thessalonica (XV century), the pure wax symbolizes the purity and innocence of people offering it. The wax is offered as a sign of our repentance for our obstinacy and willfulness. The softness and malleability of the wax speak of our readiness to obey God. The flame of the candle shows the warmth of love to God. We should not put up a candle just for the sake of the ritual, with our hearts remaining cold.



Shut ins visits



Friday Mornings at Abortion Clinic



New Marquee Sign



New Asphalt on the back alley