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Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am

Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Vespers, 4:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Holy Week:

Monday & Tuesday--Presanctified, 6 pm

Wednesday—Presanctified/Anointing, 7 pm

Thursday—Vesper Divine Liturgy, 7 pm

Friday—Passion Matins, 10 am

Vespers/Buriel Procession, 7 pm

Jerusalem Matins, 11:30 pm

Saturday—Vesper Divine Liturgy, 6 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday & Evenings by appointment.

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,

Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, 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 (Matrimony):

Must be arranged six months in advance

(Pre-Cana requirement)

Anointing of the Sick on Sundays before
hospitalization

For emergencies, call immediately.

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for
45 minutes

Theosis:

2nd & 4th Thursday

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7 pm Bible Study

Knights of Columbus meet the first Monday of the
month at 7:00 pm

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Palm Sunday

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18

Today
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins
9:30 Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
Blessing of Palms & Willows
Fr. Chris: +Dmytro Dzek by wife Helga – 1st anniversary
Eternal Lamp: Bishop Gerald by Lilian Haddad
4:00 pm Vespers

Monday **Holy Monday**
March 30 Readings: Ex. 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Mt. 24:3-35
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Tuesday **Holy Tuesday**
March 31 Readings: Ex. 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Mt. 24:36-26:2
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
6:15 pm CAFE meeting at UNM

Wednesday **Holy Wednesday**
April 1 Readings: Ex. 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Mt. 26:6-16
Abstinence 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy/ Holy Mystery of Anointing

Thursday **Holy Thursday**
April 2 Readings: Is. 50:4-11; 1 Cor. 11:23-32; Mt. 26:2-20; Jn. 13:3-17;
Mt. 26:31-29; Lk. 22:43-45; Mt. 26:40-27:2
7:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy
Fr. Chris: Increase in Vocations to diaconate and priesthood

Friday **Good Friday**
April 3 Readings: Is. 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-2:2; Mt. 27:1-38; Lk. 23:39-44;
Strict Fast Mt. 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt. 27:55-61
& Abstinence 10:00 am Passion Matins: the Twelve Gospels of the Passion
7:00 pm Vespers with Burial Procession
11:30 pm Jerusalem Matins

Saturday **Holy Saturday**
April 4 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11; Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20
6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy: Holy Mysteries of Initiation for Nicholas Riley and
Chrismation of Daniel Fogg

Sunday **Resurrection of Our Lord - Pascha**
April 5 Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17
9:00 am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy for Parish Family
Fr. Chris: for my Benefactors and Helpers

***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!***

Fr. Julian Gnall

Fr. Anthony Romero



Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Michele Koetter
Abraham Haddad
Lillian Murphy
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich
Jenny Ford
Marilyn Fore
Robert Hasaka
Frank & Martha Arden
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi
Katrina Anderson

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zegger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Marge Merrills
Theresa Doherty
Maggie Batsel

Carla Matthes
Laura Dominguez
Robert Zadel
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
William Frank

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful
weapon against sin, and for healing. **The Sorrowful
Mysteries are said every day until Pascha.***

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions,
and join us on Sunday at 8.30 am.*



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:** Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East

Holy Father's Intentions for March

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

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

The canned goods collection will be on Sunday, April 12, and **NOT** on April 5. Please bring your donations for the Friars of the Renewal kitchen that serves the poor and homeless every Wednesday on Thomas Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

THEOSIS

Thursday, April 16

6 pm--potluck dinner

7 pm--Bible Study: Ephesians



VOCATION ICON

Today: Gloetzner

Next Sunday: Donlin

Please pick up your Pascha loaves today.

Thank you to Melinda Fitzpatrick and all who assisted with this project.

Date	Reader	Trojca	Greeter	Counter	Host
4/5	Michael Wells	Grace Brewer	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitsparick	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl	All

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to the Blain Family and the Wells Family for making a beans and rice Sunday brunch. I don't think anyone minded there was no meat. That's how hungry people were. Yum! Hey, only one more week until Pascha!

Don't forget to bring something from your basket or bag that you can share with everyone after the Blessing of the Baskets on Easter morning!

Repairs and Improvements have been undertaken in the past months to infrastructure on parish buildings and property: this is possible due to your generosity. **An improved drip and irrigation system** was installed at the church and Blanchette House last week. **New emergency exit signs and lights** were put into the church and hall, and also **security cameras** have been installed at eight locations with monitors in the parish office. The **parish safe** is in a better and more secure location - but we're not saying where, needless to say! In the **office restrooms** new sinks and vanities were installed and the water heaters repaired. We also bought **new lawn and garden tools** instead of people bringing their own.

At the rectory, repairs had been started to both bathrooms; the decaying front shingles have been removed and replaced with insulation covered by cement board and a new window that will really improve the exterior of the house and give better temperature control inside; the main bathroom is being modernized; and all of the gutters have been cleaned out.

A glass display case was donated to the bookstore which really improves things: check it out!

The Mission Society Easter Cards are available again this year. Each beautiful card is \$2, and are sold in packets of five. The income will benefit Father Artur's home eparchy, the Eparchy of Mukachevo. This is the original Byzantine Catholic eparchy, where our Church was founded in central Europe.

The cards have a space for you to fill out an intention and sign your name, and each packet has an envelope to use to remit the money and intentions to us. These intentions will be prayed for by Bishop Milan Sasik, CM, on Easter Sunday, April 12 (Old Calendar) at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

The income from these cards goes to projects in the Mukachevo Eparchy, which continues to build new churches and chapels to serve the growing Greek Catholic population. While eastern Ukraine faces warfare, and all of Ukraine suffers economic decline due to this unfortunate war, the needs of the Greek Catholic Church in Transcarpathia continue.

When Subcarpathian Rus' was annexed to Soviet Ukraine by order of Stalin in 1945, the re-named Zakarpattia Oblast saw its traditional Church, the ancient Greek Catholic Church, driven into a life in the underground where people worshipped in secret in private houses, apartments, barns, cemeteries, and forests. The priesthood and sacramental life survived through the intrepid efforts of Venerable Alexander Khira, secret bishop, and dedicated clergy and laity.

The Church emerged in 1991, to the great surprise of the Soviet authorities, vindicated in the public's mind by its suffering. The collapse of Soviet rule was accompanied by an orgy of corruption that included having court orders to return confiscated churches simply ignored and worship being celebrated outside in many places, in hot summer or freezing winter. Bishop Sasik has engaged in a campaign of construction of churches, parish houses, convents and monasteries, and schools.

Please encourage your relatives, friends, co-workers to buy our cards and to spread the joy of Jesus' Resurrection by helping the resurrection of the Byzantine Catholic Church's mother eparchy! Send your orders to us *today* using the enclosed form and envelope. May God bless you for your generosity. Please pick up your set today in the hall!

We are restoring the traditional processions on Good Friday and Pascha (Easter Sunday). The ancient practice is to go around the church three times, in honor of the Holy Trinity. As Americans, we've been doing it only once! If you are not able to walk easily, just stay inside and wait for us to return.

There are several approved methods of Natural Family Planning that Catholics can utilize. Workshop is available for this in April:

The Creighton Model Fertility Care System™: St. Joseph FertilityCare Center in Albuquerque invites you to learn about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System for family planning. Services are also available in Sandia Park, Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Española. Introductory sessions are offered on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 7-9pm at Lourdes Hall (rooms 130 & 132) in Albuquerque and by appointment. Lourdes Hall is located behind St. Pius High School. For information and to register call St. Joseph Fertility Care Center at 505-831-8222.

Volunteers Needed The Office of Pastoral Outreach provides the following ministries and needs volunteers to help in all ministries. Prison / Detention, Thresholds, Blessings of Age for Seniors, People Living with Disabilities, Veterans, Substance Abuse, Nursing Homes. The Pastoral Outreach Office is a liaison to St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to volunteer for any of these ministries, please bring a letter of good standing from your Pastor, as well as a certificate of completion of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Abuse Awareness Training for Adults to the Pastoral Outreach Office. For more information contact: Josephine, Secretary for Pastoral Outreach 505-831-8174 jwar@archdiosf.org.

Traditionally, the family brings food to be blessed either on Holy Saturday night or Pascha morning in large baskets. The baskets are covered with embroidered linens - **if you do not have one, a few imported ones are in the store.**

Handouts on how to make a traditional basket are available near the front door - basically, all the food must be cooked in advance and is eaten cold on Easter Sunday at the church or at home. Children's chocolate bunnies are most welcome to be placed in these baskets.

Decorating of the church takes place on Good Friday with the setting up of the tomb from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. On Holy Saturday, we will be changing the altar linens and decorating with Easter lilies and flowers from 1 to 3 pm. Please come and assist with the beautification of God's House for the greatest feast of the year!

Attendance is encouraged at all services of course, but most especially on Holy Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! You cannot appreciate the joy of Pascha by skipping church all of Holy Week.

Congratulations to Daniel Fogg who made his Profession of Faith on Friday night. He will be chrismated on Holy Saturday. He is the second convert to come into the Byzantine Catholic Church from CAFE.

“Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.” Matthew 27:61. This is the source of the Byzantine Catholic custom of coming to church on Good Friday night for one hour (Jesus asked the Apostles to stay awake one hour with Him), facing the tomb. It is always a powerful experience. **Please sign up on the page provided** at the front door; **we need at least two adults for every hour the church is open.**

Blessed willows and palms should be put in the icon corner, or behind icons, crucifixes, or holy pictures. In Eastern Europe, branches of greenery are also brought. Old ones can be burned, or buried in the garden, but never put in the trash.

Abstinence and Fasting during Holy Week: Full fast and abstinence is required on Good Friday: no meat or dairy, one main meal. Traditionally this is kept on Holy Saturday as well. On Holy Wednesday, abstinence from meat.

Palm Sunday

Today we begin Holy Week, the most important time of the year for all Christians. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He is joyfully welcomed by pilgrims and residents of Zion alike, yet in a few days He will be cruelly tortured and crucified.

The icons show **Jesus riding on the colt of a donkey**, an animal that had never had a human rider on its back. But the colt submits instantly to Jesus: it recognizes its Creator, and further it is a fulfillment of **Zechariah 9:9**: *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

People had heard of the raising of Lazarus from the dead after four days in the tomb, as well as of Jesus' preaching and miracles over the past years. The crowds placed their cloaks on the road as a sign of submission to Jesus and honoring Him. They cut branches to wave in the air as a sign of a royal welcome, and **sang Hosanna which means "save now"**: the people were still looking for a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans and establish an independent Jewish kingdom.

The people acclaim Jesus as "Son of David", thus giving Him the title of Messiah, but not the Messiah Jesus had identified Himself as: the Prince of Peace. In western Churches, the Passion is read today. In Eastern Churches, only the entry into Jerusalem is read, as **we begin a chronology of walking with the Lord every day this week, culminating in Easter/Pascha.**

While palm branches are used today, the custom developed of using pussy willows instead of palm fronds because the latter are not readily available that far north and the pussy willows are the first flowering branches in northern and Eastern Europe.