



April 9, 2017, Festival One
Philippians 4:4-9 / John 12:1-18

Palm Sunday

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
Great Vespers 4:00 pm

Holy Week / Paschal Services (see schedule inside the bulletin)

OFFICE HOURS:

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

THEOSIS: 1st & 3rd 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	Rosary
ECF Lazarus Play	9:00 am	Matins/Confessions
Sports Day	10:00 am	Lazarus Play / Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows / Procession around the Church / Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: +Stephen Horner
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	Eternal Lamp:	Sylvia Adamsko by Pam Pettit
April 10		<i>Holy Monday / Exodus 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Matthew 24:3-35</i>
	10:30 am	Shut-ins visits
	7:00 pm	Holy Rosary / Parastas for +Stephen Horner at Strong Thorn Mortuary
April 11		<i>Holy Tuesday / Exodus 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Matthew 24:36-26:2</i>
	11:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy & Funeral for +Stephen Horner / Mercy Meal in the Hall
	6:30 pm	CAFÉ meeting at UNM
April 12		<i>Holy Wednesday / Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Matthew 26:6-16</i>
	6:00 pm	Confessions
	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy with Holy Anointing
April 13		<i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Is 50:4-11; Cor 11:23-32; Mt 26:2-20; Jn 13:3-17; Mt 26:31-39; Lk 22:45-45; Mt 26:40-27:2</i>
	6:00 pm	Confessions
	7:00 pm	Vespers/ Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great / For Parish Benefactors & Friends
April 14		<i>Good Friday Day of Strict Abstinence</i> <i>Is 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-2:2; Mt 27:1-38; Lk 23:39-44; Mt 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-61</i>
Strict Fast	10:00 am	Passion Matins
	7:00 pm	Vespers & Procession with the Burial Shroud
	9:00 pm	All night vigil / Confessions
	11:30 pm	Jerusalem Matins
April 15		<i>Holy Saturday / Epistle: Romans 6:3-11; Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20</i>
	11:00 am	Akathist to the Life-bearing Tomb of Christ
	6:00 pm	Easter Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Holy Mysteries of Initiation for Joseph Theodore Gloetzner Blessing of Easter Baskets
April 16 Sunday		<i>Resurrection of Our Lord / Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17</i>
	9:00 am	Candle light Procession / Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Blessing of Easter Baskets / Paschal potluck in the Hall
<i>FEAST OF FEASTS</i>		

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
Katrina Anderson
Abraham Haddad
Tim & Jenny Ford
Threima Leech
Priscilla Hughes
Steve Jakymiw
Lillian Murphy
Marilyn Fore
Demetrius Yackanich
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Keith Romero

Fr. Julian Gnall
Henry Zuger
John & Margie
Disque
Phillip Fall
Laura Dominquez
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Mary Ann Kosty
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel
Jean Pesce
Henry Burnette
Tracy McTernan
Terry Rains

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



Vocation Icon

Today: Dodson-Sands
Next Sunday: Donlin

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:

Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



ETERNAL MEMORY!!!

Dear Parish Family, **Stephen Horner**, long time OLPH parishioner fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, April 5. We offer Stephen's family our prayerful condolences and promise of prayers for his eternal repose and their consolation.

May God grant His servant Stephen blessed repose and remember him forever!

Funeral arrangements:

April 10, Holy Monday: 7 pm — Rosary followed by Parastas at Strong Thorne Mortuary, 1100 Coal Ave. SW ABQ.

April 11, Holy Tuesday: 11 am — Presanctified Liturgy with Funeral at OLPH followed by Mercy Meal in the hall.

Interment Service at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe . Date and time pending.

Special Collection on Good Friday: Dear Parish Family, this year on Good Friday April 14 a special collection will be taken up at OLPH and throughout our Eparchy as it is in many other Catholic Churches to support the work of Franciscans working with Christians in the Holy Land. The Donation basket will be placed at Christ's tomb. Thank you for your generosity. For more info visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday/ or read what the Catholic News Agency records about it on its website.

Good Friday All Night Vigil sign up sheet: Please sign up to keep watch at the Grave of Our Lord from Good Friday night after the Vespers until Holy Saturday morning. We need at least two adults in the church at all times. Thank you!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
April 16	Jose Salazar	Grace Brewer	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Michael Wells Miles Gloetzner	All parish Brunch

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to the Ellefsons for making lots of a Greek bowtie pasta salad, topped with feta cheese. That was delicious! An unknown person brought a tray of brownies which were quickly eaten up! They must have been good!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tuesdays	6:30 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
April 16 Sunday	Resurrection of Our Lord—THE FEAST OF FEASTS 9:00 am Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets
April 17 Bright Monday	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Procession around the Church with the Reading of Gospels
April 20 Thursday	6:00 pm pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy
April 22-23	Sangre de Cristo Installation Weekend
April 24 Monday	10:30 am Shut-ins Visits 5:45 pm Explorers Meeting 6:00pm Bazaar Meeting
April 28 Friday	9—10:30 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic
April 29 Saturday	Kolachi making
May 8 Monday	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
May 20 Saturday	10:00 am—4:00 pm Annual Byzantine Bazaar
June 25 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 inner church renovations

Baking team PLEASE mark these dates in your calendars:

Baking kolachi (nut rolls) - April 29

Making holubki (stuffed cabbage rolls) - May 6

Wrapping and pricing - May 19

Thank you!

Bakers' sign up sheets is available on the greeting table:

Please prayerfully consider what you can bake to sell during the BAZAAR: cookies, brownies, ethnic foods, small breads, cakes that can be easily sliced and sold are all welcome. God Bless YOU!

Palm Sunday

The Holy Pentekastarion (\$15).

This handy book gives catechisis to prepare you and your family for the events of Holy Week. Fr. Slesinski gives the theology and explanation of the liturgy from Palm Sunday through the Bridegroom's (Christ) self-giving in the Eucharist, His Passion and Crucifixion to the Descent into Sheol to free Adam and Eve. The second half then explains Pascha and the preparation for Pentecost and our response to the Holy Spirit. All of it uses the Byzantine Church's prayers, texts, and theology and applies it well to modern use.

God Speaks From the Cross

(\$10.95) Fr. Anthony Coniaris provides food for thought on Jesus' Seven Last Words in which, quite literally, God speaks to us from the Cross of Christ. This is a book to use this week especially!

The Resurrection and Modern Man

(\$9.35) is from Patriarch of Ignatius IV, Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch (1979-2012). He provides a powerful reading of the New Age which breaks into time through Jesus' actions on Easter Sunday, and our response to our Baptism as members of the Church. We have the obligation to fulfill God's command to transform this world through authentic Eastern Christian renewal.

The Zacchaeus Tree: A Family Guide Through the Season of the Great Fast

(\$27). Scriptures, prayers, and activities to make this week come alive for yourself and those around you. Great ideas for children's crafts and things to do for others, including: pussy willows and palms, the fig tree, healing, Jesus' death and visiting the Shroud in church.

!!!ATTENTION!!! OLPHelpers: Mark your calendars for the next large group meeting — Tuesday May 2, 6—8 pm.

Today is the last day to purchase Mission Society Easter Cards. Intentions must be turned in by Monday, April 10. Thank you and God Bless You!

ALIVE IN CHRIST 2017, JULY 6-9

This “ascetical boot camp” retreat is to take place at Prescott Pines Christian Camp, Prescott, AZ. Parish boys from 7 to 17 years of age and their fathers are invited to attend.

Register today—space is limited. Application forms and further information are available in the parish office. **Applications and tuition are due by May 12th.** For further details, please feel free to contact Father Michael O’Loughlin, Eparchial Vocations Director, at 720-254-9219 or michaelpauloloughli@gmail.com. Or, Father Michael Mandelas, Assistant Vocations Director, at 206-329-9219 or mjmandelas@gmail.com

ATTENTION CANTORS, CHOIR MEMBERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN OUR LITURGICAL MUSIC: THE METROPOLITAN CANTOR INSTITUTE for our Byzantine Liturgy has started a comprehensive program of online courses, aimed at recruiting and training new cantors, and working their existing cantors to sharpen their skills. **ONLINE CLASSES** The following courses will be offered from April to June: Introduction to the Divine Liturgy – April 24 to June 16, 2017 An 8-week introduction to the singing of the Divine Liturgy. Each student will demonstrate knowledge of ONE melody for each major hymn. Students will record their singing for review and feedback. This course assumes the knowledge and skills taught in Introduction to Liturgy and Introduction to Church Singing. Tuition: \$75. Reading in Church – April 24 to May 19 A 4-week course covering the role of the reader, the melody used for the epistle and Old Testament readings, and how to prepare to read in church. Students will record their singing for review and feedback. This course assumes the knowledge and skills taught in Introduction to Liturgy and Introduction to Church Singing, but this material can be learned before the reader's course if the student is motivated. Tuition: \$30. Introduction to the Typikon – May 22 to June 16 A 4-week course that teaches cantors the skills necessary to determine the changeable hymns to be sung at the Divine Liturgy throughout the year. (No singing component.) Tuition: \$30. Please pass the word on to anyone in your parish who might be interested. A registration form can be found at http://mci.archpitt.org/MCI/MCI_reg_2017-02.pdf We have also added quite a bit of new material to the MCI website on singing, music theory, and chant leadership. **SUMMER SCHOOL FOR CANTORS** This year, the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is inaugurating a regular summer church music program for cantors, choir directors, and section leaders. For 2017, the program will consist of a three-day master class and workshop to be held on July 12-14 at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, see <http://mci.archpitt.org/blog/2017-summer-program/> The course is limited to 24 students, and we ask that each parish send no more than one person to the workshop unless additional spaces become available. **LIST OF CURRENT CANTORS** Finally, I would appreciate it greatly if you could check the roster we are creating of our current cantors, so we can identify parish needs and help meet them, and also identify cantors who may be willing to mentor others. <http://mci.archpitt.org/cantors/Phoenix.html> Please send any updates to mci@archpitt.org or give me a call at (412) 735-1676. Thank you! In Christ, Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski

Palm Sunday / Holy Week

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.***

Vigil at the Tomb, Good Friday night to Holy Saturday

"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 Monday and Wednesday, abstinence from meat.

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.**

Basket Covers - 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 and other candies are most welcome to be placed in these baskets.

Timber wolves having fun.



Otter pups making crafts.



Timber wolves playing a game.



Story time with "Wise Oak."



The group grows bigger!

