



Conception of John the Baptist

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross,

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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 5:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 6:00 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 week-
day 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 sick-
ness or old age. Father will bring the confined per-
son the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is rec-
ommended 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

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20; Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Catechetical Sunday/Blessing of ECF Teachers & Students

**September 19
Monday**

***Post Festive of the Exaltation /Trophimus & Others Martyrs
Epistle: Philippians 1:1-7; Gospel: Luke 3:19-22***

NO DAILY LITURGY

**September 20
Tuesday**

***Post festive of the Exaltation/Eustace and Others Martyrs
Epistle: Philippians 1:8-14; Gospel: Luke 3:23-4:1***

NO DAILY LITURGY

6:15 pm CAFÉ at UNM

**September 21
Wednesday**

***Leave taking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/Codratus Apostle
Epistle: Philippians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 4:1-15***

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions

NO DAILY LITURGY

**September 22
Thursday**

***Phocas Bishop-Martyr
Epistle: Philippians 1:20-27; Gospel: Luke 4:16-22***

6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner

7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study/Matthew

**September 23
Friday**

***Conception of John the Baptist
Epistle: Galatians 4:22-31; Gospel: Luke 1:5-25***



NO DAILY LITURGY

6:00 pm Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

**September 24
Saturday**

***Thecla Proto-Martyr
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3; Gospel: Luke 4:31-36***

NO EVENING VESPERS/LITURGY

10:00 am—5:00 pm Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

**September 25
Sunday**

***19th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11***

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends

**Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation
for Stefania Eleanora Salazar**

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
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Keith Romero

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

William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Mike Harahuc
Robert Zadel
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santmaria
& Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
Paola Terlaza
Ruth Sousa
Michelle O'Brien

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: Riley

Next Sunday: Jilek

Holy Father's Intentions for September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person. That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize. That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

Today we celebrate an important event in our parish life as we seek to grow in “Communion with God” by beginning our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them have gathered together to pray and to be blessed as they begin this new journey of faith. In a special way today we ask God to grant to His servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves the grace to grow in our communion with Him.

**Project Defending Life is starting once again
40 Days for Life this Fall 2016**

From September 28 through November 6, you are invited to join other Christians from 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

YOU are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 701 San Mateo NE, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **OUR PARISH FAMILY IS SCHEDULED TO PRAY AND WITNESS THE CULTURE OF LIFE IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH.**

If you would like more information - and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Project Defending Life at 505-266-4100 or see www.defendinglife.org THANK YOU!!!

Sincere heartfelt THANK YOU to OLPH Helpers , parishioners and friends for your thoughtfulness , kind wishes and gifts, and a wonderful social on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of my priestly ordination. I LOVE YOU!!!

!!!Attention Parish Family!!!

Fr Artur will be on vacation Monday September 19 through Saturday September 24. For emergency please, call Fr Chris at 505-256-1787. Thank you!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Sept. 25	Michael Wells	Soriah Chavez	Luba Kmetyk	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap	Sena

Barbara's Hall Report

The Perpetual Helpers put on a wonderful social to celebrate Father Artur's second anniversary of his Ordination. Yummy unstuffed cabbage rolls, lots of tasty salads, and those decadent pies. Wow! Everyone was impressed with all that food; we even had leftovers.

Thanks Perpetual Helpers. You are perpetually helpful in the kitchen and the hall!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tuesdays	6:15 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
September 23, 24 Friday, Saturday	Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at the Norbertine Retreat Center
September 26 Monday	10:30 am Senior Shut-ins Outreach
September 30 Friday	8—10 am 40 Days for Life/OLPH Day of Prayer in front of abortion clinic
	Feast of the Holy Protection/Solemn Holy Day
September 30 Friday	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Holy Protection/ Blessing of Litija
October 1 Saturday	9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Holy Protection/Mirovanije

DISCOVER GOD'S GAME PLAN MEN 18-35 INVITED TO WEEKEND RETREAT AT SEMINARY 14 - 16 OCTOBER 2016 To be a priest ... don't you have to give up everything - your family, your friends, the things you enjoy? Don't you have to be super holy, super smart, or somehow "different?" "Come and see" if this is the case! The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from Friday evening, 14 October through Sunday afternoon, 16 October 2016 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion.

The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is the 29th of September.

Knights of Columbus will be meeting in October, on Monday, October 3, at 7 pm in the parish hall. Membership is open to all Catholic men, age 18 and up. We do service projects for the parish and those in need, feed the homeless, and work on growing in our Catholic Faith. The Knights is one of the oldest Catholic men's societies. **See a Knight today and ask him for more information:** Jeff Brewer, Dismas Desloge, Mike Fedorowich, Miles Gloetzner, Rich Heinsman, Paul Hunt, Brook Jilek, James Larkin, Dan Riley, Steve Preisler, Kendrick Sena, Sven Svensson, Michael Wells.

A water color show at UNM Hospital, featuring 20 original paintings by our parishioner Beverly Forrest opens tomorrow August 29 - September 30. Reception is September 9th, 4 - 6 pm. The gallery is open 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday and is located at UNMH 5th floor Ambulatory Care Center. Please, join us. Thank you.

THE HISTORY OF CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday has its roots in a 1935 Vatican publication “On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education”, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB’s Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. Now the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis publishes Catechetical Sunday materials each year.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. In the early years of the Twenty-first Century educators of the various Eastern Catholic Churches began to provide posters, prayers, announcements and other related material reflective of the distinctive charisms of Eastern Christians’ faith-experience and expression for Catechetical Sunday.

Annual themes have been developed to complement the concept of USCCB guidelines, but with a look and feel in accord with the Eastern Christian spiritual and catechetical tradition. One small point was opting to allow “Catechetical Sunday” to be observed on another date, acknowledging the fact that the “third Sunday in September” may be inconvenient for some. Some have chosen, for example, to tie the observance to the Feast day of St John the Theologian, September 26 on the Byzantine calendar. This year’s theme “Communion with God” focuses on the purpose and goal of catechesis specifically in and through the Divine Liturgy.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2016: COMMUNION WITH GOD

Every Christian receives in Holy Baptism the gift of God's Life, which is lived out most fully in the mystical-liturgical life of the Church.

In the Eastern Christian tradition, the traditional form or method of religious education is liturgical in nature because its main purpose and aim is to incorporate the individual person ever deeper into the mystical life of the Church, the Body of Christ. Catechesis, then, is intimately tied to, founded upon, and directed toward the Liturgy, because it is in the Liturgy that the fullness of Divine Life is revealed and communicated.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2016 POSTER

Catechetical Sunday 2016 Poster is designed to communicate the theme of this year’s Catechetical Sunday. The icon of the Mystical Supper is depicted at the bottom of the flyer to reveal the truth that Divine Liturgy is the foundation of our communion with God. The rays which burst forth from the name of God and shine upon the image of the Mystical Supper tell us that in the Divine Liturgy we encounter God Himself and become partakers of the Divine Nature.

Saints of the Week

September 20 - St Michael of Chernigov and St Eustace - The Golden Horde of the Mongols ruled for 250 years over former Kiev-Rus', a time stilled called the Yoke of the Mongols. in 1245, Prince Michael was ordered to take part in a pagan rite. He refused to give up Christian beliefs, while remaining a loyal subject. The khan ordered his brutal martyrdom along with his counselor Eustace. **This reminds us that there are limits as to what the State can claim from us.**

September 23—Conception of St John the Baptist : Mary and John are the only saints whose conception, birth and death are celebrated liturgically, and this is done in all of the ancient Churches. His birth is on June 24, and this feast of the conception shows that St Elizabeth did not have a perfect nine month pregnancy - **only Our Lord is shown to be in the womb exactly nine months, as a sign of His divinity along with His humanity.**

Love and Protection of the Unborn

The whole mission of the Catholic Church in the world—the theme and purpose and vocation of every institution and every Catholic individual—is *love*.

Why does the Church set up hospitals and adoption agencies and soup kitchens? Why have whole orders of nuns been founded to care for the elderly or the sick? Why did St. Damien offer to go to spend his last years serving in a leper colony in Hawaii? Why did Mother Teresa establish homes for men dying of AIDs?

It's not for money. It's not for recognition. It's not a plan to increase our numbers and our social influence. It's not even because the Church is committed to taking care of her own. It matters not at all to any of these institutions or individuals whether the people they're serving are Catholic. They don't have to be Catholic. They can even be anti-Catholic. We don't do it for ourselves; we do it for love.

We do it because we understand that each and every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Each, no matter how small or weak or wounded or messed up, is completely unique and infinitely precious.

We understand that all human life ----including every child in the womb----is a gift to be received, cherished, and *served*, not abused, not manipulated, not degraded, not destroyed.

OLPH Sangre de Cristo Explorers



Blessing of Leaders & Children



First Meeting



Fr. Chris is not able to come into the church and offices because the different chemicals used in the renovation trigger asthma attacks. You may still make appointments for confession and spiritual direction, but elsewhere. Thank you.

Antique Russian Icons - Father Chris will be away visiting relatives in New York City area Sept 28 - Oct 4. If you want him to look for an antique Russian icon for you, please contact him and tell him what your budget is. And pray for a safe journey for him and his helper, Ralph Pesce!