

August 15, 2021, Tone 3
12th Sunday After Pentecost / Dormition of the Theotokos

Christ is Among Us!
He is and Always Shall Be!



Glory to you, O Most-pure One! Glory to you, O Mother of God!
You did bear for us the Living Christ, the living water of grace!
Life-bearing source, we all boast of you and we praise your
all-glorious Dormition.

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday

Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

Advisory Board

Fr. Chris Zegger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,

Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

Finance Council

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

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!

May the Lord Bless your kindness and generosity to His House!



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!

1 Cor 15:1-11; Phil 2:5-11
Mt 19:16-26; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

Live streaming through YouTube 9:30 am Rosary & Confessions
10:00 am Matins with Procession around the Church with the Burial Shroud of Our Lady / Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Flowers
Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Eternal Lamp: +John Schuler 13th Anniversary by wife Eva

Aug 16 Mon *Translation of the Icon of Our Lord*
Col 1:12-18 or 2 Col 3:4-11; Lk 9:51-56 & 10:23-24

No Liturgy

Aug 17 Tue *Myron Martyr / 2 Cor 8:16-9:5; Mk 3:13-19*

No Liturgy

Aug 18 Wed *Florus and Lautus Martyrs / 2 Cor 9:12-10:7; Mk 3:20-27*

4:30—5:45 pm Philokalia Prayer and Discussion Group
No OLPH Devotions / No Divine Liturgy

Aug 19 Thu *Andrew and Others Martyrs / 2 Cor 16:7-18; Mk 3:28-5*

Aug 20 Fri *Samuel, Prophet, Stephen King of Hungary / 2 Cor 11:5-21; Mk 4:1-9*



9:00am am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo
No Liturgy

Aug 21 Sat *Thaddeus Apostle / 1 Cor 2:5-9; Mt 22:15-22*

Aug 22 Sun *13th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42*

4:00 pm Great Vespers (UTUBE LIVE)
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Numbers 25:1-9; Samuel 16:12-23; Isaiah 28:14-22
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Healing for Fr. Chris by DeLaps

Live streaming through YouTube 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Eternal Lamp: Open

YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia>. Please click the "Subscribe" button to make it easier for you to find the channel in the future. Please, send your feedback about the quality of the live stream / comments / suggestions to Dan Riley: riley.dan@gmail.com

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

Sharif Rabadi	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Harry & Barbara	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	De Lap	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	Christopher
Svensson		Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Abraham Haddad	Tracy McTernan
Brent Dodson-	Olga Bodnar	Scott Fafrak
Sands	Marianne Gerace	Jordan Smith
John Alden	Lori Medina	Rebecca Baia
Lara Davis	Michael Baron	Janet Worthington
Philip Leahy	Gabriel Preisler	Patti Klinkovsky
Marcie Dark	Todd Bailey	Fr Chris Zugger
	Fr Tyler Strand	

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 August The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Vocation Icon

Today:

Davidson-Talley Family

Next Sunday: Carol Donlin

“If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have, give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, and follow me!” These words of our Lord inspired great saints such as Anthony the Great and Francis of Assisi. While each of us may answer this calling in different ways, we see that Jesus wants all of us to follow him. Is he seeking you to follow him in the way of living as a priest, deacon, monk, or nun? If this may be the case, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email:

vocations@ephx.org

August 22, 2021

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Alaina & Nicky Riley

Counters: Rafael Plut, Ann Rajala

Propers for 8/22/2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost & Post-festive Day of Dormition

Tone 4

Troparion (Tone 4)- 141

Troparion (Dormition) - 352

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Dormition) - 352

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 142 & 353

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 353

Our Father- 69

Communion Hymn - 81 & 355 [F]

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Sunday (Zoom). Send your prayer requests to Patricia at pocb@unm.edu THE PRAYER WARRIORS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE--WOMEN, MEN, & CHILDREN (children who have their parents' permission)! Please join us!!

8/22 Voice

8/29 God Seeks Us

9/5 Comfort from Scriptures and the Saints II

9/12 Soul

9/19 Voices

9/26 Samson & Delilah

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to Daniel & Dominique Fogg for bringing pulled pork, potato salad, and lots of great bundt cakes. Also, thanks to everyone who helped clean the tables and floor. I noticed quit a few people helping out! It's always appreciated!

Save the Date: ALIVE IN CHRIST 2022 – an “Ascetical Boot Camp” Retreat for Byzantine Catholic Young Men.

The Vocations Office of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix are pleased to announce the next Alive in Christ Ascetical Boot Camp. The Date for the 2022 Camp is July 14th – 17th.

The Camp will be held at Black Diamond Camps near Auburn, WA. Black Diamond Camps is an approximately 30 drive from the SeaTac Int. Airport, Seattle. [http:// blackdiamond.org](http://blackdiamond.org) This camp is open to young men and boys, ages 7 to 17, who are active and in good standing with their Byzantine Catholic parishes for at least 6 months prior to application. Each boy who is 7 to 10 years old during the camp requires his father or legal male guardian's registration and full participation. Each 7 and 8 year old should have made his first confession. All fathers of boy attendees are required to register and participate in the camp and complete all necessary Safe Environment Training and Background checks. Enrollment may need to be limited, and spaces for accepted applicants are filled on a first-paid-first registered basis. Boy applicants must be available for the entire duration of the camp. Except for medical and emergency situations, early departures are not to be requested. What & Why: Inaugurated in 2003, “Alive in Christ” is a spiritual retreat camp conducted by the Vocations Office of the Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix. The camp aims at helping young men mature in their Catholic faith and a life of authentic Christian discipleship. Fed by Byzantine spirituality, the camp engenders a fervor that will deepen personal awareness of a boy's share in the Life of Christ, that will sustain him as he grows into adulthood in an ever-increasing secular world, that will teach him to exercise Christian values through self-mastery, and that will assist him in discerning well his God-given vocations and charisms. Conducted in a highly disciplined and somewhat rigorous environment, the camp accomplishes its goals with a focus on community and by means of liturgical prayer, friendship building, and team effort. We in the Vocation Office look forward to gathering once again with campers from across our vast Eparchy. Please mark your calendars now. Registration materials will become available in early 2022.

August 16 – August 31 Fr Artur is on vacation. In case of sacramental emergency, please, contact Fr Chris / Fr Tyler Strand ((516) 661-0883 tylerastrand@yahoo.co.uk.) Saturday evening and Sunday Holy Services on Aug 21/22 and Aug 28/29 will be celebrated by Fr Tyler.

ONLINE GIVING / ONLINE TITHING is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information.

You can do a one-time donation or setup weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at: <https://www.olphnm.org/giving> Thank you for your support!

Anniversary

Father Chris will be observing his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood with a Divine Liturgy on Tuesday October 12 at 6:00 pm and a celebratory dinner at the Sheraton uptown on October 13 at 6:00 pm. The invitations were sent last week. Please RSVP by Sept 30.

Bishop's Appeal 2021: Collected to date: **\$19,209.66** Participation: registered OLPH Families 60; Paid pledges by families (45). **Thank you to Juanita Montoya**. Our parish goal is \$29,904.84 which breaks down to \$498 per Domestic Church. If we reach our goal, our parish will receive a 10% rebate which is \$2,990.00! Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. Please, pay your pledge online directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix AZ or mail your check made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy. Thank you! You can also make your donation to the Appeal via your credit card in the gift shop. May the Lord reward your generosity and sacrificial response!

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION

In the Byzantine church we are observing the Feast of the Dormition by conducting the Burial Service of the Theotokos. This observance comes to us from the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the traditional site of her death and burial.

On the morning of August 14 a procession sets out from the Patriarchate, bearing the icon of the Dormition. They leave the Old City and cross the Kedron Valley, arriving at Gethsemane and the tomb of the Theotokos. There the people, passing beneath the icon, enter the church where the burial shroud of the Theotokos has been displayed for veneration. On the closing of the feast, August 23, another procession returns the icon and the shroud to the Patriarchate.

The Tomb of the Holy Virgin

We do not know when the site of the Virgin's tomb in Gethsemane, at the foot of Mount Olivet, became a place of Christian devotion. Some say that the first church there had been built by St Helena in the fourth century. There was clearly a church there in the fifth century. It is well documented that the first Patriarch of Jerusalem, St Juvenal, had taken the veil of the Theotokos from this shrine and sent it to the Empress Pulcheria who had asked him for the Virgin's "relics" after the Council of Chalcedon (451). The patriarch replied, "Three days after her repose, the body of the Holy Virgin was raised up to heaven and the Tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane bears only her Veil." The patriarch then sent this relic to Constantinople where it was enshrined in the church of the Theotokos at Blachernae, a district of Constantinople.

A church was built at the site of the virgin's tomb in 582 by the Byzantine Emperor Maurice. Thus church was destroyed during the Persian invasion of 614 but rebuilt soon afterward. During the Crusades it was destroyed again, leaving only the crypt – the actual place of the tomb – and the steps descending to it. Today the crypt-church is served jointly by the Greek Patriarchate and the Armenian Patriarchate. The church also contains chapels used by the Coptic and Syriac Orthodox.

The Burial Service

The first record of a burial service performed outside Jerusalem dates from the fifteenth century. In Russia rectors of churches dedicated to the Mother of God were encouraged to erect a tomb or bier on the solea in which the icon of the feast could be enshrined. Matins could then be served before this tomb.

It was also in the fifteenth century that the lamentations on the burial of Christ were composed in Jerusalem. They are sung today in the Orthros of Holy Saturday, one of the more popular moments in the rites of the Holy Week in the Greek and Middle Eastern Churches. Due to the interaction of Greeks and Italians in this period we often see a burial of Christ service, including the Greek melodies of the Lamentations, used by Italian and Spanish Roman Catholics as well.

Around one hundred years later, in 1541, the Greek Metropolitan Dionysios of Old Patras in western Greece composed the service for the burial of the Theotokos, in imitation of the service for the burial of Christ. It is this service which has spread throughout the Byzantine world today.

At first the principal image used in this service was the icon of the Dormition, as in Jerusalem. As the burial of the Theotokos came to be celebrated as imitation of the Burial of Christ, use of the shroud of the Theotokos became popular.

Passing through Death to Life

Some people feel that this imitation of the burial of Christ detracts from people's understanding of Pascha as the climactic event of world history, the death and resurrection of the Savior. The Holy Virgin, after all, did not rise from the dead as Christ did; she lived and died in a purely human, if immaculate way.

Since there is no mention of the Virgin's death in the New Testament, some Christians have come to believe that Mary did not die at all but was translated to glory without being subject to death. There is no evidence nor is there a tradition that this was believed in the Christian East. The Theotokos died by the necessity of her human nature, which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world. Like us she was mortal. Unlike us, her natural mortality did not lead her to sin (spiritual death).

The Church believes that Mary died as all humans die, but that it was granted that she enter now in her body the glorification awaiting all the saints in the life of the age to come. The Theotokos thus becomes a sign confirming that Christ's death and resurrection truly accomplished for all mankind, not just for Himself, the destruction of Hades and the defeat of Death. Her Repose demonstrates the reality of the transformation of death from a fearful enemy into a joyous passage to life.

Besides pointing back to the death and resurrection of Christ, the Repose of the Theotokos points ahead to what is to come: that all who are in Christ will share in the life of the angels in the resurrected body. As Father Alexander Schmemmann put it, "Mary is not the great exception;" rather she is the great example given to us as a witness of what is meant for us all. As we say in the Creed, we "look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The Feast of the Dormition gives us a glimpse of what that might be. (Eparchy of Newton Melkite leaflets)

Lamentations at the Tomb of the Theotokos (*Third Stasis*)

Every generation to your tomb comes bringing its dirge of praises, O Virgin.

All of creation to the tomb comes bringing a farewell hymn to our Lady.

Christ's holy Disciples tend to the body of Mary, Mother of my God.

Orders of Angels and Archangels invisibly hymn her presence.

Pious Women with the Apostles now cry out their lamentations.

She who was at Cana at the marriage has been called with the Apostles.

The Master descends now to Gethsemane with countless hosts of heaven.

Let us go out quickly to meet the Lord Jesus Who comes once more among us.

Let us be attentive God is now speaking with His most pure Mother:

"Behold now your Son comes to bring you into His home in the heavens.

Come indeed, My Mother, come into divine joy and enter into the kingdom."

"What will I bring You, O my Son, the God-Man" the Maiden cried to the Master.

"What will I bring You, O my God in heaven except my soul and body.

The Father I glorify to the Son I sing a hymn the Holy Spirit I worship."



God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family member Grayson and Scarlett Dodd!!!
On Saturday July 24, we formally welcomed little Grayson into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as he received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-Holy Eucharist) at the 5pm Divine Liturgy, while Scarlett completed her initiation into the Life in Christ by receiving Chrismation and First Holy Communion. May the Lord grant to the God loving Dodd Family: Scott, Genifer, Scarlett and Grayson peace health and happiness for many and blessed years!

