



March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Festal Tone

Philippians 4:4-9 & Hebrews 2:11-18

John 12:1-18 & Luke 1:24-38

Christ is Among Us!

He is and Always Shall Be!



**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
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)

Shut-ins Visits: 2nd & 4th Monday, 10:30 am

Explorers Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday,
5:45pm

Advisory Board Meeting: 3rd Monday, 6:00
pm

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Matthew Blain, Tom Ellefson, Maria Alden

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/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you

Today 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows / Procession around the Church
Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends / Myrovanije
Fr. Chris: Health of Frank Gimbrone

4:00 pm Great Vespers

March 26 Monday *Holy Monday / Exodus 1:1-20 Job 1:1-12; Job 1:1-12; Matthew 24:3-35*



10:30 am Shut-ins Visits
6:00 pm Bridegroom Matins / Confessions

March 27 Tuesday *Holy Tuesday / Exodus 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Matthew 24:36-26:2*

6:00 pm Bridegroom Matins / Confessions
6:30 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM

March 28 Wednesday *Holy Wednesday / Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Matthew 26:6-16*



7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy / Holy Anointing / Confessions

March 29 Thursday *Holy Thursday / Isaiah 50:4-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:2-20
John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:31-30; Luke 22:43-45; Matthew 26:40-27:2*

7:00 pm Vespers / Divine liturgy of St. Basil / for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Fr. Chris: For Priests and Seminarians

March 30 Friday *Good Friday / Isaiah 52:13-54:1; 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2; Matthew 7:1-38
Luke 23:39-44; Matthew 27:39-54; John 19:331-37*
Strict Fast

10:00 am Passion Matins
12:00 pm Decorating/setting up of the tomb
7:00 pm Vespers & Procession with the Burial Shroud / Confessions
11:30 pm Jerusalem Matins / All night Vigil

March 31 Saturday *Holy Saturday / Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20*



11:00 am Akathist to the Life bearing Tomb of Christ

April 1 Sunday *Resurrection of Our Lord—Pascha / Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17*

6:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy / for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Blessing of Baskets

FEAST OF FEASTS

9:00 am Resurrection Matins / Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Blessing of Baskets / Paschal potluck in the hall
Fr. Chris: For Family, Friends and Benefactors

Sharif Rabadi
 Katrina Anderson
 Abraham Haddad
 Tim & Jenny Ford
 Threima Leech
 Priscilla Hughes
 Steve Jakymiw
 Marilyn Fore
 Demetrius Yackanich
 Sven & Barbara Svensson
 Laurie Bienz
 Brent & Nicole Dodson-
 Sands
 Eva Schuler
 Charlie & Maggie Batsel

Fr. Julian Gnall
 Henry Zuggler
 John & Margie
 Disque
 Phillip Fall
 Laura Dominquez
 Olga Bodnar
 Frances Brannan
 John Deflice
 Mary Ann Kosty
 Jordan Smith
 Jean Pesce
 Tracy McTernan
 Terry Rains
 Eli Griego
 Brother Vittorio

William Frank
 Mary Nell Preisler
 Mike Harahuc
 Lorraine Hubbell
 Heather Mattax
 Larry Bennett
 Paola Terlaza
 Ruth Sousa
 Linda Granci
 Mary Danyluk
 Richard Hornung
 Kris Nelson
 Scott Fafrak
 Dana Papaj
 Peter Dzek
 Vicki Frank

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 Your might divine

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

Sorrowful Mysteries daily during Great Lent

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 March:

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



Vocation Icon

Today: Bonham-Chavez Family

Next Sunday: Donlin Family



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Now this I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully, Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

April 1, 2018

Cantor	Evie Jilek Andrea Riley 3/31
Reader	Sven Svensson
Trojca	Delilah Chavez
Greeter	Dorothy Curl
Usher	Dan Riley, Jeff Brewer
Counter	Rafael Plut, Dorothy Curl
Host	All
Church Cleaners	Tom Plut, Tom Ellefson
Altar Servers:	Thomas Donlin Michael Grega Daniel Fogg Joe Ellefson Patricio Chavez Jerry Jilek Elijah Jilek

Bishop's Appeal 2018: Collected to date: \$5,305.00 **Participation:** registered OLPH Families 59; Paid in full pledges 21 families (42.8%) Our parish goal is **\$16,225.00** which breaks down to **\$275 per household**. If we reach our goal, our parish will receive a 20% rebate which is \$3,135.00!

You can also make your full donation to the Appeal via your credit card in the gift shop. Deadline for Bishop's Appeal this year is May 31. May the Lord reward your generosity and sacrificial response!

Special Collection on Good Friday: Dear Parish Family, this year on Good Friday March 30 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/ of read what the Catholic News Agency records about it on its website.

Volunteers needed!!! We will be decorating the church on Good Friday with the setting up of the tomb at NOON. Thank you!

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to the Explorers for hosting a Lenten brunch with pancakes, eggs & Irish soda bread. No meat was involved! Hopefully they raised enough money for their upcoming activities. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars

April 3 Tuesday	6:00 pm St. John's Bible Study for Tweens
April 14 Saturday	9:00 am Church tour for St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Group by Fr Chris
April 23-27	Clergy Conference in Phoenix
April 28 Saturday	9:00 am –4:00 pm making stuffed cabbage for Bazaar
May 9 Wed.	Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Litija
May 10 Thursday	
May 12 Saturday	Annual Byzantine Bazaar
May 19 Saturday	9:00 am 5th All Souls Liturgy / Panachida
July 1 Sunday	Patronal Feast of OLPH / visit of Bishop John

SAVE THE DATE: summer camps/retreats

Myrrh-Bearers Retreat for all girls, 7-11, teens 12-17 & women 18+

The Myrrh-Bearers Retreat will be held from Friday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 24th at the Franciscan Renewal center, Scottsdale, AZ. *The Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos* is the theme for this Retreat. All girls and teens 7-17 and women 18+ are invited to attend this annual Retreat. Fliers are available on the greeting table. For registration and full info go to: www.myrrh-bearers.com

“Who is My Neighbor?” ByzanTEEN Youth Rally July 5 - 8, 2018 for youth ages 13 to 18 (through high school years).

This year the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is hosting the Rally on the campus of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Cost: \$310 for early registration before May 1st, 2018. From May 1 through June 16 the cost will be \$335.

Alive in Christ Camp for boys and dads July 12 - 15 2018 at Palomar Christian Conference Center, CA.

Forms and flyers with the information re: the above-mentioned events available on the welcome shelves in the narthex or in the office with Fr Artur. Thank you.

Cantor Corner

Liturgical Propers for 4/1/18 (PASCHA)

Festal Tone / Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Third Antiphon & Entrance Hymn - DL 165

Troparion - DL 165

v. Glory...Now & Ever... (Tone 8)

Kontakion - DL 166

Instead of 'Holy God' - All You Who Have Been Baptized

DL 32 [B]

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - DL 166

Instead of 'It is Truly Proper' -

DL 167

Our Father (Paschal) - DL 167

DL 168-9

Dismissal - DL 170

Cantor Announcements:

We will make various changes to our Liturgical hymns as we enter into the Paschal season, including the Hymn of the Incarnation, Holy God, and Cherubic Hymn.

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Believing in Jesus's promise that where two or more are gathered in His name, He is with us, please join our intercessory prayer group, the OLPH Prayer Warriors, Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the conference room to pray for our individual and collective needs. Although we will dedicate our prayers to particular themes each week, and if you cannot participate in our gatherings, do let us know of your particular petitions and we will include them in our prayers. Send your prayer requests to Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

April 2018

April 1 Baptism of Holy Spirit

April 8 Signs

April 15 Courage

April 22 Miracles

April 29 Persecution

Feast of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

The feast of the Annunciation, the day on which our salvation begins, is so important that in the Byzantine Churches it is never moved, no matter what day on which it falls, even on Good Friday. Why? Because the date of the Incarnation supersedes everything, this feast must be observed. If it falls on Good Friday, then the joyful Annunciation Liturgy is celebrated in the morning, with bright colors per usual. Then the rest of the day is given over to the sorrowful passion of Our Lord. Without the Incarnation, nothing else would have happened!

The Archangel is usually shown with his feet spread apart as if he is running to share the good news with Mary. His vestments can be showing flowing behind him. In his left hand is a staff, the symbol of a messenger in ancient Greece. His right hand is extended toward Mary as he delivers the message and announces the blessing bestowed upon her by God.

On the right side of the icon the Virgin either sits on an elevated seat, or stands erect ready to receive the message. Either way indicates that as the Mother of God she is *“more honorable than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim, who a virgin gave birth to God the Word.”* In her left hand she holds a spindle of scarlet yarn which depicts the task she was assigned of preparing the purple and scarlet material to be used in making the veil for the Temple in Jerusalem. Her right hand is raised in a gesture of acceptance in response to Gabriel’s message. Her posture expresses willing cooperation with God’s plan of salvation. Mary’s garments also have the three stars commonly used to represent her ever-virginity: before, during, and after the birth of Christ.

At the top of the icon the segment of a circle represents the divine realm, from which three rays emerge. This demonstrates the action of the Holy Spirit coming upon her from the Trinity. In other depictions of the same icon, Christ Himself – as a man – is shown in this semi-circle. Some icons show the Infant Jesus taking shape in her womb, surrounded with His unique halo, showing that He is the God-Man from the beginning, and so Mary is truly the Theotokos, The Bearer of God. The halo reads “I am that I am”, the name God gave in answer to Moses’ question “Who are you?”

The Annunciation icon marks the crowning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before all ages. For the Son of God becomes the son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims to the ever-virgin Mary: *“Hail, O full of grace, the Lord is with you.”* -courtesy of *“A Reader’s Guide to Orthodox Icons with editing by Fr. Chris <http://iconreader.wordpress.com/>*

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..."

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.



Message from Noel: My dear beloved in Christ: I send you my warmest greetings via this message that is long overdue. Glory to Jesus Christ!!

I am currently in Winnipeg, Canada, just north of North Dakota. I am volunteering at a Redemptorist mission called, "The Welcome Home," a neighborhood mission located in a troubled area of the city. I have come here to serve and to discern my vocation to the priesthood. I am most grateful to announce that I have been accepted into the Redemptorist formation program, starting this fall, in the Bronx, New York! I am thrilled about this, but nervous at the same time. I request that you please pray an Our Father for me. My journey has been bittersweet. The Ruthenian church in Albuquerque was my first love, and it has been somewhat painful to let go; it has taken me time to become acquainted with the Ukrainian church, which I also now hold dearly in my heart. The people here have been good to me, and I am slowly making new friendships. I must be opened to God's will. I believe this is where He needs me right now. Please keep me in your prayers. Please know that I miss you dearly, and think of you all the time, especially on Sundays during the Divine Liturgy. I miss every single one of you, Father Artur and Father Chris: the way you offer Divine Liturgy is incomparable; it is what I miss most! I miss Andrea, Evie, Mr. Blaine and the rest of the choir, as well as praying the Rosary on Sunday mornings before Matins. I miss cantoring with Pam on Wednesdays and Friday nights, as well as my wonderful friends Barb, Priscilla, Miles and Dorothy. I miss the joyful tones and melodies of the most beautiful and glorious Ruthenian Liturgy!! I could go on and on... sorry if I missed your name, but I truly miss you all, my beloved parish. You have no idea of how blessed you are to be @ OLPH!! hope you are all doing well, and I pray that you have a Bright and Joyous Easter!!! I send you my most sincere greetings and blessings from my broken heart. With Love, In Christ our Lord, your brother: Noel



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