



November 15, 2015  
25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am  
Festal Matins 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 4:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

**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):**

9:15-10:00 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!

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**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.**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
<i>Beginning of Philip's Fast</i>	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends
		Fr. Chris: +Jim Stockton by M/M Richard Jacobs
		Eternal Lamp +John Schuler by wife Eva
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Matthew Apostle - Evangelist</b>	
November 16	<i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Gospel: Luke 10:25-37</i>	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
		+Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gregory – Wonderworker Bishop</b>	
November 17	<i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:8-14; Gospel: Luke 14:25-35</i>	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
		Blessing on James Danovich and His Family
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM; Topic: Conserving Traditional Liturgical Worship in the Roman Rite
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Plato &amp; Roman Martyrs</b>	
November 18	<i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:18-20 &amp; 2:8-15; Gospel: Luke 15:1-10</i>	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
		Blessing on Lubomyra Kmetyk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Obadiah Prophet</b>	
November 19	<i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Gospel: Luke 16:1-9</i>	
	6:00 pm	Pot luck dinner
	7:00 pm	THEOSIS Bible Study; Topic: Matthew Ch. 8, 9
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Gregory of Decapolite Venerable</b>	
November 20	<i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:4-8 &amp; 16; Gospel: Luke 16:15-18 &amp; 17:1-4</i>	
	6:00 pm	Vesper Liturgy for the feast of Entrance of the Theotokos; Bl. of the Litija Bread & Mirovanije
		Blessing on Salazar Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos</b>	
November 21	<i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Gospel: John 1:43-51</i>	
	9:00 am	Festive Liturgy & Mirovanije for the Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Leroy Ortiz and His Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
November 22	<i>Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-15; Gospel: Luke 12:16-21</i>	
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:00 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends
	Eternal Lamp	Father Chris' 61 <sup>st</sup> Birthday by Parishioners

***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  
Jenny Ford  
Marilyn Fore  
Robert Hasaka  
Frank & Martha Arden  
Pricilla Hughes  
Sharif Rabadi  
Threima Leech  
Stephen Horner  
Demetrius Yackanich

Paola Terlaza  
Henry Zuggger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Walter Jakymiw  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Kristoff Rajala  
Jordan Smith  
Maggie Batsel  
Katrina Anderson  
Tony Lucero  
Chris Overlin

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

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon  
against sin, and for healing.*

Glorious Mysteries are recited on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday; Joyful  
Mysteries on Monday & Saturday; Sorrowful Mysteries on Wednesday &  
Friday.

*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***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

#### ***Holy Father's Intentions for November***

**Universal:** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

**Evangelization:** That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

*Our weekly Gift to the Lord—  
May the Lord Bless your kindness  
and generosity to His House!*



**Vocation Icon**  
**Today: Riley**  
**Next Sunday: Brewer**

**We received** an appeal to help former parishioners Angelo and Anna, who normally attended the Saturday Vigil. Angelo's father was killed in a car accident in Mexico, and apparently they are faced with a lot of expenses in retrieving his body and have it transported home for burial. They are also expecting their second child.

If you would like to help, you can go to <http://www.youcaring.com> and donate at the website set up by fellow teachers. Type in "Cervantes" in the search box.

### **Attention Ladies!**

"Our Lady of Perpetual Helpers" is having our final organizational meeting. We will be firming up our plans & scheduling events.

Thank you so much for your support, please continue to add your beautiful voices & ideas as we build a strong, Christ-centered women's community.

Our meeting will be held in the OLPH Social Hall on Monday, November 30th from 6 - 8pm. There will be a potluck of light supper foods & snacks & lively discussion.

### **Mission Society Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards to support our mother church in Mukachevo, Ukraine (where Father Artur came to us from) go on sale **today**. Proceeds will help build two parish houses that will serve as permanent homes for the priests, catechetical rooms, a library and a gym for the youth.

A packet of 5 cards sell for \$10 including envelopes. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office.

All names will be sent to Bishop Milan Sasik in the Ukraine. On January 7<sup>th</sup> (Old Calendar Christmas), the Bishop will place all of these names on the altar and pray for each individual.

The last day to purchase cards will be December 20<sup>th</sup>. **May the Lord bless your kindness and generosity!**

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### **Barbara's Hall Report:**

Thanks to Nahrein Youssef for bringing a Middle Eastern Feast. I really don't know the name of it, but everyone says it is delicious. And by the way, people were coming back for more--it truly was a feast!

Lots of cookies were brought to celebrate Christy's birthday. Happy Birthday to you, Christy!

## Why do we keep St. Philip's Fast?

by Steve Puluka, edited by Fr. Chris

Unlike the Great Fast before the Feast of the Resurrection (Pascha), the Philipian fast became little practiced in the Byzantine Church in America. Often it is confused with the shorter Roman Catholic practice of Advent. It has few services or hymns, and only two special Sundays. Yet the **Philipian Fast is an ancient practice in preparation for the Incarnation and Theophany of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

This 40 day fast is important and has been steadily reemphasized and spread in parishes. The Philipian Fast can help us to better understand and appreciate God's entire saving plan.

**Theologically, the birth and the public ministry of Christ are inextricably linked. The Philipian Fast was created to prepare us to receive Christ into the world (Christmas) and begin His public ministry (Theophany). They are two sides of a single coin.**

On arriving at Bethlehem and the Nativity on December 25th, we begin to prepare for the Theophany. We do not stop at the Nativity. In our joy at God's arrival, we press forward and see the Theophany.

With Theophany we experience the beginning of Christ's revelation to us of the mysteries of God. Most important of all, this event points out the Mystery of the Trinity, a mystery long hinted in the Old Testament.

The regulations of this Fast are not as strict, as it falls during the winter, and so abstinence remains in force for Friday, and is recommended for Wednesday and also Monday. Christmas Eve is a day of strict fast.

### Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Thursday, November 19

6:30 pm

Pot-luck dinner

7:00 pm

THEOSIS Bible Study; Matthew Ch. 8 & 9

Friday, November 20

6:00 pm

Vesper Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos; Blessing of Litija Bread; Mirovanije

Saturday, November 21

9:00 am

Entrance of the Theotokos

Wednesday, November 25

6:00 pm

Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

9:00 am

Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving

## **Office of Evangelization & Education**

### **November 2015**

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”-Matthew 6:33  
Last month we discussed the importance of prayer. This second lesson in our 3-part series on seeking the Kingdom of God focuses on how to live out an active Byzantine Catholic faith by

#### **READING SACRED SCRIPTURE**

You may say to yourself, “Who, me? I don’t know how to interpret Scripture! Bishops, priests and people who study theology are supposed to do that.” While this is true, each individual Catholic must also know the teachings of Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture.

St. Jerome in the 4th Century taught that, “Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” St. John Chrysostom wrote, “...but when you are at home, persevere continually in reading the Divine Scriptures.”

In prayer, you communicate with God. Through Sacred Scripture, God communicates Himself to you. This is why so many great Saints of the Catholic Church stressed its importance.

You do not have to be afraid of being unable to interpret Scripture. The Holy Spirit guides you as you read thoughtfully and prayerfully. Begin with the New Testament. Read a small portion of the Gospels daily. Take a few moments at the beginning to ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive God’s Word, to love God’s Word, and to live God’s Word. In addition, there are numerous great resources that can help you understand God’s Word and how to apply it to your daily life.

If you have a Bible, read it. If you do not have a Bible, purchase a good Catholic version, such as The Catholic Study Bible or The Ignatius Study Bible. Both of these have excellent footnotes, maps, charts and useful commentaries to help with your understanding and application.

For further study, The Bible and the Holy Fathers is a patristic commentary that follows our Church’s daily scripture readings. In addition, The Catholic Bible Dictionary by Scott Hahn is a wonderful resource.

You may ask, “What will reading Scripture do for me in the long run?” If you persevere in prayerful meditation on God’s living Word in Sacred Scripture, this will happen:

- During difficult trials, the Holy Spirit will remind you of stories in Sacred Scripture that can help you decide how you are to react and respond.

- Your prayer life will change. The words of Scripture will enrich your daily prayers and you will begin to pray more for others.

- You will grow in holiness and in mercy.

Sacred Scripture reveals the hidden, incredible mystery - that God became man, fully human and fully divine, one person without confusion. It instills the truths of the human condition and how much God loves you in spite of your weaknesses and failures.

- You will be reminded that sin is to be avoided at all cost. It is very easy to lose focus on God in the middle of daily activities, and to fall into sick behaviors. The soul responds to whatever it receives. Just as you need good food and exercise for your body to be healthy, the same goes for your soul. By feeding your soul with Sacred Scripture each day, you open your heart to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, and gain the strength and wisdom to live a life of love and virtue.

- You will have the desire to share your faith in Jesus with others, so that they too can experience His love and mercy.

Next month we will conclude our lessons on seeking the Kingdom of God by learning “How to live a Holy and Eucharistic Life.”

## *The Presentation of the Theotokos*

The **Presentation of the Theotokos** into the Temple, also called **The Entrance**, is one of the Great Feasts of the Byzantine Rite, celebrated on November 21.

According to the legends the Virgin Mary was presented by her parents, SS. Joachim and Anne, to the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem as a young girl. One of the earliest sources of this tradition is the non-canonical\* *Protoevangelion of James*, also called the *Infancy Gospel of James*, composed in Syria around 150 AD.

In the story, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led inside, accompanied by virgins, to live inside the Holy of Holies, to prepare her to become the living sanctuary of God when she would conceive the Divine Child. She was fed by the angels, until the age of twelve when she was betrothed to Joseph, who was an old man.

This Proto-evangelion was one of several "Infancy Gospels" which were created about the unknown lives of Jesus and Mary. They are filled with miraculous and often stunning events, while giving many popular images which have endured to our day (Joseph as an old widower, the hiding of John the Baptist and his mother during the Massacre of the Innocents).

These "gospels" were pious stories which would convey the specialness of Jesus and His Mother, and answer the demands of the popular and pious imagination. They were written with little knowledge of Judaism and its practices, and often incorporate pagan practices known to the Roman empire's population, such as temple virgins.

So why commemorate liturgically something which we know, through biblical archaeology and Jewish studies, to have never taken place? The symbolism of today links the Holy-of-Holies with the womb of the Mother of God which will become the living chamber of the Most High.

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*God is born of the spotless and Holy Virgin, or better to say, of the Most Pure and All-Holy Virgin. She is above every fleshly defilement, and even above every impure thought. Her conceiving resulted not from fleshly lust, but by the overshadowing of the Most Holy Spirit. Such desire being utterly alien to Her, it is **through prayer and spiritual readiness that She declared to the angel: "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it unto Me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38), and that She conceived and gave birth. So, in order to render the Virgin worthy of this sublime purpose, God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us, from before the ages, and from eternity, choosing Her from out of His elect.***

*\*Non-canonical means a book that was not accepted into the Bible because it was not inspired by the Holy Spirit.*

Greek Catholic priests in Slovakia give children a special blessing at the church on this feast day. The prayer used is from the Book of Numbers, chapter 6, vv 24-26, the blessing which God tells Aaron and his successor priests to use on the children. Thus, this is one of the most ancient rituals done from the Bible, and it finds a comfortable home in our Byzantine Catholic Church which is filled with Scripture and rites which are often rooted in Judaism. The fact that the giving of this blessing is restricted to only priests – and not parents - continues the Jewish tradition of it being a part of the Temple ritual celebrated by the priests.

At the ambon prayer, the priest reads this blessing, and blesses the children with holy water.







Outing at Alvarado Park



Icon Exhibit at UNM

