

January 2, 2022 / Sunday Before Theophany /Tone 7
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNUAL THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS: Fr. Artur would like to come and visit with you, pray with you and ask God to bless your home. It would help in setting up his schedule if you would kindly **FILL OUT** the House Blessing Scheduling Form on a greeting table or send an email to abbaolph@gmail.com indicating best days and time. The deadline for Theophany House Blessings is February 9th.



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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support); Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:
 1. Being registered
 2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
 3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes! Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on “Membership in a Parish”

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!

2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8

YouTube Live	8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends Eternal Lamp: God's Blessing on OLPH Family
Jan 3 Mon	<i>Malachy Prophet / Heb 3:5-11 & 17:19; Lk 20:27-44</i> 9:00 am Liturgy +Ben Abeyta by Fitzpatrick Family
Jan 4 Tue	<i>Synaxis of the 70 Apostles / H3b 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-19</i> 9:00 am Liturgy +Sam Sanchez by Fitzpatrick Family
Jan 5 Wed	<i>Vigil of Theophany / 1 Cor 9:19-17; Lk 3:1-18</i>  9:00 am Royal Hours 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil / Great Consecration of Water / Litija Pro-Life Intention by Svenssons
Jan 6 Thu	<i>Theophany of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17</i>
YouTube LIVE	10:00 am Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends/ Myrovanje Noon—Great Blessing of Rio Grande
Jan 7 Fri	<i>Synaxis of John the Baptist / Acts 19:1-8; Jn 1:29-34</i>  9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo / Lomas 6:00 pm Liturgy / +James Lumpee by Fitzpatrick Family
Jan 8 Sat	<i>Saturday after Theophany / George, Dominica & Emilian Venerables</i> <i>Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11</i> 10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorer Youth Group Meeting
Jan 9 Sun	<i>Sunday after Theophany / Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17</i> 4:00 pm Vespers (YouTube Live) 5:00 pm Liturgy +AJ Hughes by Fitzpatrick Family Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: 1 Exodus 13:17-14:4; Sirach 7:29-36; Isaiah 1:16-20  8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends Eternal Lamp: Open

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

Sharif Rabadi
Jenny Ford
Priscilla Hughes
Marilyn Fore
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Laurie Bienz
Brent Dodson-Sands
Lara Davis
Jessica Pieniadz
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Jordan Smith
Rebecca Baia
Janet Worthington
Patti Klinkovsky
Matt Williamson



Vocation Icon

Today: Herring Family

Next Sunday: Sullivan Family

Sunday before Theophany January 2, 2022

- 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

The joyful mysteries are recited from now until January 4

Holy Father's Intentions for January For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

"He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Answering God's call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

January 9, 2022

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Elizabeth & Jacob Montano

Counters: Rafael Plut, Ann Rajala

Propers for 1/9/2022

Sunday after Theophany

Tone 8

Antiphons 1&2 - 312

Antiphon 3 & Entrance Hymn - 316

Troparion (Tone 8)- 161

Troparion (Theophany) - 313

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Theophany) - 314

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 317

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' -315

Our Father - 73

Communion Hymn - 316 & 305

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!!

Barbara's Hall Report

Happy New Year! It's not the way I wanted to start 2022, but it is what it is! Stay healthy everyone! And maybe New Years Eve 2022, we can finally celebrate!

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the

*Charter for the Protection of
Children and Young People*

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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We rejoice with Gloetzner Family on birth of their sixth child, baby boy Ronald Franz early morning Sunday December 26th. Height 21", weight 6 lb and 15oz. Grant O Lord to the new born Ronald Franz and his parents peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!!!!

Could we see the end of abortion in America? Only the USA, Canada, South Korea and Communist China and Vietnam allow abortion at any point of a pregnancy, including during birth! The rest of the world restricts abortion, usually after 15 weeks. In the USA, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies a year. A state can impose restrictions only in the second trimester for the health of the mother, but in the third trimester other restrictions are allowed (New Mexico forbids any restrictions, which is why we are the late-term and partial birth abortion capital in the USA). *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* could change that. The Dobbs case being considered by the US Supreme Court Justices would allow states to put in rules like most of the world's nations after the 15-week mark of a pregnancy.

Please, consider praying, fasting, and doing penance for a decision that will protect the dignity of unborn babies and encourage the reintroduction of reasonable limits that will save lives and bring our country back into civilized norms. The Justices will issue their ruling in June, 2022. For more info, please go to: www.prayfordobbs.com

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>.

The Importance of the Eighth Day for Naming of Jesus.

What is the significance of the eighth day? The world was created in seven days. Beyond the physical world – beyond seven days – is the eighth day, which represents the metaphysical, the spiritual. Since for the Jews, circumcision of the male child symbolizes taking the physical and elevating it to serve God by fulfilling the covenant God made with Abraham and the Jewish people, it is done on the eighth day, a day that represents a level beyond physicality. Mary and Joseph would have taken their holy Child, Son of the Most High, to Bethlehem's synagogue to have this ceremony performed. The Circumcision makes Jesus a son of Abraham, a son of the covenant. God had told Abraham that his descendants would outnumber the stars of heaven and the sands of the seas. That will be fulfilled by Jesus, the Christ, Who will proclaim the Good News to all nations through His disciples, a mission which continues today. We are the ones entrusted with the Good News today. We are the ones who must proclaim it to those around us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the power of the Holy Name of Jesus.

In some icons of this event, the Child Jesus is laid out on a table, foreshadowing the Altar of Sacrifice on which the Holy Eucharist takes place. This feast also marks the first shedding of the Precious Blood by Christ, done willingly for our sake.

Theophany By Fr Christopher Zugger

The Theophany Icon:

John baptizes Jesus, but he is shown bent over in reverence, and either looking at heaven or facing the Lord. **Jesus is the center** of the icon in every way, and not John, as the other two Persons of the Holy Trinity are revealed above His head. Near to John is a **tree with an ax laid at the root**, recalling John's own preaching to those who came to him: "*And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore, every tree which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*" (Matt 3:10). St. John will indeed decrease so that Jesus may increase, but he is not tossed aside and will be an important figure still. **John is always dressed** in the traditional clothing of the **prophets of animal skins and with long, uncut hair and beard**. One hand of John's rests on Jesus in His humanity, the other points to heaven for His divinity.

Christ is always in the center of the icon, standing in the flowing waters of the Jordan. **Jesus is in the water, yet outside of the water**: as the Creator, He stands above His creation but as the Son of Man, He is rooted in the river. **His right hand spells out His name and title**: IC XC, Jesus the Christ, in Greek letters.

In the center of the icon is the moment of revelation itself: John baptizes Jesus, Who is the Son of God; the Spirit of God descends from on high; God the Father's hand appears inside a nimbus of glory. It is the first clear revelation of the Trinity in Scripture!

God the Father is usually revealed as the never-ending circle of light, and rays come forth either in a three-branch or one straight down to Jesus' head. **God the Holy Spirit descends "like a dove"** and so is shown in that form. Thus, the life-giving Person does not come down in blazing fire, but like the landing of one of the gentlest of God's creatures! Across from this, the **angels are prepared to assist Jesus**: notice that their hands are covered. Even "the holy bodiless powers of heaven" do not dare to touch their Maker!

Sometimes little people are shown in the flowing Jordan: a man is shown: this is a personification of the Jordan River, and a woman, who represents the sea. The **Baptism is a cosmic event**, reaching beyond that one spot on the banks of the Jordan River. **Water serpents** can also be shown, which reflect the verse in Genesis about "crushing the heads of dragons": the waters contain life, but also death. **Jesus defeats death, and brings forth true life in the power of the Holy Spirit!**

Theophany in Worship

Both Epiphany and Theophany mean "revelation of the Divine" but they are two different events in the Latin and Eastern Churches. In the Latin Church, January 6 is the arrival of the Wise Men from the East. They come and "find the house where the Child and His Mother are." This was traditionally the day for giving presents in much of Europe and Latin America until the American version caught on of giving presents on December 25. Gift-giving is done in imitation of the Three Kings!

In terms of liturgy, the **Theophany feast ranks second to Easter and ahead of Christmas**. These three each have a complete Vesper Liturgy service for the vigil, particular practices never found with other feasts including celebration of a morning Divine Liturgy, and all three are tied together by the Resurrection. **The commercialization of the Christmas season** in the last eighty years in the Western world, and with it the near-complete demolition of Advent as a time of anticipation and conversion, has managed to **shove Theophany aside** for most Eastern Christians living in the West. **This is disastrous** for us, for our souls, our liturgical life, and our domestic churches.

Theophany is more than the Baptism of Jesus: it is the public announcement of the Holy Trinity in the absolute manifestation of the Divine as God the Father speaks, Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends. *It is the first full revelation of the Trinity and the anchor of Jesus' public ministry on earth!* The Theophany at Home

January is the season for house blessings. The pastor is invited to come to the family home in order to celebrate this annual rite. **Jordan water from the Theophany service should be provided for Father to do the blessing**, which ideally starts in the family icon corner. Anything else which needs blessings should be placed there, on a white cloth. **The mother has a liturgical role, as she takes a lit candle and leads Father through the house**, turning on the electric lights as they go. The family joins in singing the Theophany troparion, either at the icon corner or the family table, or in a little procession. **Every room is blessed, and Father does not care whether or not the room is clean.** For protection of the family, **all exterior doors are blessed** "in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" while Father sprinkles holy water

In this **home-based ritual, the parish priest comes in his role as spiritual father of the faith community, which is why we call priests "Father"**, following Saint Paul's example ((Gal. 4:19, 1 Cor. 4:14–15, 2 Tim. 2:1. Titus 1:4, Philem. 10) and St. John throughout his Letters (1 John 2:1, 1 John 2:13–14, 3 John 4). He is able to be welcomed by the family in their own domestic church, the extension of the parish community. It is not a time to worry about the house being spotless: more important is that the family's interior life is spotless!

Take advantage of the fact that we have a pastor who wants to come and pray with you at your own table!

If Father is not able to come, then use the small white pamphlet placed on the announcement table by the front door of the church. The head of the household takes on the liturgical leadership as indeed should be done at family prayer.

Theophany in Public Life

In **public life**, the Church goes out to flowing water to sanctify creation. Countries with a large population following the Byzantine Rite, either Catholic or Orthodox, are treated to these popular events. **In colder climates, this calls for chopping a cross-shaped hole in the ice**, and the clergy go out onto the ice to celebrate the blessing ritual. This is always very impressive in Eastern Europe, where a whole town will descend to the river bank to take part in the blessing of the water. **In the warmer climates**, priests bless the harbors and throw in a special cross into the water, which young men dive after. He who retrieves the cross is expected to be blessed throughout the year. American Greek Orthodox do this in Florida.

Why do this? Processions are an integral part of Church life: notice the ones we have in our parish for the two Entrances in every Divine Liturgy, and the ones we do outside on Good Friday and Pascha. *Processions led by a processional cross, with people carrying icons and singing hymns is a statement to the world that God is here, that He sanctifies His world, and that the Church presents Him to the world, which is longing for His love even if some people in the world can't define the hole they feel in their hearts as a hole which needs God's love to fill it.* And **processions make a statement to those who would define separation of Church and State as shoving the Church into a locked closet: we are most definitely here!**

This year we will consecrate Jordan water at the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Wednesday January 5 and the consecration of the Rio Grande will take place at Noon on January 6th after the morning Liturgy.