



September 6, 2015
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15;
Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46



Nativity of Our Lady

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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 5:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 6:00 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):

9:15-9:50 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.

Today	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
<i>Canned Goods Collection</i>	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends
		Fr. Chris: +Marvin Curl, 4 th Anniversary, by wife Dorothy
		Eternal Lamp: +Marvin Curl by wife Dorothy
Monday		<i>Labor Day/Pre-festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i>
Sept. 7		<i>Epistle: Galatians 4:28-5:10; Gospel: Mark 6:54-7:8</i>
	6:00 pm	Vesper Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Litije Bread & Mirovanije
		Blessing on Gabriel and Ashley Garcia
		Knights of Columbus meeting after Liturgy
Tuesday		<i>Birth of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day</i>
Sept. 8		<i>Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28</i>
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; Mirovanije
		For the Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
	7:30 pm	Advisory Board Meeting
	6:15 pm	CAFE Meeting at UNM; Topic: Mary, the Disciple or Goddess?
Wednesday		<i>Synaxis of Joachim and Anna/Post-festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i>
Sept. 9		<i>Epistle: Galatians 6:2-10; Gospel: Mark 7:14-24</i>
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
		+Jared Vigil Moncallo by Dorothy Curl
Thursday		<i>Menodora and Others Martyrs/Post-festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i>
Sept. 10		<i>Epistle: Ephesians 1:1-9; Gospel: Mark 7:24-30</i>
State Fair Opens	6:30 pm	Pot-luck Dinner
	7:00 pm	THEOSIS Bible Study
Friday		<i>Theodora Venerable/Post-festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i>
Sept. 11		<i>Epistle: Ephesians 1:7-17; Gospel: Mark 8:1-10</i>
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
		Blessing on Lillian Murphy
Saturday		<i>Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross</i>
Sept. 12		<i>Leave-Taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i>
		<i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Gospel: Matthew 10:37-11:1</i>
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
		Blessing on Lorcan and Christy MacMurchadha
Sunday		<i>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross</i>
Sept. 13		<i>Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18; Gospel: John 3:13-17</i>
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends
		Fr. Chris: Intention of Dorothy Curl
	Eternal Lamp:	Open

***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	Paola Terlaza	Laura Dominguez
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Henry Zegger	Robert Zadel
Michele Koetter	John & Margie Disque	William Frank
Abraham Haddad	Phillip Fall	Joseph Koetter
Lillian Murphy	Walter Jakymiw	Mary Nell Preisler
Stephen Horner	Olga Bodnar	Jackie De Paolis
Demetrius Yackanich	Frances Brannan	Donny Terry
Jenny Ford	John Deflice	Mary Murphy
Marilyn Fore	Kristoff Rajala	Lorraine Hubbell
Robert Hasaka	Jordan Smith	Quintin Santamaria & Family
Frank & Martha Arden	Marge Merrills	Heather Mattax
Pricilla Hughes	Maggie Batsel	Larry Bennett
Sharif Rabadi	Katrina Anderson	Chris Overlin
Threima Leech	Belita Halber	Mary Ellis
Alicia Wells	Mike Harahuc	Tony Lucero

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

- 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 September

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

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

VOCATION ICON
 Today: Gloetzner
 Next Sunday: Riley



THEOSIS Bible Study
 Matthew Chapter 5
 6 pm pot-luck dinner
 7-8:30 pm Bible Study

Don't forget the words of the Fathers who encourage us to combine fasting with prayer and almsgiving to combat all our sinful desires:

"There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door; fasting obtains; mercy receives. Prayer, fasting and mercy - these three are one, and they give life to each other."

Special Priests' Medical Insurance Collection

On Sunday October 4th, the Sunday after the feast of our eparchial patroness, the Holy Protection of Mary, our Eparchy will once again take a special collection to help subsidize the medical insurance premiums of your pastors. Your outstanding generosity in the previous collections has been extremely helpful. Bishop Gerald, thankful as always, asks each household to pray and consider what it can contribute this year. Medical insurance premiums are very expensive and still on the rise.

Our Eparchy has been crushed financially with an increase in premiums, up by 50% over the last year. Each month is a new struggle to make ends meet so that we can pay the monthly premium payment. While we have taken action to cut down on our expenses, we are still short. Our goal this year is \$100 per household. Over the next three weeks, *Eparchial Factoids* will be presented to help you understand our circumstances. God bless your continued support and generosity!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
9/13	Christy MacMurhadha	Grace Brewer	Samia Rabadi	Knights of Columbus	Eva Schuler Brian Fitzpatrick

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Carla Sankel for making three big bowls of tasty chicken salad, with different kinds of dressing, and lots of sliced French bread. Mmmmmm, everyone loves bread!

Tom Plut did the dishes. Let's get some sign ups for the coming months!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Saturday-Sunday September 5-6	Uniontown Pilgrimage
Sunday, September 6	Catechist Safe Environment; 9-9:45 am
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8	Birth of the Theotokos Vesper Divine Liturgy: 6:00 pm (Monday) and 6:00 pm (Tuesday)
Sunday, September 13	Catechist Safe Environment; 9-9:45 am
Monday, September 14	Solemn Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Day of Abstinence Liturgy: 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 20	Catechetical Sunday: Commissioning of teachers Parent meeting in church then students go with teachers Safe Environment forms for parents – sign at meeting
Sunday, September 27	Safe Environment Classes for Students
Thursday, October 1	Solemn Feast of the Holy Protection of Mary— Patronal Feast of our Eparchy Vesper Divine Liturgy: Wednesday, 6:00 pm Festive Divine Liturgy: Thursday, 9:00 am
Saturday, October 3	Blessing of Animals, 10:00 am
Sunday, October 4	Medical Insurance Collection ECF Classes start

Confession Change: Father Chris is available for Sunday Confessions at 9:15 am. This expanded time will hopefully give more people a chance to avail themselves of this holy mystery. As a rule, if he cannot finish confessions at 10:00, he will stay and hear them after the close of the liturgy.

Please read and ponder the special insert from our Evangelization Department. It will be available all month long. Put it in your prayer corner or with your prayer book and bible, and call to mind those who need to be invited home to God through our wonderful Church, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in doing so.

The fair runs from September 10 to the 20th. We will be setting up in advance, and taking everything down on the 21st. If you have questions, please contact David Dark: 976-0047

Have you seen the poster for Catechetical Sunday? It's a reminder that on September 20 we will be having a special program for students and catechists in our parish.

Be sure to be here, especially if you are a student or teacher, to take part in the special prayers which remind us of our real purpose in life, to live in the knowledge that we are made in the Image of God. Each of Us!

Christ calls each of us to “Make Disciples of All Nations”

How many of us anxiously await the return to the church of our missing family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Yet, are our hearts really open to greet and embrace them in their tentative steps to return to the fold of the Good Shepherd? How often do we refuse to engage with others about our glorious Faith? Perhaps, we equate parish activities with actually sharing our faith. Or we are caught up in a false humility, thinking that telling others about the true faith makes us seem judgmental.

Maybe, we feel it is just better to have the “live and let live” attitude so that we can hold on to our own sense of faith; this way, we can avoid all discussion of our faith and not have to explain or defend it.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis continually implores us to give concrete witness to our Christianity – by following the call of Jesus to seek out the stranger, minister to the sick and welcome the lost and weary that surround us in our daily lives.

Each day brings fresh opportunities to answer the call of Christ to witness to our faith. During the coming months, we will attempt to lead you on a journey of learning, growing and guiding others along the loving Way of our Beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Future bulletins will have inserts on topics such as

- The Kingdom of God is among us - now, today
- How to seek the eternal Kingdom within our daily lives
- Confronting our fears of evangelizing
- Simple methods for reaching out to others and inviting them into the abode of Christ

To call ourselves Christians truthfully, we must put into action the words of Our Lord: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

We share our faith with others not because we think it is a good idea or believe that we are good at it. No, we evangelize because God told us to, and we must obey his orders. Sharing our faith is essential to being a Christian. We cannot excuse ourselves from this. Our lives will end, and we will be judged – did we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, counsel the doubtful, and clothe the naked?

Let us not abandon our posts; but be ready to act as St. Peter writes: “Have no fear of them, nor be troubled... Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:14-15

CAFE meets every Tuesday at 6:15 pm at the Santa Ana Room on the top floor of the Student Union Building (Saint Ann's Room, how appropriate a name is that?).

We start with the Divine Mercy chaplet (Roman rite) and intercessions for people in need, and end with Little Compline (Night Prayer) according to the Byzantine Rite. In between are talks, Bible study, sharing, and all kinds of good Catholic things. And since it is college, there is food and beverage available for "the kids."

Share this information with your friends, co-workers, neighbors and relatives who have students at UNM and encourage those students to join us! Questions? Ask one of the Fathers or Tianna Sevachko (575-639-1790)

Marriage Enrichment:

Marriage Enrichment Evenings of Celebration will be held each month at Queen of Heaven Parish from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Dates are September 18, October 15, November 20 and December 18. Child care is provided.

Attention OLPH Women!

The OLPG Women's Book Club needs to be reformed in a more structured way. A potluck brunch and planning meeting will be held at Cindy's house on Saturday, September 19 from 10 am until 1 pm.

Please bring written ideas concerning the book club's mission, goals, and general structure.

There are three Old Testament readings prescribed for the Vespers the night before, as Mary Grace Ritchey writes in her **Meditation*** on this feast:

The Genesis reading for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos focuses on the vision of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham. At Bethel he sees in a dream a ladder set up on earth and the top reaching into heaven with the angels of God ascending and descending on it. The title "Jacob's Ladder" is often applied to the Theotokos because she was the means by which God incarnate was made present to His people, living with and redeeming mankind and all things. In the Akathist to Mary we read "Hail O Celestial Ladder by whom God came down; hail O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!"

The reading from Ezekiel focuses on Mary as ever virgin, symbolized by the eastern door of the Temple: "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it: therefore it shall remain shut." (44:2). The Akathist reads: "Hail, O Lady, unique gateway through whom the Lord alone has passed!"

Proverbs focuses on gaining wisdom by listening to instruction and pondering on it and then acting in righteousness, justice and equity. Gaining Christ is the focus, and not doing evil, for Christ is the Wisdom and Word of the Father."

As for the feast itself, it dates from at least 400 AD in Syria and is one of the oldest feasts of Our Lady. In much of Europe, this day is marked with thanksgiving celebrations as the harvest is brought in, cattle come down from their highland pastures, and people prepare for autumn. In Austria, one watches for the swallows to get ready to leave for the warm south on this day; they are said to return at the Annunciation (March 25).

<http://www.melkite.org/Meditation4html>

We celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary on September 8 as the first big festival of the Byzantine liturgical year, which began on September 1. All icons of this feast show the elderly but happy parents, SS. Joachim and Anne, and the birth is usually presented in a cozy family setting of women attendants bustling around Saint Anne. Saint Joachim is either peeking into the women's quarter, or next to his wife.

The infant Virgin was born in a normal manner, as is shown by St Anne reclining on the birthing-bed, and the baby being washed by the midwife in the lower front of the icon. Bright colors are used because of the joy that all Creation feels in its coming deliverance from Christ Who will find life in her.

In the legends about this event, the parents are presented as elderly and childless, and an angel tells them separately that they will finally have a child, a girl who will be the mother of the Messiah. This follows along with other biblical stories about conceptions of children after long years of prayer, including Isaac, Samuel, and St John the Baptist. Saint Anne, however, is different from the other mothers, because her child will become the virginal dwelling place of God Incarnate!

The child is given the name Mary, or Miriam, which is translated as hope. Indeed, she is the hope of all the nations of the world who labored under the power of sin and its darkness. In Exodus, Miriam saved the life of her baby brother, Moses, who would lead his people out of Egypt and darkness and into the Promised Land of milk and honey. This Miriam will do far more – her Son will lead all people out of their spiritual darkness and into the true light.

This week we also observe 9/11, the anniversary of the attack on the United States when Islamist hijackers flew planes loaded with passengers into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and a fourth flight was overcome but crashed in Pennsylvania.

Anyone who was around that day remembers where they were when the terrible news began on that sunny September morning. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of the victims, peace for those in mourning, and an end to terrorist activity of any kind.