

LORD'S PASCHA / April 17, 2022

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CHRISTÓS ANÉSTI! / ALITHÓS

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AUFERSTANDEN! / IN WAHRHEIT

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CHRISTÓS VOSKRÉSE! /

VOÍSTINU VOSKRÉSE!

CHRIST IS RISEN! / INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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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!

Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17

- YouTube Live** 9:00 am Resurrection Matins / Liturgy / Blessing of Baskets / For the Parish Family, Friends and Benefactors
Eternal Lamp: Intention of Cielo Doherty
- April 18 Mon** ***Bright Monday / Solemn Holy Day / Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; John 1:18-28***
6:00 pm Easter Liturgy / Procession around the church with reading of the Paschal Gospels / Pro-Life intention by Svenssons
Fr. Chris: +Deceased Members Zugger-Watkins Family
- FAST FREE WEEK**
- Apr 19 Tue** ***Bright Tuesday / Simple Holy Day / Acts 2:14-21; Lk 24:12-35***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Brian and Melinda Fitzpatrick / Blessing of Artos Bread
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
6:30 pm CAFÉ Meeting at Parish Hall
- Apr 20 Wed** ***Bright Wednesday / Acts 2:22-36; Jn 1:35-51***
10:00 am Funeral Divine Liturgy for Beverly Alden followed by Mercy Meal
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Mary and Walter Lockhart / Blessing of Artos Bread
- Apr 21 Thu** ***Bright Thursday / Acts 2:38-43; Jn 3:1-15***
9:00 am KOLACHI BACKING IN THE HALL
6:45 pm THEOSIS Bible Study (zoom)
- April 22 Fri** ***Bright Friday / Acts 3:1-8; Jn 2:12-22***
9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas
6:00 pm Vigil for the Feast of St. George / God's Blessing on Mady Davis / Blessing of Artos Bread
- Apr 23 Sat** ***Bright Saturday / Simple Holy Day / George Great Martyr Acts 3:11-16; Acts 12:1-11; John 3:22-33; Jn 15:17-16:2***
- Apr 24 Sun** ***Thomas Sunday / Acts 5:12-20; Jn 20:19-31***
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Tom and Rafael Plut / Final Blessing of Artos Bread
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus 19:3-9; Amos 9:11-15; Isaiah 26:1-8
- YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Fr. Chris: +Katrina Anderson
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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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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

Holy Father's Intentions for April / Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



Vocation Icon

Today: Benjamin Fogg

Next Sunday: Carol Donlin

Christ is Risen!

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

Being ordained or consecrated as a monastic is a special way to bring the presence of the Risen Christ to this world. This may be something that God is calling you to do!

Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



April 24, 2022

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Lucy & Daniel Brewer

Counters: Rafael Plut, Ann Rajala

Propers for 4/24/2022

Thomas Sunday

Troparion - 175

v. Glory...

Kontakion - 176

v. Now & Ever

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 176

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 167

Our Father- 167

Communion Hymn - 177

Dismissal - 170

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

Wow! We had a pizza party, with Gail bringing bread for pizza, Sena's bringing cheese, Montano's, Domstead's and Wells families bringing more ingredients and assembling pizzas.

Todd Herring surprised everyone with pork ribs & pulled pork.

Taylor made gluten free minestrone. Garcia's brought salad and others brought fresh fruit! What a Palm Sunday Feast it was!

Dearest Parish Family:

I THANK YOU for your gifts and sacrifices during this Holy Ascetical "marathon" to Christ's Pascha. Your efforts in serving, beautifying, singing, cleaning, caring for youth, waging endless prayer battles for those in need, your authentic LOVE and generosity - all of that and more is brought to the Altar of the Lord as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and a humble offering towards His greater Glory and salvation of the many immortal souls. Christ is Risen – He is Truly Risen!

A SPECIAL Paschal BLESSING to ALL who DO a lot behind the scenes to keep OLPH an exemplary parish: to all the little OLPHERs, to the cantors, readers and choir, the servers, Prayer Warriors, Theosis Students and Leaders, the bakers, the cooks, the ushers, the greeters, the counters, the bookkeepers, the ECF teachers, the sacristans, the decorators, the financial contributors! May the Risen Lord BLESS your love and generosity to His Church!!!
Fr Artur.

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: [s://www.ol.phnm.org/giving](https://www.ol.phnm.org/giving).

Dear Parish Family, this year's **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** collection will take place the weekend of April 23-24. Our Eparchy receives a substantial blessing each year as a recipient of the Catholic Home Mission grant. I am not exaggerating when I say that our Eparchy has received over \$1 million dollars in recent years from Catholic Home Missions Grant. **PLEASE**, prayerfully consider a gift to an organization that has truly been a financial lifeline to the Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity

OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR this year is Saturday, **May 7th, 10am - 2:30pm**. We are once again asking for homemade baked goods. There is a **Bakers' sign up sheets is available on the greeting table** by the Holy Water font. We will sell whole cakes, whole pies, breads, cookies by the dozen etc. Please, think about making your favorite baked goods. Traditional Eastern European bakery products are most popular. Make sure that cakes and pies are in containers that will be sold with the item. Your items must be visible. If we know in advance exactly what you are making, we can make professional tags and have professional boxes. Please, no gluten free or sugar free - they do not sell. Breads (which sell very well) can be either sweet or savory. There will be baking day for kolachi, so that is already covered. All baked goods must be brought to the church the Friday before the Bazaar. If you have questions or need ideas, please, see Rafael or Alicia. Thank you!

EPARCHIAL APPEAL

Bishop's Appeal 2022: Collected to date: \$580.00. Our parish goal this year is \$22,054.74. If we reach our goal, our parish will receive a 10% rebate which is \$2,205.00! **Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. Thank you!** We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy.

LEGEND OF THE RED EGG

According to the ancient tradition of the East Mary Magdalene was a wealthy woman from whom Christ expelled seven demons. During the three years of Jesus' ministry she helped support him and his other disciples from her means. When almost everyone else fled, she stayed with him at the cross. On Easter morning she was the first to bear witness to his Resurrection. She is called "Equal to the Apostles." The Eastern tradition tells us that after the Ascension, she journeyed to Rome where she was admitted to the court of Tiberius Caesar because of her high social standing. After describing how poorly Pilate had administered justice at Jesus' trial, she told Caesar that Jesus had risen from the dead. To help explain his Resurrection she picked up an egg from the dinner table. Caesar responded that a human being could no longer rise for the dead than the egg in her hand turn red. The egg turned red immediately, which is why red eggs have been exchanged at Easter for centuries in the Byzantine East. Mary traveled the Mediterranean preaching the Resurrection. Like Peter and Paul, she died a martyr. She bears witness to the important role women once help in the Church.

The Descent into Hades (or Sheol)

The Feast of the Resurrection is our Feast of feasts and the basis of our faith. St. Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. (1 Cor. 15:14). The dominant icon for Easter is not of the bodily resurrection of Jesus, but rather the "Descent into Hades". The Descent into Hades is not an event that was seen, it is a "painting of theology," as Father Alexander Schmemmann says, which corresponds to the meaning of the event, and is based on the bible's account of Jesus descending into the abyss to deliver the souls of the Just. The icon of the Descent is very simply an image of Christ, the Victor". . . Trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." It is an icon rich in meaning. It takes place in Hades, also called Sheol. The term Hades should not be confused with the word hell, as generally understood as opposite of heaven. Hades is a term used in the Old Testament to describe the place where all the dead go; whether righteous or evil. The icon shows us the very depths of the earth, a gaping black abyss, the place referred to in the Old Testament precisely as Hades.

Paschal Customs / Easter Customs

Bright Week

The Hours for Bright Week are much shorter, and filled with Resurrection proclamations, especially "Having Beheld the Resurrection" and the Irmos from Pascha. There are no penances this week, no prostrations, no fasting or abstinence. It is a week of celebration of the glory of the Resurrection of Our Lord. We are raised with Him into new life, so there is no kneeling either. The Divine Liturgy is that of Pascha, and this triumphal and joyous celebration continues until the eve of Ascension Thursday for forty days. All of this is designed to carry us to the nine days of preparation for the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday.

Bright Monday

This is still a holiday in most of Europe. There is an old custom among Roman Catholics of taking an Emmaus Walk this day, reflecting on God's mercy in one's life and the power of the Resurrection, then going to church for a service. The ancient practice was that there was no work from Pascha through Bright Wednesday. Thus, the people were able to attend all of the joyful services. We do not have that luxury in America, but you are encouraged to come Monday 6:00PM for the Liturgy and the Procession of the Four Gospels in which the Resurrection is proclaimed to the world!

Why a bunny at Easter? There are lots of stories, but one of the favorites is that the rabbit was in the garden when Jesus arose from the dead. The rabbit was so awestruck that he trembled, and to this day rabbits tremble in memory of that event.

Sprinkling of boys and girls: On Bright Monday, the guys sprinkle water on the girls; on Bright Tuesday it is reversed. The origin is that when the women came to tell the apostles that Christ was risen, they thought they were hysterical and threw water on them to calm them down. The holy women got their revenge after the apostles saw the empty tomb. The one tossing water is supposed to cry out "Christ is risen!" Obviously, this custom can get abused - in Eastern Europe it is pointless to wear good clothes on these days!

How many days are in Bright Week? Hmm, is this a trick question? While there are seven, the Church considers this whole week to be the Eighth Day - the time of the Messiah! This is the new creation, a foretaste of the heavenly paradise and its unending joy.

In the Divine Office, the Psalms are not read this week - instead we use the Easter Propers, and especially "Let God Arise and Let His Enemies Be Scattered."

"Heavenly King" is NOT sung until Pentecost, and is replaced with the Easter Troparion: "Christ is risen from the dead"

All of the Doors of the iconostas remain open this week in order to symbolize that through Jesus' saving Death and Resurrection, the gates of heaven are now open to everyone. The open Royal Doors represent the open tomb of Jesus, and the opening of the Holy Place in the Temple after the curtain was torn "from top to bottom" at Jesus' death. They will be closed again after the Liturgy of Saint Thomas Sunday.



PALM SUNDAY

