



The Last Judgment

February 8, 2015



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00 am
Third Hour 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy 10 am

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Weekday: Wednesday Divine Liturgy, 7 pm
Friday Divine Liturgy, 12 noon

Perpetual Help Moleben
Wednesday 6:30 pm

Holy Days of Obligation
Check the bulletin or call the office

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 10 am – 4 pm
Thursday & Evenings by appointment.

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):
9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, 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 (Matrimony):
Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Anointing of the Sick on Sundays before
hospitalization
For emergencies, call immediately.

Eastern Christian Formation Program:
All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for
45 minutes

Theosis:
2nd & 4th Thursday
6 pm Potluck Dinner
7 pm Bible Study

Knights of Columbus meet the first Monday of the
month at 7:00 pm

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Sunday of Meatfare

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Gospel: Mathew 25:31-46

Today	9:30 am	Third Hour
	9:30 – 9:50 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
		Fr. Chris: Open
	Eternal Lamp:	+Ursula Joyce by Ann Rajala
Monday	Nicophorus Martyr	
Feb. 9	Epistle: 3 John 1:15; Gospel: Luke 19:29-40 & 22:7-39	
	7:00 pm	Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday	Charalampus Martyr	
Feb. 10	Epistle: Jude 1:10; Gospel: Luke 22:39-42 & 45-23:1	
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM
Wednesday	Blasé Bishop-Martyr	
Feb 11	Epistle: Joel 2:12-26; Gospel: Joel 4:12-21	
	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus homeless outreach
	6:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	Meletius Archbishop	
Feb 12	Epistle: Jude 1:25; Gospel: Luke 23:1-34 & 44-56	
	6:00 pm	Pot luck Dinner
	7 – 8:30 pm	Theosis Bible Study
Friday	Martinian Venerable	
Feb. 13	Epistle: Zechariah 8:7-17; Gospel: Zechariah 8:19-23	
	12 noon	Divine Liturgy
		Fr. Chris: Open
Saturday	All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers	
Feb. 14	Epistle: Romans 14:19-26; Gospel: Matthew 6:1-13	
Sunday	Sunday of Cheesefare	
Feb. 15	Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4; Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	
	9:30 am	Third Hour
	9:30 – 9:50 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
		Fr. Chris: Open
	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. George Reamulto
Fr. Julian Gnall
Fr. Alberto Villalobos
Fr. Anthony Romero
Fr. James Lane



Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Michele Koetter
Abraham Haddad
Lillian Murphy
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich
Jenny Ford
Marilyn Fore
Robert Hasaka
Frank & Martha Arden
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zuger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Marge Merrills
Theresa Doherty

Carla Matthes
Laura Dominguez
Robert Zadel
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful
weapon against sin, and for healing. **The Joyful Mysteries
are said everyday until February 2.***

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions,
and join us on Sunday at 9 am.*



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:** Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East

Holy Father's Intentions for February

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary of the Virgin Mary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group

Parents: Please supervise your children outside on the concrete patio! There must be adults watching over our little ones for their safety when they play outside. Do not think that all is well just because they are on church property. Also, **small children MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian when they want to use the restroom.** Safe Environment policy requires this. There are unaccompanied children going back and forth on Sunday - what will you do if your child is hurt or, God forbid, hurt by someone? **Please cooperate in this**



THEOSIS
Thursday, Feb. 12
6 pm--potluck dinner
7 pm--Bible Study: Ephesians



VOCATION ICON
Today: Riley
Next Sunday: Gloetzner

Women's Lenten Mini-Retreat

All women are invited to the Loescher home for Brunch and a video retreat/teaching on Saturday, February 21st from 10 AM till 1 PM. We will learn how to Grow in Trust as we being the holy season of The Great Fast. Call Cindy at 503-0082 for more information.

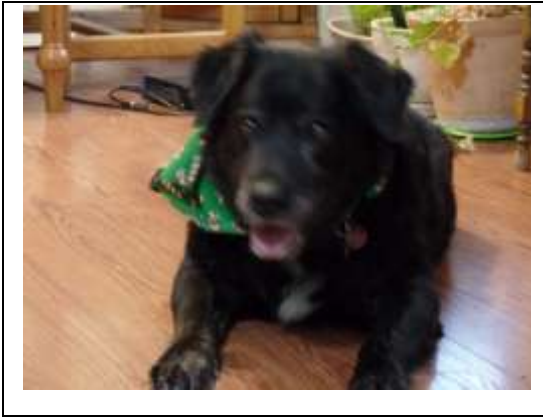
Date	Reader	Trojca	Greeter	Counter	Host
2/15	Christy MacMurchadha	AnaElisa Talamante	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Eva Schuler Brian Fitzpatrick	Jana Brewer Carla Sankel

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Richard and Janice Jacobs for bringing six trays of taco casserole and chips and salsa! Yum! Tom and Rafael Plut brought a big roaster full of squash and corn, and lots of pound cake with strawberries and whipped cream!

Carla Sankel brought a cake for daughter Christina's 4th birthday.

Thanks to everyone who took home poinsettias, and especially to Delilah Chavez who happily took home the last two flowers!



A Sad Announcement -

Father Chris' dog, Pancho, died on February 4. Fathers Chris and Artur had to take him to the emergency animal clinic, where the doctor discovered that Pancho was filled with tumors which had now moved up to press his lungs, very suddenly. The tough decision had to be made to put Pancho down. He would have been twelve years old on Feb. 12.

Pancho was a great parish dog, patient with the children who mobbed him, affectionate to all, and a source of enjoyment for his antics. No one knows the origin of the word "dogca" which appears in Old English suddenly and became "dog" very soon. Isn't it curious that dog is God backwards? Perhaps God wanted us to use this word in English as a reminder that dogs give unconditional love, an imitation of God's enormous love for humanity? Who knows - but Pancho certainly gave love to a lot of parishioners.

He will be sorely missed around here, most especially by Father Chris after over 10 1/2 years of Pancho as his constant companion.

Byzantine Book & Gift Shop

Eastern Christians and Their Churches by Father Steven Hawkes-Teeple, S.J., \$2 Fits into a purse, pocket, backpack, and filled with information that helps you answer the question: You're going to what kind of church? And it's a great gift.

A Guide for the Domestic Church, Eparchy of Newton, \$18. Takes you through the whole year: prayers, customs, recipes, how-to-do things Byzantine. Every home can use this!

The Divine Liturgy, \$15. Hard bound, leather cover, with all of the Propers for each Sunday and feast day, special intentions, and prayers before and after Holy Communion. At this price, everyone could have one.

Special Sale in the Gift Shop: All of the large Russian Icons of Our Lady, Our Lord, and St. Nicholas are on sale for only \$25. Get yours now, so you can have it ready to be blessed on the Sunday of the Icons (Feb. 22) and make it central in your icon corner at home.

This is the time to get one as a gift! A selection of other items will also be on sale for a short time. See Silver Rose or Sven Svensson for further information.

Your purchases support ministries of our parish, and help us to buy new stock that will continue to educate minds and lift up souls in prayer!

Dear Parishioners,

Our church sign/marquee is in poor condition and needs to be repaired. We are looking for ideas to make it nice and welcoming. Please bring your designs or sketches to the office, or talk to Father Artur. Thank you and God bless you.

Blood Drive - next Sunday, Feb. 15, after Liturgy. We were so successful last year, that United Blood Services has asked us to repeat this drive at a time when, again, blood donations are low. We need at least 13 registered donors. Please sign up with Brook Jilek. You can volunteer that day, but it helps UBS plan ahead if you sign up now.

All Knights are encouraged - and all parishioners are welcome - to help with cleaning the church, hall and offices at 9 am Feb. 14th and also Feb. 28th. We are establishing the Knights "Deep Clean" effort every two weeks; a sign-up sheet has also been posted in the hall to encourage any and all interested parishioners to help out. Other Knights are doing "ordinary" cleaning on the Saturdays in between.

Knights of Columbus will go out to serve the homeless on Feb. 11. Meet at the church at 6:30 pm. Thanks to all who have brought donations for us to give out to these, the poorest of the poor.

Congratulations to **Lorcan MacMurchadha** who has been accepted into the permanent diaconate program for the Eparchy of the Holy Protection of Mary of Phoenix. He will be going to the seminary in Pittsburgh for four years, studying at the seminary every June and continuing his studies at home under the direction of a mentor. In that time, he also has to work on academic papers that are assigned at the end of the June studies. It is a rigorous program, and he and his wife Christy will need our prayers as he makes his way through the different stages of lector, sub-deacon and then, God willing, deacon.

Join us on a special trip to Santa Fe on Saturday, Feb. 14, 9:00 am, to the Peyton-Wright Gallery, 237 East Palace Avenue, <http://peytonwright.com> for the 21st Annual Art of Devotion show. Optional lunch at Plaza Cafe.

Owner John Wright will not only show us around the beautiful collection of Spanish Colonial religious art, but thanks to Fr. Chris and Destiny Rojo, he has offered to bring out the massive collection of Russian icons and also antique church vestments just for us.

40 Days for Life starts Wed Feb 18th.

More lives can be saved when you come out to pray for one hour in front of the Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo NE in Albuquerque. Last Fall there were 7 turnarounds here at this location and we pray for many more lives to be saved this spring.

Project Defending Life is again hosting this 40 Days for Life in Albuquerque. Feel free to stop in, pick up a rosary and a sign, and visit the Chapel of the Holy Innocents inside PDL. Mass is also said there on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:10 pm, followed by a prayer procession to the front of the abortion mill.

Please encourage your fellow church members to again participate with you in this nationwide **lifesaving** event.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been scheduled to participate on February 20 and March 27.

The Last Judgment Made Real

by Fr. Chris

I had often read about Eastern churches having frescoes of the “Last Judgment” painted near the doorway. This was supposed to be a common theme in the decoration of Eastern Slavic churches, both Catholic and Orthodox. The frescoes or individual large icons were placed there as a constant reminder to everyone going in and out that we have to answer to God for our actions. Well, it is one thing to read about, and another to be struck with it in your face. On one of my trips in Ukraine, we went to **Zhovka, a town famous for its complex of churches that surround the main square**. In Soviet times, only one church was left working, and all the other churches and monasteries had been used as factories and storage barns. After the 1990s, the people began restoring these once-glorious shrines.

One monastery was restored to full religious use by the monks of St. Basil the Great (Basilians). When we stepped inside the main church, coming out of a gloomy day, there in front of us was an **enormous wall covered with the Last Judgment**, illuminated by shafts of sunlight pouring in from the windows in the domes over the nave. At the top was the Holy Trinity, and at the bottom **the jaws of Hell- literally enormous jaws- open to receive sinners, and throughout a blood-red river lined by sinners and their terrible sufferings**. The various sinners were shown with both labels and images of their sins, so that everyone got the point, regardless of how well they could read. One prominent label read “those who slept in on Sunday morning rather than go to church” and showed devils dragging the sleepy sinner out of bed and down to eternal agony. I am guessing that until communism came to that area, few people were guilty of that sin! Or perhaps there were some, but when they showed up again there was that fresco to remind them of the possible consequence for laziness.

The Last Judgment is the main theme of the enormous fresco in the Sistine Chapel, so recently restored to its original vibrant glory. It is there that popes celebrate Masses, and there that cardinals gather to elect the next pope. There is no hiding from the all-seeing eyes of a powerful Christ, and those who were thinking of voting fraudulently surely had to have second doubts in front of that massive painting.

In icons, **Christ the Pantocrator or Judge is the main focus** as He presides over that awesome last day. It is called the Dreadful Day, the Fear-Inspiring Day. If we have not been called to think of repentance by all the previous Sundays, then **we are “scared straight” today with the vivid icon on the cover, and the texts of the services**.

Icons show the Saints and Angels in tiered benches, watching the Holy Trinity pass judgment on the sinners. Our Blessed Lady and St John the Baptist stand to either side of Jesus the Judge, and Adam and Eve kneel at His feet, in the poses of worship and supplication, asking His mercy. While Our Lady, St. John the Baptist, Adam and Eve are often shown in supplication for sinners, there is always the great gaping black hole of Hell, the eternal home of Satan, the demons, and those souls who have rejected God’s mercy and united themselves in sinful deeds.

The statement of this icon is this: at the end of time, **no matter how much Man may protest that God does not exist, there will be an accounting for each and every individual**. And those who have failed to follow God’s commandments among Christians, and the natural law among non-Christians, are doomed. **Great the joy of those who are saved! How awful must be the hatred that binds Satan and his sinful followers together!**

And where exactly do I think I am going to end up? No one is assured of salvation: it is a free gift from God, and we, to whom the fullness of revelation has been given in the teachings of the Church, are responsible indeed for what we do and say here and now. May our prayer be that of the Kontakion for today:

Every creature shall tremble before you. A river of fire shall flow before your judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and all secrets revealed. On that day, O righteous Judge, deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at your right!