

Sunday of the Forefathers
December 12, 2021, Tone 4
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Beautiful newly designed Mission Society **Christmas Cards** are available to purchase at OLPH. This year Bishop Nil, the apostolic administrator for the Mukachevo Eparchy (Ukraine), has asked for **help in building a social center to assist the homeless**. Russia's long war in Eastern Ukraine has increased poverty and weakened health care and social services in a country that was already poor. This results in more people losing their homes or what little support they had. The Catholic Church has been working hard at helping all those in need, regardless of religious affiliation. *Every dollar will go so very far over there.* Thank you for your generosity, and please encourage family, friends & other parishioners to purchase our cards!

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

Advisory Board

Fr. Chris Zuger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,
Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

Finance Council

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

**Confession (Mystery of
Reconciliation):**

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or
after weekday Liturgies, or by appoint-
ment 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 con-
fined 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 some-
one is ill!

May the Lord Bless your kindness and
generosity to His House!

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!

Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Eternal Lamp: Health of Savanna Gloetzner and Baby

Dec 13 Mon ***Eustratius & Others Martyrs / Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19***



9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +John and Julia Semancek
by John and Betsy Semancek

Dec 14 Tue ***Thrysus and Others Martyrs / Heb 9:8-10 & 15-23; Mk 8:22-26***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Priest Conon Howard Timoney

Dec 15 Wed ***Eleuthenus Bishop Martyr / Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34***



4:30-5:34 pm Philokalia Prayer & Discussion Group
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Healing and Salvation of Sven Svensson
by Talamante Family

Dec 16 Thu ***Haggai Prophet / Heb 10:35-11:7; Mk 9:10-16***

6:45 pm THEOSIS: Revelation (zoom)

Dec 17 Fri ***Daniel Great Prophet / Heb 11:8 & 11-16; Mk 9:33-41***



9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo / Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Priest Conon Howard Timoney

Dec 18 Sat ***Saturday Before Christmas/ Sebastian and Others Martyrs***

Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29

Dec 19 Sun ***Sunday Before Christmas—of the Holy Fathers
Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40; Mt 1:1-25***

4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live)
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17;
Deuteronomy 10:14-21
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Dion Jr. and Cruz Talamante
by Talamante Family

YouTube LIVE

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	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Sorlah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Svensson	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Lori Medina	Tracy McTernan
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Scott Fafrak
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Jordan Smith
John & Maria	Todd Bailey	Rebecca Baia
Alden	Fr Chris Zuger	Janet Worthington
Lara Davis	Marcie Dark	Patti Klinkovsky
Jessica Pieniadz	Michael Grega	Matt Williamson
Rhonda Glasscock		



Vocation Icon

Today: Brewer Family

Next Sunday: Sullivan Family

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

The joyful mysteries are recited from now until January 4

Holy Father's Intentions for December—Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 19, 2021

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Michael Wells

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Lucy Wells & John Raven
Grega

Counters: Rafael Plut, Ann Rajala

**Propers for 12/19/2021
Sunday of the Ancestors
Tone 5**

Troparion (Tone 5)- 146

Troparion (Ancestors) - 285
v. Glory...

Kontakion (Ancestors) - 286
v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 287
Our Father - 70

Communion Hymn - 79 & 283 [D]

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!!

12/19 Habitation

Barbara's Hall Report

Well, St. Nicholas came and all the children got a bag of snacks. Good thing! As we are on Covid lockdown, there was no social! Well maybe by New Year! I think that is what I was saying 2 years ago!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Fri Dec 24	Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast 10:00 am Royal Hours 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil
Sat Dec 25	Christmas Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy
Mon Dec 27	Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day
Fri Dec 31	Circumcision of Our Lord Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil liturgy of St. Basil / Litija
Wed Jan 5	Theophany Feast Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Royal Hours 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil / Great Consecration of Water / Litija
Thu Jan 6	10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Myrovanije

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 set-up 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>.

St. Nicholas Award 2022 This year we have two icons of St Nicholas given to our beloved Ed and Cindy Loescher, and Philip Leahy. Grant O Lord to your servants Ed, Cindy and Philip, exemplifying the virtues of St Nicholas, peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!!!

THANK YOU NOTE: Sincere GRATITUDE to all parishioners who responded generously with their time, talent and treasure and helped much in making the Feast of Saint Nicholas very special for our children and our beloved OLPH family!!! God Bless You Always!!!

Here are the Angel Tree results for 2021:

Korolevo Orphanage - \$1,475

Seminarian Gift Cards - \$300 (12 gift cards of \$25 each were donated to the seminary along with other personal notes) St Nicholas is very pleased!!! Thank you.

Year End Finances For those parishioners who use their tithe as a part of their income tax charitable deductions for 2021, all contributions must be received at the church by Dec 31.

ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY TITHING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2022 WITH YOUR NAME ON IT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON THE FRONT PEW AT THE ENTRANCE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR NAME PLEASE SEE ANN.

TODAY WE HAVE A COLLECTION for Retirement Fund for Religious! "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Under this title, the Mother of God is invoked as the patroness of the Americas, as well as of Mexico. In our day, she is invoked as the protectress of the unborn against abortion, as she is revealed in the miraculous image as being pregnant.

In 1523, just two years after the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan fell to Hernán Cortés and his Conquistadors, the first Roman Catholic missionaries arrived to begin the religious conquest of Mexico. The fallen capital was renamed Mexico City, and the Aztec religion which demanded the sacrifices of tens of thousands of human beings every year was overthrown. With the end of this bloody religion, the people expected catastrophe, as the victims were slain in order to keep the universe alive. Instead, the world went on, leaving the Aztec bewildered and depressed to the point that hundreds committed suicide. The poor conduct of Spanish soldiers did not induce the natives to embrace the Catholic Faith en masse, even though the Church intervened constantly to defend the rights of the natives. Spanish troops even threatened to assassinate the bishop himself!

Among the first few converts in 1524 was Cuauhtlatatzin (Eagle who speaks), baptized with the Christian name Juan Diego, his wife Maria Lucia, and his uncle Juan Bernardino. He came from the Chichimeca nation, which lived in the great valley of Mexico City.

On the chilly morning of December 9, 1531, Juan Diego, now a widower, crossed the barren hill called Tepeyac to attend Mass. He was brought to a sudden halt by **a blinding light and the sound of heavenly music**. Before him appeared an astounding vision--a beautiful dark-skinned woman who, calling the Indian "my son", declared herself to be the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. She told Juan Diego it was her desire to have a church built on Tepeyac hill, and asked him to relay that message to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga. It was no easy task for the humble Indian to be granted an audience with the top prelate, but the persistent Juan Diego was finally admitted. The incredulous Bishop demanded that he be provided with some proof of the unlikely encounter

On December 12, while rushing to find a priest to attend his seriously ill uncle, Juan Diego once again met the Virgin. Juan Diego told her of the Bishop's request. The Virgin instructed him to pick roses from the usually barren and desolate hill and deliver them to Zumarraga as the sign.

Juan Diego gathered up the **miraculous rose blossoms** in his mantle and hurried off to complete his mission. Once again before the Bishop, he let the roses spill out before him, which were those native to Castile in Spain. The greater miracle was the perfect image of the Virgin Mary emblazoned on Juan Diego's cloak.

Juan Diego's cactus-cloth mantle, carefully preserved in the new Basilica, has been subjected to extensive analysis over the years. Experts have authenticated the fabric as dating to the 16th century, but have been unable to determine the type of pigment from which the image was rendered. It seems doubtful that in the Colonial era in Mexico human hands were capable of creating a portrait of its exquisite nature. It is even doubtful it can be done in Mexico today. Most wondrous of all, after 481 years, the image of the *Virgen de Guadalupe* remains clearly imprinted on the miraculous cloak **without visible signs of deterioration**. A bomb attack during the persecution of the Church in the 1920s blew apart a marble altar, but the tilma showed no damage at all.

Skeptics are quick to point out the unlikely coincidence of the Virgin's appearance on Tepeyac, the very site of an Aztec temple dedicated to Tonatzin (earth goddess, mother of the gods and protectress of humanity) which had been devastated by order of Bishop Zumarraga. **But Our Lady comes to Tepeyac** to conquer the old religion, while sanctifying a traditional place of prayer. To a people living in a state of chronic anxiety now this new Mother of God came to them. She wore their clothing, her skin was their color, she spoke in their language, she was pregnant with a new life, and she called the people her children and little ones. The black girdle about her waist signifies that she is a virgin, but its height on her swollen stomach that she is pregnant. Thus, **the image graphically depicts the fact that Christ is to be "born" again among the peoples of the New World, and is a message as relevant to the "New World" today as it was during the lifetime of Juan Diego. Within a decade, eight million Mexicans converted, and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was carried by Spanish missionaries across Latin America, with great success.**

You can read the original Nahuatl account, *Nican Mophohua*, translated into English but with the same structures of the phrases, at <https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/n/nican-mopohua.php>. It also includes some of the pictures from the codex. This was written in 1545, just fourteen years after the events. The conversations between St. Juan Diego and Our Lady are conducted in terms of sweet intimacy on the part of Mary and profound respect on the part of Juan Diego.

Prayer of St. Pius X:

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mystical Rose,
make intercession for the holy Church,
protect the Sovereign Pontiff,
help all those who invoke thee in their necessities,
and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary
and Mother of the true God,
obtain for us from thy most holy Son
the grace of keeping our faith,
sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life,
burning charity
and the precious gift of final perseverance.
Amen.



Celebrating
St. Nicholas