



January 24, 2016
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm
Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 5:00 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):

9:15-10:00 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!

**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
	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr Chris: +Margaret Zugger 8 th Anniversary Sports Day after Liturgy
Monday	Gregory the Theologian Bishop	
January 25	<i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Gospel: John 10:9-16</i> NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	Xenophon & Mary Venerables	
January 26	<i>Epistle: 1 John 3:10-20; Gospel: Mark 14:10-42</i> NO LITURGY	
	6 – 8 pm	OLPHelpers large group meeting
	6:15 pm	CAFÉ meeting at UNM
Wednesday	Translation of the Relics of John Chrysostom	
January 27	<i>Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-8:2 ; Gospel:</i>	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions NO LITURGY
Thursday	Ephrem the Syrian Venerable	
January 28	<i>Epistle: 1 John 4:20-5:2; Gospel: Mark 15:1-15</i>	
	6:00 pm	Pot-luck dinner
	7:00 pm	THEOSIS Bible Study
Friday	Three Holy Hierarchs/Simple Holy Day	
January 29	<i>Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16 ; Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19</i>	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Doberman Family
Saturday	1st All Souls Saturday	
January 30	<i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Gospel: Luke 20:46-21:4</i>	
	9:00 am	All Souls Divine Liturgy with the Panachida and the Reading of the names of our Deceased
Sunday	Sunday of Meat Fare	
January 31	<i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46</i>	
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Father Chris: +Molly Jacques by M/M Sven Svensson ECF classes after Liturgy

***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!***

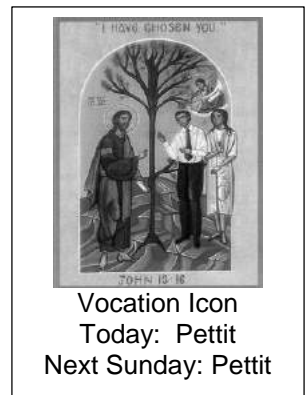
Fr. Julian Gnall
Fr. Anthony Romero
Michele Koetter
Lillian Murphy
Marilyn Fore
Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Abraham Haddad
Jenny Ford
Robert Hasaka
Threima Leech
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zuger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel
Tony Lucero
Chris Overlin
Laura Dominguez

William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
Mary Ellis
Mike Harahuc
Robert Zadel

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

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 January

- Universal:** That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.
- Evangelization:** That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS FOR 2016

We have 5 All Souls Saturdays on which we commemorate by name our beloved deceased. The dates for this year are:

January 30 (Saturday before Sunday of Meatfare)

February 20, February 27, March 5 (3 Saturdays during the Great Fast)

May 14 (the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday).

The first **All Souls Saturday is on January 30th**. At these services, held before, during and after Great Lent, the pastor prays for the souls of the departed, reading names from a book called the "Hramoty." This book is grouped by family names, and after each family name, then the pastor reads off the **FIRST** names of the deceased.

Please use your 2016 envelopes for this - the All Souls envelope is enclosed. If you have more names, write them on another sheet of paper and enclose in the envelope. Any offerings for this go to **Father Artur, not the parish**, and are not tax-deductible. Thank you very much.

Marquee Sign

Coming project for 2016 is the renovation of the lower part of the Marquee sign, which would be the announcement board, Divine Liturgy schedule and welcome board. Right now we are thinking of the possible best design of the lower part.

Ideas and sketches would be really appreciated. Please, talk to Fr. Artur.

Thank you to OLPHelpers **Church service project group**: Melinda, Pam & Rafael for dusting the Iconostasis and cleaning the icon embroideries. May God grant you many years!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
Jan. 31	Jose Salazar	Grace Brewer	Open	Blain	Open

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to the Svenssons for hosting the social last Sunday. Sven made a big roaster full of franks and beans, one of his favorites!

Also a delicious cake and ice cream to celebrate his 71st birthday. Happy Birthday and may God grant you many more years!

Meditation for Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The parable of the Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But repentance implies action: "I will rise up and go..." (v. 18). To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision and to act upon it.

In the words of our Lord, we also learn of three things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The reading of this parable follows the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

Finally, this parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit.

There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we live is not a normal world, but a wasteland. This is why in the Slavic tradition of the Orthodox Church the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service for this and the following two Sundays. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hung our harps, for how could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" (Psalm 137).

Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that can happen when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost. On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace.

Source: <http://lent.goarch.org/prodigalson/learn/>

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Thursday, January 28	6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study
Friday, January 29	Three Holy Hierarchs/Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 30	1 st All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Panachida for Souls of Deceased
Tuesday, February 2	Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna/Solemn Holy Day Monday 6:00 pm Vesper Liturgy/Blessing of Litije Bread & Mirovanije Tuesday, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy with Mirovanije
Monday, February 8	First Day of the Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing

The OLPHelpers next large group meeting will be Tuesday January 26 from 6 to 8 pm in the OLPH Parish Hall. There will be a potluck light supper and then we will be hearing reports of progress from the small groups. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless our commitment to serve this parish.

OASIS Classes

There will be two OASIS classes at our church during Great Lent: Icons: Doorways to Heaven, on Feb. 18 and St. Elijah: Jewish Prophet, Christian Saint, Muslim Guide, on March 3. Both run from 10:30 am - Noon, and registration costs \$8 for each.

Register with OASIS online www.oasisabq.org; by phone 884-4529, or in person at the American Square Shopping Center, Suite 18, on Menaul Blvd. and Carlisle Blvd NE.

OASIS provides education in all kinds of areas and day trips to historic and scenic sites to adults 50 and up.

CAFE resumes this week on Tuesday evenings at the Student Union Building at the University of New Mexico.

CAFE serves students and staff of UNM as a student club, presenting Catholic teachings and how to defend them, during the school year. We begin at 6:15 pm with prayer, then meet over goodies and beverages, with closing prayers at 8 pm and head home at 8:30 pm.

Please share this with anyone you know who attends or works at UNM. This week: our own Paul Hunt presents on the authentic history of the Early Church vs. the Protestant claims of an apostasy from Scripture.

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#4 Lesson in Evangelization – Become a Servant of God

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

In the previous three lessons of this evangelization series, we discussed the importance of prayer, reading sacred scripture and receiving the Eucharist. This lesson focuses on how to live out an authentic Byzantine Catholic faith by

Becoming a Servant of God

In one very inspiring Biblical passage, St. Paul writes, “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ” [2 Corinthians 5:20]. You might think, “Wow! I’m an ambassador.” You might feel like royalty – and you should. You are the adopted child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You are an ambassador for Christ, the eternal King. That’s quite a title!

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines an ambassador as: “the highest ranking person who represents his or her own government while living in another land.” As an ambassador for Christ, you are a high-ranking representative in a foreign land. You live in an earthly kingdom, but represent the heavenly kingdom of your Master and Lord.

Your position as ambassador is exalted, not because of your own greatness, but because of the glory of the One you represent. But wait. This eternal King, your God, took on a human body and then died an ignominious death to bring your human nature into union with the Divine.

As an ambassador you are not above the one you represent. You are a servant. Ambassadors of Christ are different from earthly ambassadors. In what way? In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul writes that the Christian must be obedient “not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart” [Ephesians 6:6].

If you are an ambassador of Christ, you cannot seek earthly glory. Like Jesus, your Master and Lord, you are a "bondservant", but not a servant who is not at the same time free. This kind of bondservant freely thinks and acts in the service of the Lord, but not for oneself. But what about the high rank of being an ambassador? Indeed, it is the highest rank you can attain as a human being. But you cannot be an ambassador without being the bondservant of the one you represent. Christ said: "He that is the greatest among you shall be your servant." [Matthew 23:11].

The servant never questions the Master’s instructions, no matter how challenging or how difficult. The servant never seeks to do anything for recognition. The servant does not seek to be served, only to serve. If you would be the ambassador of the eternal King, listen to Him, surrender your will to His and seek to serve Him.

Pro-Life March in Santa Fe
January 20

