



Presentation



**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

February 1, 2015
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Today	9:30 am	Third Hour
	9:30 – 9:50 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
		Fr. Chris: Intention of Carol & Thomas Donlin
		Canned Goods Collection for Franciscan Friars
	Eternal Lamp:	Thomas Donlin 17 th birthday by Mom
	6:00 pm	Great Vespers with Litija
Monday	Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon/Solemn Holy Day	
Feb. 2	Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17; Gospel: Luke 2:22-40	
	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Candles
Tuesday	Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon & Anna	
Feb. 3	Epistle: 1 John 3:10-20; Gospel: Mark 14:10-42	
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM
Wednesday	Isidore Venerable	
Feb 4	Epistle: 1 John 3:10-20; Gospel: Mark 14:10-42	
	6:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
Thursday	Agatha Martyr	
Feb. 5	Epistle: 1 John 4:20-5:21; Gospel: Mark 15:1-15	
	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.	
Friday	Bucolus Bishop	
Feb. 6	Epistle: 2 John 1:13; Gospel: Mark 15:22.25 & 33-41	
	12 noon	Divine Liturgy
		Fr. Chris: Open
Saturday	First All Souls Saturday	
Feb. 7	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Gospel: Luke 21:8-9.25-27.33-36	
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Panachida with reading from the diptychs (the official lists of the departed commemorated by the church)
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
Sunday	Sunday of Meatfare	
Feb. 8	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	
	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**

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.

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

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.



THEOSIS

Thursday, Feb. 12

6 pm--potluck dinner

7 pm--Bible Study: Ephesians



VOCATION ICON

Today: Brewer

Next Sunday: Riley

Date	Reader	Trojca	Greeter	Counter	Host
2/8	Sven Svensson	Delilah Chavez	Reggie Garuti	Open	Blain

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Evie Jilek for making an overflowing roaster full of spaghetti and meatballs to celebrate Jeremiah's 9th birthday! That spaghetti was delicious. She also brought lots of salad and a tray of cookies. Evie and Tom Plut washed all the dishes and cleaned up.

Happy Birthday Jeremiah and may God grant you many more years. You've got a lot to go!

All Souls Saturdays

It is therefore a holy and good thing, to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. 2 Maccabees 12:46. All Souls Saturdays begin on February 7.

Please update your list of your deceased, **first names only**, using the envelope provided in your 2015 box, and enclose an offering for Father Artur inside it if you wish.

The Divine Liturgy and Panachida are celebrated on the five All Souls Saturdays before, during and after Holy Great Fast.

The October blood drive was so successful (16 pints) that the Knights of Columbus have decided to hold another blood drive on February 14. Blood bank supplies are dangerously low right now, so please consider donating to save lives. See Brook Jilek to make an appointment time. The Blood Bank is always pleasantly surprised at our generosity!

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.

Presentation of the Lord, or Encounter of the Lord with His People

by Fr. Christopher Zuger

This feast, on Monday this week, marks the end of the forty days of Christmas. Known as the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, in the Slavic tradition it is called **The Encounter of Christ**, emphasizing the meeting of the Infant Savior with St Symeon and St Anna. The **Vespers describes Simeon's joy at being allowed to cradle in his arms the Savior of the world.**

On this feast, the Holy Family travels from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, obviously before the Massacre of the Innocents and the Flight into Egypt. There, under the very nose of the wicked King Herod who would soon be stewing in his palace wondering about the Messiah who the Magi said was born in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph come to fulfill the Law.

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.

Check out the display table: *Price to Pay*, a Muslim sheik who became a Catholic; *Finding a Hidden Church*, how our Church survived Communism, and Byzantine Catholic pamphlets on many topics.

Your purchases support ministries of our parish, and help us to buy new stock that will continue to

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There were two reasons: one was the purification demanded of Mary by the Jewish law, for in giving birth she had shed blood, and thus was unclean. Second was that of redeeming the first-born male child by giving a sacrifice to God. For the poor, which Mary and Joseph were, they had to offer only a pair of doves or pigeons as the sacrifice. **Neither Mary nor Jesus needed this ritual, but they submit out of obedience and to give good example to others. Their humility and desire to avoid scandal should be imitated by us today!**

The hymns of this feast emphasize the Encounter theme. Here **Christ is meeting His people for the first time, in the Temple where God Himself dwelled behind the veil of the Holy of Holies**, and the Temple to which He would give Himself at the age of twelve. He Who gave the Law to Moses on Sinai, now submits to the Law in all humility. Now He is recognized by Simeon and Anna, who exemplify the *anawim*, the holy little ones of Israel.

God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit prompts him to go to this little family in the midst of the teeming crowds in the temple courtyard. Deeply moved, Simeon utters his marvelous prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*, or **Now You Shall Dismiss Your Servant**. This wonderful prayer is sung at every Vespers service:

Now you shall dismiss Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word in truth, for my eyes have seen the salvation which You prepared, before the face of all peoples. A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people, Israel.

Anna is another classic member of the *anawim* of Israel, those who are poor and humble and deeply loved by God, and who love Him in return and depend upon Him. She is a widow without a family to take care of her, she is extremely old for that time period and so has outlived all whom she knew. Yet she does not live in grief and regret, but instead prays and fasts constantly. This prophetess confirms Simeon's words and tells "all who would listen" as to the marvelous destiny of this little baby boy.

The tale of the shepherds who had seen the marvelous birth in Bethlehem and spread the news among the hill villages of Judea, the heartland of both Judaism and *anawim*, surely reached the ears of Herod's spies. Combine this event with the shepherds, and the visit of the Magi who never returned, no wonder Herod is ready to kill the new-born King!

We should be transformed by our own individual encounter with Jesus the Child and Lord on this 40th day after Christmas. While our Church has already shifted into the Preparation for Great Lent by now, and Christmas carols and cards are already a memory, a true personal encounter with the transforming power of Jesus should always be close to our hearts and at the forefront of our minds!

Each soul ought to be a Temple of God, to which Mary brings Jesus. And each one of us should, like Simeon, take the child in his arms and say to the Father: 'My eyes have seen thy salvation.' -Year of Grace of the Lord, p. 90.



Blessing of Candles

Candles are so much associated with the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, that this feast was known as Candlemas in medieval England - Candle Mass. As Jesus is the Light of the world and is revealed as the Messiah in this feast, candles are blessed on this day. You can bring your own, or buy some of the church's candles. Either way, be sure to leave church with a couple of blessed candles to use in your icon corner or in hanging lamps in front of icons. If purchasing candles, please leave your offering in the basket on the table in front of the iconostas.

Softener of Evil Hearts Icon –

by Fr. Christopher Zegger

February 2

An auxiliary icon of this feast is one popular in the Slavic Churches, "Sorrows of the Mother of God" also called "Softener of Hearts". All of these icons show Mary in the Roman Catholic style of seven swords, for the Sorrows of the Virgin, not a single sword. A pious belief is that praying before this icon on Sunday will bring protection for the seven days of the week.

The Seven Sorrows are:

- the prophecy itself (Luke 2:34-35);
- the flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13);
- losing Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:43-45);
- meeting Jesus as He carries His cross;
- the death of Jesus (John 19:25)
- receiving Jesus' body
- burying Jesus in the tomb (John 19:40-



Why Softener of Evil Hearts?

Just as Christ would be pierced with nails and a spear, so the soul of Mary would be pierced by sorrow and pain in the heart, when she saw her Son's suffering. After that, the heretofore hidden thoughts of the people regarding the Messiah would be revealed, and they would face a choice: to be with Christ, or against Him. Thus, Simeon's prophecy is completely fulfilled: "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, **that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.**"