

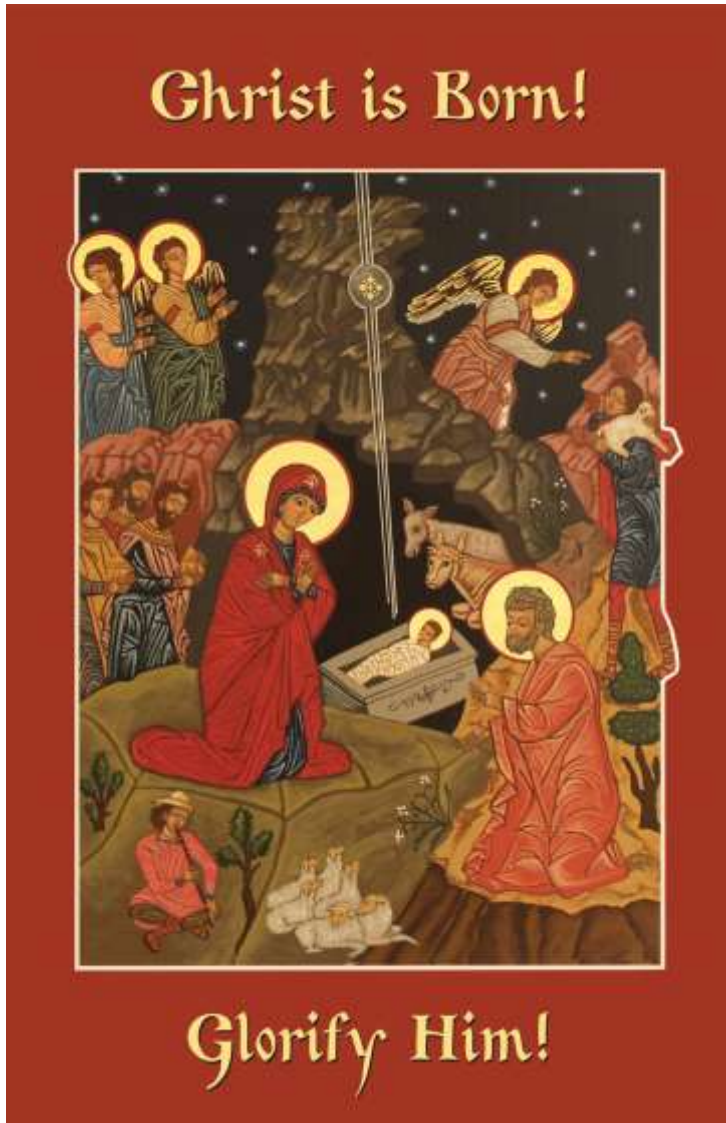
28th Sunday after Pentecost

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November 27, 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God Forever!



Mission Society Christmas Card



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SCHEDULE:

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

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

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

OFFICE HOURS:

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

THEOSIS: 1st & 3rd Thursday
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

Confession (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 Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
ECF Classes

November 28 ***Stephen Venerable Martyr***
Monday ***Epistle: Hebrews 3:5-11.17-19; Gospel: Luke 19:37-44***



9:00 am +Robert Hasaka by Victoria & Larry Scriggins
10:30 am Shut-in Visits
6:00 pm Explorers Meeting

November 29 ***Paramon & Philemon Martyrs***
Tuesday ***Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-13; Gospel: Luke 19:45-48***

9:00 am +Ray Backus by Tiana Sevachko
6:00 pm Emmanuel Moleben
CAFE at UNM: Last Call

November 30 ***Andrew Apostle***
Wednesday ***Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Gospel: John 1:35-51***



5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm +Joanna Conrardy by Mary Alice Cooper

December 1 ***Nahum Prophet***
Thursday ***Epistle: Hebrews 7:1-6; Gospel: Luke 20:9-18***

Father's Day Off 6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 pm THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy

December 2 ***Habakkuk Prophet***
Friday ***Epistle: Hebrews 7:18-25; Gospel: Luke 20:19-26***



No Liturgy

December 3 ***Zephaniah Prophet***
Saturday ***Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-13 Gospel: Luke 12:32-40***

11 am—1 pm OLPH Helpers Spiritual Friendship Group
meets at Cracker Barrel

December 4 ***28th Sunday after Pentecost***
Sunday ***Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16; Gospel: Luke 17:12-19***

4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dawn Ford
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Visit of St. Nicholas followed by Parish poluck

**Canned Goods
Collection for
Friars**

Eternal Lamp Threima Leech by Dorothy Curl

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
Stephen Horner
Katrina Anderson
Abraham Haddad
Jenny Ford
Threima Leech
Priscilla Hughes
Steve Jakymiw
Lillian Murphy
Marilyn Fore
Demetrius Yackanich
Sven & Barbara Svensson

Fr. Julian Gnull
Henry Zuger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Laura Dominquez
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Mary Ann Kosty
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel
Jean Pesce
Henry Burnette
Tracy McTernan

William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Mike Harahuc
Robert Zadel
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santmaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
Paola Terlaza
Ruth Sousa
Frank Gerace
Linda Granci

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. 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



Vocation Icon

Today: Dodson-Sands

Next Sunday: Blain

Holy Father's Intentions for November

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Nov. 20, 2016 / Attendance: 89

To celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, each family is asked to take one grocery bag today and fill with items from the Friars' List and return them Sunday, December 4.

This is a wonderful way to honor St. Nicholas and his devotion to the poor. The bags will be taken to the Friars to help feed the poor and homeless. Hopefully, this will become a tradition every year in our parish.

Friar's Needs:

Smaller quantities of nonperishable food:

- Rice
- Beans
- Olive oil
- Pasta sauce
- Microwaveable, shelf-stable, ready-to-eat meals
- Canned vegetables and/or fruit, store-bought (please no home-canned goods)
- Canned meat and/or fish
- Chicken, beef, or vegetable broth

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

This is our FAVORITE social of the year and we are having an all-church potluck. Parishioners are asked to bring their favorite recipe. Children really look forward to this day and we want to make it special.. Anything and everything is welcome. St. Nicholas will make an appearance and he is always very hungry from his travels!

The Toys for Tots box is now in the back of the Church for our annual Toys for Tots collection. Please be generous. We only have about 3 weeks before it is collected for distribution to the children who are not as fortunate!

New Mission Society Christmas Cards, \$2 each: **the income from the cards is going to the construction of a brand new church in a new suburb of Uzhhorod;** the local population has paid for the foundation but given Ukraine's severe economic crisis (money has lost 50% of its value due to the Russian-backed war in the east) they really need our help! **Each packet has 5 cards with envelopes and page for you to write your intentions** on, and those people will be prayed for on Christmas by Bishop Milan Sasik, bishop of Mukachevo (the eparchy from which Fr. Artur comes).

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Dec. 4	Sven Svensson	Ana Elisa Talamante	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl	All church pot luck

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to the Perpetual Helpers and the Svenssons for putting on the Sunday social to celebrate Father Chris' 62nd birthday and the Svenssons 27th Wedding Anniversary. A special meal and cake according to his diet was made for Father Chris; everyone else had meatball sandwiches with lots of cheese, tomato & cucumber salad and Anniversary cake with ice cream. Yum. Thanks to my special helpers, Rafael and Dorothy for helping with the all food preparation and the clean up. Happy Birthday to Father Chris and Happy Anniversary to the Svenssons!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

	Feast of St. Nicholas
December 5 Monday	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy/Litija
December 6 Tuesday	9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Mirovanije
	Maternity of the Holy Anna
December 7 Wednesday	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy/Litija
December 8 Thursday	9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Mirovanije
December 12 Monday	Explorers Meeting
Tuesdays	6:30 pm CAFE at UNM

Upcoming Mothers' Group Events

Save the dates so you can join us!

12/10/16- Mamas Outing: Adoration at Annunciation and Lunch at Flying Star 10am-noon

12/18/16- Sunday Social

1/14/17- Mothers' Group Meeting 10am-noon

1/28/17- Group Baby shower 10am-noon

2/11/17- Blessing bags- 10am-noon

The Spiritual Friendship group will be meeting on Saturday, December 3rd from 11 am - 1 pm at Cracker Barrel. All women are welcome to join the meeting. Contact Lara or Cindy for more information

St. John Bible Study Group

Know the Word... Mike Sena will be leading a 6-week Bible study for preteens (ages 10-13) starting Tuesday, Jan 10, 2017, and meeting every other week through Feb 21.

Besides delving into the Sacred Scriptures, meetings will include prayer and dinner. The first 5 kids to sign up will get a free book and a free dinner. For more information send an email to olphnm.youth@gmail.com

It's that time of year again for Christmas Fudge!

This will help with Christmas money for my Grandkids & for my trip to Ohio to visit relatives. Fudge is \$16 for one pound, \$45 for three pounds. All Fudge is chocolate. Nuts can be added. Talk to me if you'd like a different flavor. All Fudge orders will be delivered on Sunday, December 11th. The Fudge freezes extremely well to keep until Christmas Day. (Lara 710-1181)

Our Theosis group has begun a new study on the Byzantine Liturgy. Our goal is not to become experts on every aspect and detail of the Divine Liturgy but rather to study together so that our faith and understanding may grow. As our faith and understanding grow so does our ability to enter more deeply into the great mystery of our Christian faith which is expressed every Sunday at our Liturgy. In other words, our experience of the liturgy can be greatly enhanced as we grow in our faith and understanding of the core mysteries that lay at the core of the Liturgy. I would like to invite everyone who is interested to join us in this study. Our study will follow the book written by Father Petras, "*Time for the Lord to Act*".

Three Filipovka Prophets

These Old Testament prophets are commemorated in a row: Nahum (Dec 1), Habbakuk (Dec 2), and Zephaniah (Dec 3).

Your pure heart, illumined by the Holy Spirit, was a sacred vessel of resplendent prophecy, for you saw things far off as close at hand. Hence we revere you, Nahum most glorious. -- Kontakion, Fourth Tone

December 1st—Prophet Nahum

Nahum's prophecy of the destruction of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire, was issued in 612 BC. He exults in the coming fall of an empire which had ruled by cruelty and terror for nearly 300 years. But Nahum is not a prophet of unrestrained revenge. God's moral government of the world is asserted. God is the avenger but He is also merciful, a citadel in the day of distress, Who brings peace to the nations. Thus his feast is fitting in the preparation for Christmas.

December 2nd - Prophet Habakkuk.

Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, you announced to the world the coming forth of God from the south, from the Virgin. Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant angel: "You proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ to the world!" Therefore in gladness we cry out to you: "Rejoice, splendid adornment of the prophets!" -- Troparion, Tone 4

Habakkuk devotes his book to the issue of God's justice in a sinful world, but eloquently shows that God can always be relied on, and Man must reply with fidelity. He wrote when Judah faced disaster: in 587 BC Jerusalem itself fell to Babylon and Jerusalem was destroyed. In chapter 3, he promises a theophany in which God will judge the pagans and bring peace and restoration to His faithful people: again, a main theme of Christmas.

December 3rd- prophet Zephaniah

You were shown to be illumined by the Divine Spirit, O Prophet Zephaniah, proclaiming God's manifestation, and you preached: Rejoice greatly, O daughters of Zion and of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes, bringing salvation.-- Kontakion, Fourth Tone

God uses Zephaniah to condemn the Jews' continued worship of false gods and use of pagan rituals that offend Him. Further, Judah's society has become corrupt and the people are suffering. This book warns of the oncoming destruction that will engulf even the animals, a time of darkness and chaos due to the sins of the people. King Josiah launched reforms as a result of the prophets and their warnings but did not heed God's warning not to fight Egypt and died in battle. With him, the House of David ends. Now begins the waiting for David's true successor, the Messiah, Who will be born in Bethlehem, the least of the towns of Judah, which is fulfilled on Christmas Day. Parts of Zephaniah and Habakkuk appear in Handel's great oratio *The Messiah*.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Sign is on Nov. 27, the second Marian feast during the Fast of St. Philip.

In the imperial court of the Eastern Roman Empire, people wore an insignia of the ruling Emperor on their outer garments. **In this icon, the Theotokos, our Blessed Lady, wears an image of her Son Who is also King of the universe and her Lord and God.** The Child Jesus is shown in radiant garments and as a mature child while still in the womb as a sign of His divinity, and he holds a scroll to show that He is the Eternal Word, the Logos Who existed before time began. The Mother of God is shown with three stars on her veil and both shoulders, denoting her virginity before, during, and after pregnancy. With Jesus, Mary can wear both red (divinity) and blue (humanity) because of her unique role as the God-Bearer. This icon is also called **Platytera** (fullness) and is **usually shown on the apse (rear) wall of the sanctuary, overshadowing the Holy Table and tabernacle, as in our parish church.**

Another version that is popular for this time of year is the Kursk (root) icon which shows Mary and Jesus surrounded by the Old Testament prophets who spoke of the coming Messiah and His Mother: King Solomon, Prophets Daniel, Jeremiah, Elijah, Habakkuk, Judge Gideon, Prophets Isaiah, Moses, and the Prophet and King David. The main Scripture phrase is : Behold the virgin shall conceive a son and he will be named Emmanuel, which means: God is with us (Isaiah 7:14).

As we enter the second week of St. Philip's Fast, and everyone is thinking about gift-buying, baking, traveling, and parties, it is a good idea for us to slow down and think about *what can we give to Jesus?* Is there a behavior or attitude that needs changing, so as to bring God joy instead of sadness? Is there something we already do that is good but can be better, for example, increasing the time spent in daily prayer or meditation, adding Scripture readings. The prophets this week warn the People of Israel of their need for reform and change - the same holds true for the People of God today.



ECF Classes

