



16th Sunday after Pentecost , tone 7

September 4, 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to God Forever!



Nativity of the Theotokos

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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 5:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**THEOSIS:** 2nd & 4th 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.

<b>Today</b>		<b><i>Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30</i></b>
Canned Goods	8:30 am	Rosary
Collection for Friars	9:00 am	Matins/Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Eternal Lamp: +Marvin Curl by wife Dorothy
<b>September 5 Monday</b>		<b><i>Zachary &amp; Elizabeth—Prophet/Labor Day</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Ephesians 1:22-2:3; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52</i></b> NO Services (delivery & installation of the new pews)
<b>September 6 Tuesday</b>		<b><i>Miracle of the Archangel Michael</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Ephesians 2:19-3:7; Gospel: mark 10:46-52</i></b> NO Services (delivery & installation of the new pews)
<b>September 7 Wednesday</b>		<b><i>Sozon Martyr</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Ephesians 3:8-21; Gospel: Mark 11:23-26</i></b> 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions 6:00 pm Vesper Liturgy/Blessing of Litija/Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit
<b>September 8 Thursday</b>		<b><i>Birth of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 &amp; 11:27-28</i></b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy For parish Family, Benefactors & Friends/ Mirovanije 6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study
<b>September 9 Friday</b>		<b><i>Synaxis of Joachim &amp; Anna/Post festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-25; Gospel: Mark 12:1-12</i></b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Karen Paquette by Mary Alice Cooper
		
<b>September 10 Saturday</b>		<b><i>Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross/ Post festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Gospel: Matthew 10:37-11:1</i></b>
<b>September 11 Sunday</b>		<b><i>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross/ Post festive of the Nativity of the Theotokos</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18; Gospel: John 3:13-17</i></b> 5:00 pm Great Vespers 6:00 pm +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Eternal Lamp: For all who died on 9/11/2001 by Svenssons

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  
 Keith Romero

Fr. Julian Gnall  
 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

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  
 Michelle O'Brien

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: Bonham/Chavez

Next Sunday: Donlin

**Holy Father's Intentions for September**

**Universal: Centrality of the Human Person.** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

**Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize.** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

August 28, 2016 - Attendance: 98

**CAFÉ meets every Tuesday** at 6:15 pm at the Santa Ana Room on the top floor of the Student Union Building (Saint Ann's Room, how appropriate a name is that?). We start with the Divine Mercy chaplet (Roman rite) and intercessions for people in need, and end with Little Compline (Night Prayer) according to the Byzantine Rite. In between are talks, Bible study, sharing, and all kinds of good Catholic things. And since it is college, there is food and beverage available for "the kids."

Share this information with your friends, co-workers, neighbors and relatives who have students or staff at UNM and encourage those students to join us! Questions? Ask one of the Fathers.

**A water color show at UNM Hospital**, featuring 20 original paintings by our parishioner Beverly Forrest opens tomorrow August 29 - September 30. Reception is September 9th, 4 - 6 pm. The gallery is open 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday and is located at UNMH 5th floor Ambulatory Care Center. Please, join us. Thank you.

### !!!!ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY!!!!

"Catechetical Sunday" is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish's students. In two weeks on Sunday September 18th we will have a special blessing of our children and their teachers during the Divine Liturgy. We ask that all students and faculty be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians, as we seek to grow in "Communion with God."

**Come join fellow married couples** at the next Marriage Enrichment hosted by Queen of Heaven, September 16-18th, 2016. come set aside time for sharing, laughing and growing in our marriages together. Meals and child care provided, for more information and registration call Kathi/Charles Lakins, 505-888-4276, [kathilakins@gmail.com](mailto:kathilakins@gmail.com).

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
September 11	Sven Svensson	Lucy Abraham	Samia Rabadi	Open	Perpetual Helpers

### Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to the Rabadi's for bringing a huge platter of stuffed cabbages. Yum! Everyone was coming back for seconds and thirds. They also made two trays of rice pudding. Very delicious! The Brewer family brought lots of cut up watermelon, which was very tasty on a warm day.

It's already September, so don't forget to sign up for the socials this coming fall!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tuesdays	6:15 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
September 8, 22 Thursday	6:00 pm Pot luck dinner; 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study
September 12 Monday	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/Solemn Holy Day (Strict fast)
September 13 Tuesday	6:00 pm Vesper Liturgy/Veneration of the Cross/Blessing of Litija
September 14 Wednesday	9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Veneration of Cross/Myrovanije
September 23, 24 Friday, Saturday	Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at the Norbertine Retreat Center
September 30 Friday	8—10 am 40 Days for Life/OLPH Day of Prayer in front of abortion clinic
September 30 Friday	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Holy Protection/ Blessing of Litija

### **! Attention Parish Family!!!**

The Department of Evangelization and Religious Education of our Eparchy is very excited to offer for the very first time, a series of adult education classes online. These FREE classes will be taught by the Clergy of our Eparchy using Fuze. It is a user friendly online platform that allows for video and audio sharing on Windows, Mac or ISO devices, or calling in through a toll-free phone.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be nourished and challenged in our walk with our Lord. Please, share this event with your friends and families. Those interested in learning, please, register at the website on the bottom of the flyer on the greeting table. God Bless You!

**John Michael Talbot will be in Albuquerque** for three nights: September 6, 7 & 8. The Shrine of St. Bernadette is hosting him. His ministry of talk & music will begin at 7pm each night. No admission fee, but love offering will be taken. Also, his books, CD's, DVD's, & bakery items from his Hermitage will be available.

**The General Manager of Immaculate Heart Radio** has highly recommended the new movie "Ben-Hur" for spiritual inspiration. Century Rio 24 is showing the movie at 7pm weeknights & on Tuesdays tickets for the standard (not 3D) show are \$5. We'd like to get a group together from OLPH for this coming Tuesday or next. Let Lara Davis know if you're interested: <crowhopdavis@yahoo.com> or 710-1181.

## ECF IS COMING VERY SOON!!!!

Great plans are in the works for this year. Reserve your children's seats today.

If you have not yet done so, please return your registration form OR get a registration form today or next Sunday so materials can be purchased in time to begin classes in September. All children from 3 years old to senior in high school should register. Mrs. Donlin has the registration forms.

HELP WANTED!!!

We need a few good men and women willing to share their faith and knowledge with the OLPH children. Catechists are still needed for Kindergarten and preschool. See Mrs. Donlin.

***Catechists**—both returning and new—please check in with Mrs. Donlin today or by phone/text, email, or Facebook Message during the week for important information and schedules.*

## Safe Environment: Protecting our Children

**MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ADULTS:** This training is mandatory and **MUST** be completed **BEFORE** working with or around children. The Eparchy requires annual training and regular background checks.

Dr. Caroline Bonham, our parish Safe Environment coordinator, has scheduled several different training sessions here at OLPH to make it accessible for everyone's schedule. You only need attend one session.

- \* Sunday, September 11 at 12:30 pm after liturgy
- \* Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 pm
- \* These trainings are for adults only. Some of the material presented is as disturbing as the evening news and is inappropriate for children, therefore, they will not be allowed in the social-hall during the trainings. Please arrange appropriate child supervision.

Fr. Artur informed us that the Eparchy would accept Safe Environment from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe if it has been completed recently. Please provide the 'pink sheet' from ASF to Carol-Donlin or Dr. Caroline Bonham. It will be copied for our files and returned to you.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe also has a training scheduled for Saturday, September 10 beginning at 9 am at The Catholic Center. Preregistration for ASF is required. Check their website for contact information and link to register. (Sorry, no registration at the door). After you complete the class, provide the 'pink sheet' from ASF to Carol Donlin or Dr. Caroline Bonham. It will be copied for our files and returned to you.

\*Fort hose with valid ASF training, you will still need to undergo a background check. Obtain the necessary consent form from Dr. Caroline Bonham.

**CHILDREN'S SAFE ENVIRONMENT/SELF SAFETY LESSONS** will be held in September.

## Nativity of the Theotokos

We celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary on September 8 as the first big festival of the Byzantine liturgical year, which began on September 1. All icons of this feast show the elderly but happy parents, SS. Joachim and Anne, and the birth is usually presented in a cozy family setting of women attendants bustling around Saint Anne. Saint Joachim is either peeking into the women's quarter, or next to his wife. The infant Virgin was born in a normal manner, as is shown by St Anne reclining on the birthing-bed, and the baby being washed by the midwife in the lower front of the icon. Bright colors are used because of the joy that all Creation feels in its coming deliverance from Christ Who will find life in her.

In the legends about this event, the parents are presented as elderly and childless, and an angel tells them separately that they will finally have a child, a girl who will be the mother of the Messiah. This follows along with other biblical stories about conceptions of children after long years of prayer, including Isaac, Samuel, and St John the Baptist. Saint Anne, however, is different from the other mothers, because her child will become the virginal dwelling place of God Incarnate!

The child is given the name Mary, or Miriam, which is translated as hope. Indeed, she is the hope of all the nations of the world who labored under the power of sin and its darkness. In Exodus, Miriam saved the life of her baby brother, Moses, who would lead his people out of Egypt and darkness and into the Promised Land of milk and honey. This Miriam will do far more – her Son will lead all people out of their spiritual darkness and into the true light.

There are three Old Testament readings prescribed for the Vespers the night before, as Mary Grace Ritchey writes in her *Meditation\** on this feast:

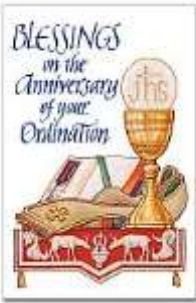
*The Genesis reading for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos focuses on the vision of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham. At Bethel he sees in a dream a ladder set up on earth and the top reaching into heaven with the angels of God ascending and descending on it. The title "Jacob's Ladder" is often applied to the Theotokos because she was the means by which God incarnate was made present to His people, living with and redeeming mankind and all things. In the Akathist to Mary we read "Hail O Celestial Ladder by whom God came down; hail O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!"*

*The reading from Ezekiel focuses on Mary as ever virgin, symbolized by the eastern door of the Temple: "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it: therefore it shall remain shut." (44:2). The Akathist reads: "Hail, O Lady, unique gateway through whom the Lord alone has passed!"*

*Proverbs focuses on gaining wisdom by listening to instruction and pondering on it and then acting in righteousness, justice and equity. Gaining Christ is the focus, and not doing evil, for Christ is the Wisdom and Word of the Father."*

As for the feast itself, it dates from at least 400 AD in Syria and is one of the oldest feasts of Our Lady. In much of Europe, this day is marked with thanksgiving celebrations as the harvest is brought in, cattle come down from their highland pastures, and people prepare for autumn. In Austria, one watches for the swallows to get ready to leave for the warm south on this day; they are said to return at the Annunciation (March 25).

<http://www.melkite.org/Mediation4.html>



**Perpetual Helpers will be hosting the social next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.** We will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Father Artur's ordination which took place on September 14, 2014. We have a *new* recipe for "Unstuffed Cabbage Rolls" and your Social Committee is going to give it a try! Look for an e-mail reminder and be thinking about what you would like to bring to go with it. We need bread (rye - light & marbled + cornbread), salads & YOUR family favorite dessert.

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EPARCHY OF PHOENIX  
DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELIZATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## FALL 2016 ONLINE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



### How It Works:

All adult education classes are taught by the Clergy of the Eparchy of Phoenix, for free through the Fuze online platform. Fuze is an online webinar system which allows for video and audio sharing on Windows, Mac or ISO devices, or calling in through a toll-free phone.

**Classes are from 7:00-8:00pm Pacific Time (8:00-9:00 Mountain).**

***All Classes Are Free***

### Tuesday Night Ongoing Classes:

**Introduction to Eastern Christianity**  
9/20/16 - 11/1/16 • Fr. Milan Kasperek

**Eastern Christian Spirituality**  
11/8/16 - 12/13/16 • Fr. Joseph Stanichar

### Thursday Night Stand Alones:

**Reading the Sacred Scriptures**  
9/29/16 • Fr. James Barrand

**On the Holy Icons**  
10/6/16 • Fr. Michael O'Loughlin

**Life and Legacy of Blessed Theodore Romzha**  
10/27/16 • Fr. Chris Zugger

**The Traditions of Phillip's Fast**  
11/10/16 • Fr. Anthony Hernandez

**The Traditions of Christmas and Theophany**  
12/15/16 • Fr. Michael Bozruchka

For more information or to register visit:  
[http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith\\_formation.html](http://eparchyofphoenix.org/faith_formation.html)

Email Dcn. Basil Ryan Balke with questions or to register at [dcnbasil@eparchyofphoenix.org](mailto:dcnbasil@eparchyofphoenix.org)