



January 28, 2018

Sunday of the Prodigal Son / T one 1  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ; Luke 15:11-32

Christ is Among Us!  
He is and Always Shall Be!

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic  
Eparchy of Phoenix  
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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:** 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 week-  
day 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 sick-  
ness or old age. Father will bring the confined per-  
son the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is rec-  
ommended 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/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you

Today	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins & Confessions
<i>ECF Classes</i>	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: +Michael Harris
Jan 29 Monday	<i>Translation of the Relics of Ignatius, Martyr / 1 John 2::18-3:10; Mark 11:1-11</i>	
	6:00 pm	Vigil Liturgy with Litija +John Danovich Fr. Chris: Intention of David Vonderohe
Jan 30 Tuesday	<i>Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day / Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19</i>	
	9:00 am	+Fr. Francis Vivona (40-day commemoration) by Pettit/Lowe Families
	6:30 pm	CAFE Meeting at UNM
Jan 31 Wednesday	<i>Cyrus &amp; John Unmercenaries / 1 John 3:21-4:6; Mark 14:43-15:1</i>	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	+Fr. Francis Vivona (40-day commemoration) by Donlin Family Fr. Chris: Phyllis Snider
Feb 1 Thursday	<i>Tryphon Martyr / 1 John 4:26-5:21; Mark 15:1-15</i>	
Feb 2 Friday	<i>Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon / Solemn Holy Day Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40</i>	
	9:00 am	Prayer and witness in front of Abortion Clinic on San Mateo
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Litija/Blessing of Candles/Health and Salvation of Bob Danovich Fr. Chris: +Fr. Francis Vivona
Feb 3 Saturday	<i>1st All Souls Saturday / 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Luke 21:8-9.25-27.33-36</i>	
	9:00 am	All Souls Liturgy / Panachida
	9:00 am—noon	Altar Server Training
Feb 4 Sunday	<i>Sunday of Meatfare / 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2</i>	
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	5:00 pm	+Mary Ann Zummar by Svenssons
<i>ECF Classes</i>	8:30 am	Rosary
<i>Clothing &amp; canned goods collection for Friars</i>	9:00 am	Matins & Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: Intention of Danielle Castioni by grandfather Demetrius Yackanich

Sharif Rabadi	Fr. Julian Gnall	William Frank
Katrina Anderson	Henry Zugger	Mary Nell Preisler
Abraham Haddad	John & Margie	Mike Harahuc
Tim & Jenny Ford	Disque	Robert Zadel
Threima Leech	Phillip Fall	Lorraine Hubbell
Priscilla Hughes	Laura Dominquez	Heather Mattax
Steve Jakymiw	Olga Bodnar	Larry Bennett
Marilyn Fore	Frances Brannan	Paola Terlaza
Demetrius Yackanich	John Deflice	Ruth Sousa
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Mary Ann Kosty	Linda Granci
Laurie Bienz	Jordan Smith	Mary Danyluk
Brent & Nicole Dodson-Sands	Jean Pesce	Richard Hornung
	Tracy McTernan	Kris Nelson
	Terry Rains	Scott Fafrak
Charlie & Maggie Batsel	Eli Griego	Dana Papaj
	Brother Vittorio	Peter Dzek

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

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

### Holy Father's Intentions for January:

Evangelization: **Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



Vocation Icon

Today: GloetznerFamily  
Next Sunday: DonlinFamily



## Bishop's Appeal 2018

January 21, 2018 / Attendance: 113

Dear Parish Family! Bishop John is asking each Domestic church to pray over their special offering to the Appeal this year and make a decision what that gift will be. Please, complete the pledge form and return it in the Sunday collection with your first payment or the entire amount if possible (**Please, note** that starting with this year you can also send your pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, your checks and credit cards made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy NOT to OLPH in that case).

Our parish goal is **16,225.00** which breaks down to **\$275 per household**. If we reach our goal, our parish will receive a 20% rebate which is \$3,135.00! Many can contribute \$275, some less, others more. The important thing is that each household makes an effort to show Bishop John our support to help with varied ministries our Eparchy offers : Seminarian & Clergy education, Vocation and Youth Ministry, Missionary outreach, Evangelization and Pro-Life and many others. Working together we can easily make our goal! May God bless you for your generous and sacrificial response. Thank you!

Now this I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully, Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

### Feb. 4, 2018

Cantor	Evie Jilek Andrea Riley (Feb 3)
Reader	Sven Svensson
Trojca	Alaina Riley
Greeter	Dorothy Curl
Usher	Dan Riley, Jeff Brewer
Counter	Rafael Plut, Dorothy Curl
Host	Super Bowl
Church Cleaners	Tom Plut, Tom Ellefson
Altar Servers:	Thomas Donlin Daniel Fogg Michael Grega Joe Ellefson Patricio Chavez Lucas Riley Abel Gloetzner

### **Please, sign up TODAY for the Traveling Pilgrim Vocation Icon in 2018!**

Dear Parish Family, the Love of Christ presses us to respond generously to God's call in our lives. We are all called to pray for vocations to Saintly Christian Marriage, to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. Prayer is an invisible but essential ministry in the Church. This is an important way to be involved in vocation ministry. Sign up to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed. THANK YOU :)

### **Barbara's Hall Report**

Thanks to the Svenssons for serving up the Sunday brunch! It was Sven's birthday, and he served up quite a feast! There were 4 big trays of 5 cheese ziti, with 3 kinds of meat! Yum! Plus, a three lettuce salad with tomatoes, different kind of cheeses, and a balsamic dressing! And lots of Italian bread! I almost forgot the cake with the Swedish Happy Birthday message, and ice cream! Don't we just love it when it is Sven's birthday? Happy Birthday, Sven!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars

2nd & 4th Monday	10:30 am Shut-ins Visits 5:45 pm Explorers Meeting
February 10, Saturday	10 am—12 pm Book Club. <i>In the School of the Holy Spirit</i> by Fr. Jacques Philippe. Potluck brunch, Loescher 's home
February 3 Saturday	9:00 am Altar Servers practice
February 3, March 3, 10	<b>All Souls Saturdays in Great Fast</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida
Tuesdays February 6, 20 March 6, 20	<b>6:00—7:00 pm St. John's Bible Study</b> for ages 10 through 13 / Flying Star @ 4501 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE (north of Montgomery)
February 12 Monday	<b>First Day of the Great Fast / Strict Abstinence</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Anointing

**Please, mark your calendars:**

**The Annual Byzantine Bazaar** will take place this year on May 12th.

**Bishop John** will visit our parish on Sunday, July 1 to celebrate with us our Patronal Feast of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

**Attention - 1st ALL SOULS Saturday is coming soon. Dear Parish Family, the four 2018 remembrances of "All Souls" will begin on Saturday, February 3rd.** Please, print clearly **First names** of your deceased loved-ones **on the back of your "All Souls" envelope** (see your envelope set) They will be prayed for in the petitions for the deceased during the 9AM All Souls Liturgy and Panachida on each of those All Souls Saturdays. Please, kindly submit your envelope to the collection basket or the parish office. **Deadline - Sunday, January 28. THANK YOU.**

## Cantor Corner

**Liturgical Propers for 2/4/18 (Meatfare Sunday & Postfestive Day of the Meeting)**  
Resurrection Tone 2

**Troparion (Tone 2) - DL 135**  
**Troparion (Meeting-Tone 1) - DL 321**

**Glory... (Tone 1)**

**Kontakion (Meatfare- Tone 1) - DL 217**

**Now & Ever...(Tone 1)**

**Kontakion (Meeting - Tone 1) - DL 321**

**Prokeimenon & Alleluia**

**(Meatfare) - DL 217-8**

**Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper'... DL 322**

**Our Father (Tone 2) - DL 67**

**Communion Hymn - DL 78 & 213 [A]**

**OLPH Prayer Warriors**

Believing in Jesus's promise that where two or more are gathered in His name, He is with us, please join our intercessory prayer group, the OLPH Prayer Warriors, Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the conference room to pray for our individual and collective needs. Although we will dedicate our prayers to particular themes each week, and if you cannot participate in our gatherings, do let us know of your particular petitions and we will include them in our prayers. Send your prayer requests to Patricia at [pocb@unm.edu](mailto:pocb@unm.edu)

**February 2018**

Feb. 4: Rest

Feb. 11: Grace

Feb. 18: Looking back vs. looking forward

Feb. 25: God's will

## Encounter of Our Lord, February 2

This feast, on Wednesday 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.**

**Candles are traditionally blessed on this day, as Jesus is the light of the world.** In this ritual, the priest and people sing the Troparion, and then the priest blesses the candles with holy water, imploring **Jesus' blessing with His grace so that "the light of the candles dispel all darkness and shadow, so let the invisible flame of the Holy Spirit illuminate our hearts."** After this, Saint John Damascene's Stikhera "Adorn your chamber O Sion" is sung and the Dismissal of the feast is given.

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. There were two reasons: one was the purification demanded of Mary by the Jewish law, for in giving birth she had shed blood and had sexual relations, and thus was unclean (Mary has no need of this, but submits humbly to the Law). Second was that of redeeming the first-born male child by giving a sacrifice to God (Jesus did not need to undergo this, being God, but submits humbly to the Law like His Mother). For the poor, which Mary and Joseph were, they had to offer only a pair of doves or pigeons as the sacrifice. **Mary and Jesus 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 Symeon and Anna, who exemplify the *anawim*, the holy little ones of Israel. God had promised Symeon 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, Symeon utters his marvelous prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*, or **Now You Shall Dismiss Your Servant.**

### Blessing of Candles

It is a pious and venerable tradition in our Church to bless candles after the Ambon Prayer of the Holy Encounter Liturgy. It is impossible to imagine an Eastern Church without burning candles. We use candles made of beeswax as a form of prayer offering and devotion to God, Most Holy Theotokos or Saints. Candles are used in all church solemnities and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is "the Light of the World." According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body). According to Saint Simeon of Thessalonica (XV century), the pure wax symbolizes the purity and innocence of people offering it. The wax is offered as a sign of our repentance for our obstinacy and willfulness. The softness and malleability of the wax speak of our readiness to obey God. The flame of the candle shows the warmth of love to God. We should not put up a candle just for the sake of the ritual, with our hearts remaining cold.

Please bring your candles which you wish to have blessed and put them on the blessing table that will be set up on the right side of the tetrapod.

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The father's image is especially fascinating. First, he is shown in action: his robes are **literally flying behind him because he has rushed to greet** this son who wasted everything but has returned. Second, the father is shown as a venerable man, white-haired and bearded. This emphasizes the pain he suffered in waiting, and in having been rejected by the young man: **how could a young man have so insulted an elderly father like that?** See how the two faces blend together, in absolute tenderness. The full positioning of the faces tells us that the sinful son has been redeemed.

But **the real message** is in my last observation: **the iconographer depicted the father wearing the divine colors of red and blue.** He stands for God the Father, the Source of all life, the One Who Is for all time, with the white hair and beard of the Ancient of Days seen by St Daniel the Prophet in his vision. The iconographer does not want us to have any misconceptions at all – **the sinner who can bring nothing to this scene except his besmirched soul and his sorrow, is being acknowledged, embraced, and forgiven, by a God Who rushes to love us. A God Who rushes to us when we make that first repentant step toward Him again. What other faith offers anything like this?**

## Three Holy Hierarchs

Jan 30 - **Feast of SS. Basil the Great (also known as Basil of Caesarea), Gregory the Theologian (also known as Gregory of Nazianzus) and John Chrysostom.** These influential bishops shaped our theology and worship through their extensive writing and preaching. Each has a feast day in January. **All three are remembered today as a result of intense debates that raged in 11<sup>th</sup> century Constantinople as to who of these great Fathers was the greatest?** Through a vision granted St. John Mouropos in which they appeared to him and said that they were all equal in God's eyes, this feast was instituted in 1084. The Catholic Church also honors them as Doctors of the Church.

**Basil and Chrysostom** both had profound influences on our worship, through their Anaphoras (Eucharistic Prayers) which we use today. **Basil** served as a bishop of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia who defended the Trinity's unity and Christ's humanity and divinity against the Arians, as well as founding many institutions for the poor, sick, orphans, abandoned elderly, and schools. **Chrysostom**, which means "golden tongue" was a powerful preacher who was not afraid to challenge his listeners to deeper spiritual lives, while speaking against any form of oppression. He also advocated for physical and spiritual care of the poor. He was bishop of Antioch and then archbishop of Constantinople itself. He died in exile because of his condemnation of the empress' scandalous lifestyle. **Gregory**, like the other two, led a personal life of penance and fasting. Also an archbishop of Constantinople, he is surnamed "The Theologian" for his brilliant writings against the Arians, in defense of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Trinity. His contemporaries considered that he surpassed the ancient Greek writers and that he was directly inspired by God.

**The first seminary of our Byzantine Catholic Church** was, appropriately enough, dedicated to these three theologians. It served generations of students who prepared for the priesthood from 1776 until 1945, when the seminarians were asked to "temporarily" leave by the Soviet rulers – it has never been returned, and today is a museum.



