

PASCHA — FEAST OF FEASTS

MARCH 27, 2016

**CHRIST IS RISEN! / INDEED HE IS RISEN! AL-MASEEH QAM! / HÁQQAN QAM!
CHRISTÓS ANÉSTI! / ALITHÓS ANÉSTI! CHRISTÓS VOSKRÉSE! / VOÍSTINU
VOSKRÉSE! KRISTUS VSTAL ZMRTVYCH! / SKUTOCNE VSTAL ZMRTVYCH!
CRISTO HA RESUCITADO! / EN VERDAD HA RESUCITADO! KRISTUS DR
UPSTENDEN. / JA, HAN DR SANNERLIGEN UPPSTENDEN. CHRIST DAAZTSÁÁDÉÉ'
NÁÁDIIDZÁÁ! / T'ÁÁ AANÍÍ, DAAZTSÁÁDÉÉ' NÁÁDIIDZÁÁ! CRISTO È RISORTO! / E'
VERAMENTE RISORTO! KRIOST EIRGIM! / EIRGIM! MESHIHA QAM! / BASHRIRA
QAM! CHRISTUS IST AUFERSTANDEN! / WAHRHAF AUFERSTANDEN! HA-
MASHIAH QOM! / BE-EMET QOM! CHRISTU
UYIRTHEZHUNNETTU! / THEERCHAYAYUM UYIRTHEZHUNNETTU! PCHRISTOS
AFTOOUN! / ALETHOS AFTOON! TÁ CRÍOSD AR ÉIRIGH! / GO DEIMHIN, TÁ E AR
ÉIRIGH! KRISTUS AUGŠĀMCĒLIES! / PATIESI AUGŠĀMCĒLIES!**



**THIS IS THE RESURRECTION DAY! LET US BE ENLIGHTENED BY THIS
FEAST AND LET US EMBRACE ONE ANOTHER! LET US CALL
"BRETHREN" EVEN THOSE WHO HATE US, AND IN THE RESURRECTION
FORGIVE EVERYTHING AND LET US SING: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE
DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED DEATH; AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS
HE GRANTED LIFE.**

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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish.

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support);

Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:

1. Being registered
2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes!

Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on "Membership in a Parish"

**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	Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; 9:00 am	Gospel: John 1:1-17 Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Blessing of Easter Baskets, Mirovanije Eternal Lamp: James Walker by Sevachko Family
March 28	<i>Bright Monday/Solemn Holy Day</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Gospel: John 1:18-28</i> 6:00 pm	
		Divine Liturgy, For Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends. Procession around the Church with Reading of four Gospels
March 29	<i>Bright Tuesday/Simple Holy Day</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 2:14-21; Gospel: Luke 24:12-35</i> 6:15 pm	
		CAFE meeting at UNM
March 30	<i>Bright Wednesday</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 2:22-36; Gospel: John 1:35-51</i> 5:30 pm	
		OLPH Devotions
March 31	<i>Bright Thursday</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 2:38-43; Gospel: John 1:35-51</i> 6:00 pm	
		Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study; Matthew Ch. 17
April 1	<i>Bright Friday</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 3:1-8; Gospel: John 2:12-22</i> 6:00 pm	
		Divine Liturgy +Paul Gutierrez by Debbie Sanchez
April 2	<i>Bright Saturday</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 3:1-8; Gospel: John 3:22-33</i> 10:00 am	
		Book Club meeting & pot luck brunch in hall
April 3	<i>St. Thomas Sunday</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17</i> 5:00 pm	
		Great Vespers with Litija 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek's
<i>Canned Goods Collection for Friars</i>	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Rosary Matins Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends Mirovanije & Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: +Michele Koetter by M/M Sven Svensson

***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
Stephen Horner
Katrina Anderson
Lillian Murphy
Marilyn Fore
Demetrius Yackanich
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Abraham Haddad
Jenny Ford
Robert Hasaka
Threima Leech
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zugger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Laura Dominguez
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Joe & Mary Ann Kosty
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel

William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Mike Harahuc
Robert Zadel
Nathan Barkocy
Jack & 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. Glorious Mysteries are recited from Easter Sunday until All Saints Sunday.

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



***Vocation Icon
Today: Donlin
Next Sunday: Brewer***


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 March

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.



Christ is Risen! The JOY of Pascha knows no boundaries as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ from the dead.

He willingly gave His life for each of us so that we can rise to a newness of life freed from sin! Jesus will specially bless all those who accompanied Him this Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Pascha.

On this blessed Feast of Feasts Fr. Chris, Fr. Artur and OLPH staff offer our best wishes and JOY as we proclaim to you: Christ is Risen!

!!!THANK YOU!!!

We wish to thank all those who helped to make this Holy Week and Pascha special by serving, cantoring, decorating, beautifying our church, and cleaning...

We also wish to thank all those who helped with mercy meal for the funeral of our departed sister Michele Koetter.

We thank ALL who DO so much behind the scenes to MAKE the parish a better place. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST
April 3	Michael Wells	Soriah Chavez	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Knights of Columbus

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Andrea and Savannah for hosting last Sunday's social. There were two big trays of fried rice (with and without soy), and several bowls of Asian salad. Everything was delicious and just shows we don't need to eat meat to have a delicious meal. Of course, Lent is now over, so please feel free to bring a dish containing meat.

Blessed Pascha to all!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Sunday, April 3	3:30 pm Akathist to the All-Merciful Lord, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Litany of Mercy
Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26	6:15 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
Thursday, April 14, 28	6:00 pm pot luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS bible study
Wednesday, April 20	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy—Mid Pentecost
Friday, April 22	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy—St. George

Book club meeting

"The Lenten Spring". This easy to read book has 40 short meditations to take you through our fasting season. We will meet on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall for a light potluck brunch and discussion of the book. We will finish by Noon. Call Lara (710-1181) for more info.

THOMAS SUNDAY SPECIAL

"St. John Paul II.... affirmed that the Church lives an authentic life when it professes and proclaims mercy, the most amazing attribute of the Creator and Redeemer, and when it leads humanity to the fount of mercy. In addition, he instituted the festivity of Holy Mercy [Sunday after Easter], endorsed the figure of St Faustina Kowalska, and focused on Jesus' words of mercy." Pope Francis in "The Name of God is Mercy"

Come join us on the Feast of Mercy, Sunday April 3rd at 3:30pm followed by the Akathist to the All-Merciful Lord, Physician of our souls and bodies here at the OLPH Church. Bring your Rosary as we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as well as the Litany of Mercy. Call Lara 710-1181 for more info.

Our Eparchial Vocations Office, Fr. Michael O'Loughlin and Fr. Michael Mandelas, are pleased to announce "Alive in Christ – 2016."

What could be better than a long weekend of prayer, sports, spiritual talks, games and skits in the beautiful Camp Brotherhood in Mount Vernon, Washington. The "Alive in Christ ascetical boot camp for Byzantine Catholic boys and their fathers will be held this year July 14th to 17th, at "Treacy Levine Center" North of Seattle, WA.

Boys and young men 7-17 will join Bishop Gerald in this decade long tradition, and return enlivened and enlightened. Attendance of fathers or male guardians of participating boys is most encouraged and is required for any son from 7 to 10 years old. Information flyer about the Camp is available on the greeting table at the Holy Water font.

Application deadline is May 11th.

For registration forms and more information, please see Fr. Artur.

Feast of the Resurrection

The Feast of the Resurrection is our Feast of feasts and the basis of our faith. St. Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. (1 Cor. 15:14). The dominant icon for Easter is not of the bodily resurrection of Jesus, but rather the "Descent into Hades". The Descent into Hades is not an event that was seen, it is a "painting of theology," as Father Alexander Schmemmann says, which corresponds to the meaning of the event, and is based on the bible's account of Jesus descending into the abyss to deliver the souls of the Just.

The icon of the Descent is very simply an image of Christ, the Victor". . . Trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." It is an icon rich in meaning. It takes place in Hades, also called Sheol. The term Hades should not be confused with the word hell, as generally understood as opposite of heaven. Hades is a term used in the Old Testament to describe the place where all the dead go; whether righteous or evil. The icon shows us the very depths of the earth, a gaping black abyss, the place referred to in the Old Testament precisely as Hades.

Upon His death, Christ descended into the regions of Hades. A verse on Ps. 119 sung during the Matins of Holy Saturday says, "Wishing to save Adam Thou didst come down to the earth; not finding him on earth, O Master, Thou didst descend to Hades seeking him." The hymns of Holy Saturday commemorate His presence in Hades and the chanting of Ps. 119 and its verses marvel at His condescension. The fact that Christ appears in Hades is a wonder, "O life, how canst Thou die?" (Verse on Ps 119.) It is also a confrontation between He who is Life, and death itself, the last enemy (1Cor 15: 26).

The theme of Christ's death is always interwoven with His Resurrection, and this message pervades all our Church services, especially, those of Holy Friday and Saturday. So the icon of Christ's death is that of victory. Acts 2:24 says that it was impossible for Him to be held by Hades power. He appears not as a captive but as the Victor. In the icon He appears in luminous golden robes in the middle of a halo, the symbol of glory, with rays of light issuing from Him.

The icon shows "that Hell was embittered" when it met Christ. Often this is symbolized by two angels binding Satan. The verses on "Lord I Call" for Holy Saturday all speak vividly of this: "Today hell cries out groaning" and "hell shuddered when it beheld Thee." He holds in his left hand either a scroll, the message of the resurrection or the cross, now the symbol of Victory. With His right hand He raises Adam from the grave and with him Eve and all those who await His coming,; King David, Solomon, John the Forerunner, Moses and the prophets. "Hell has been captured and Adam recalled, the curse has been annulled and Eve set free."

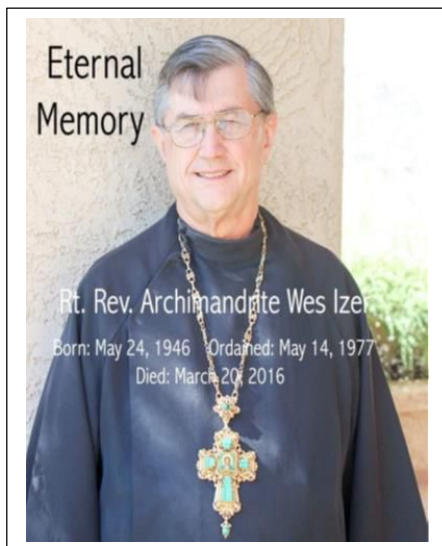
(Theotokion-Vigil for the Resurrection) Christ's descent into Hades is the final abasement in His self-emptying. He takes on all of our human nature so that it can be saved, and not only saved but glorified as well. By descending into Hades He has opened to Adam, and to us, the "path to the Resurrection. We sing in Ode 1 of the Paschal Kanon," . . . for from death to life and from earth to heaven has Christ our God led us." We exalt the "beginning of another life" But the Resurrection is not the end of His saving work, for in His Ascension, He took our nature with Him into Heaven.



Mama's Group Lenten Project



Lazarus Play—Palm Sunday



**THE RIGHT REVEREND
ARCHIMANDRITE WES IZER,
FELL ASLEEP IN THE LORD ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 IN PHOENIX,
ARIZONA AT THE AGE OF 69.**

The Cathedral will be open for visitation/liturgy from 5pm – 10pm on Bright Monday March 28 and on Bright Tuesday March 29.

Paschal Parastas for a Priest will begin at 7pm on each of these nights. The Paschal Funeral for a Priest will begin on Bright Wednesday March 30 at 10am. The Cathedral will be open at 9am.

+Fr. Wes will be cremated and the Inurnment Service will take place at a later date in the Columbarium at St. Stephen Cathedral.

**ETERNAL MEMORY AND
BLESSED REPOSE!**