

St. Thomas Sunday  
April 3, 2016



Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; Gospel: John 20:29-31

**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church  
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**SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:** Rosary 8:30 am  
Matins & Confessions 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Weekday:**  
Monday & Tuesday Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  
Wednesday OLPH Devotions 5:30 pm  
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm  
Friday Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,  
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap, Dan Riley

**Parish Finance Council Members:**

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

**Confession Schedule (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!

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**Theosis:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
Pot-luck dinner 6:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

**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
ECF Classes	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: +Michele Koetter by M/M Sven Svensson
	3:30 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Mercy, Akathist to the All-Merciful Lord

**Monday**                    ***Joseph & George Venerables***

**April 4**                    *Epistle: Acts 3:19-26; Gospel: John 2:1-11*

	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Ann Rajala
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting

**Tuesday**                    ***Theodulus, Agathopodes & Others Martyrs***

**April 5**                    *Epistle: Acts 4:1-10; Gospel: John 3:16-21*

	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Danovich Family
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM

**Wednesday**                    ***Death of Methodius Apostle to the Slavs***

**April 6**                    *Epistle: Hebrews 8:3-6; Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19*

	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Riley Family Fr. Chris: +Roy Smith by M/M Sven Svensson

**Thursday**                    ***George of Mitylene Bishop***

**April 7**                    *Epistle: Acts 4:23-31; Gospel: John 5:24-30*

Father's Day Off

**Friday**                    ***Herodian & Others Apostles***

**April 8**                    *Epistle: Acts 5:1-11; Gospel: John 5:30-6:2*

**Abstinence**                    6:00 pm                    Divine Liturgy +Paul Gutierrez by Debbie Sanchez  
Fr. Chris: +Fr. Wes Izer

**Saturday**                    ***Eupychius Martyr***

**April 9**                    *Epistle: Acts 5:21-33; Gospel: John 6:14-27*

	10:00 am	Catechetical Workshop
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**Sunday**                    ***Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers***

**April 10**                    *Epistle: Acts 6:1-7; Gospel: Mark 15:43-16*

	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family

	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins/Confessions
ECF Classes	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends Fr. Chris: +Roy Smith by Janis Buckingham

***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*

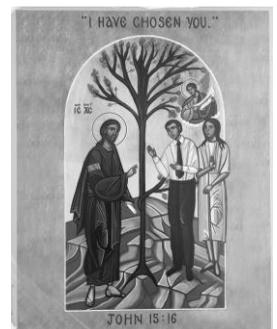
### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

### ***Holy Father's Intentions for April***

**Universal:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.



***Vocation Icon***

***Today: Brewer***

***Next Sunday: Riley***

**Thank You** to all of the people who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Pascha a special celebration: cantors, choir, altar servers, OLPHelpers who planted the flower beds, those who set up and decorated the church and Tomb of Our Lord, kitchen helpers, office workers and anyone we may have forgotten.

Special thanks to **Tom Plut** for cleaning the church after Easter Liturgy and blessing of baskets.

We are a wonderful parish, and one of the very best in the Byzantine Catholic Church - Thank you all and may the Risen Lord bless you always.

**Please plan to attend** and hear the Catholic Conference speaker, Sister Ann Shields this April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Annunciation Catholic Parish. Sr. Ann is a well-known, international speaker and author of many books. She also shares daily inspiration and Bible teaching on her radio program, "Food for the Journey". After many years as a religious sister, Sr. Ann also helped establish a new community of sisters in Southeast Michigan called The Servants of God's Love.

God has used her in many ways to inspire and strengthen those seeking deeper discipleship and relationship with Christ. You won't want to miss this extraordinary event. Friday night session starts at 7 PM, Saturday morning at 10 AM. Refreshments will be provided. See flyers in the foyer for more information.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>TROJCA</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>HOST</b>
April 10	Jose Salazar	Olga Youssef	Samia Rabadi	OLPHelpers

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

Thanks to everyone who brought food or shared their blessed basket on Easter. We had lots of delicious food to eat! And a shout out to Savannah for making those delicious potato pancakes. Yum!

So now that Easter is over, there are plenty of sign-ups for spring and into summer!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** Three churches have designated Doors of Mercy in Albuquerque: *Shrine of St. Therese, Shrine of St. Bernadette and Santuario de San Martin de Porres.*

You can also go to Santa Fe to go through the door in the Cathedral-Basilica. At any of these you can receive the plenary indulgence (remission of temporal punishment due to sin) for yourself or a deceased loved one.

You must be in a state of grace at the time; pray for the Holy Father's intentions; receive Holy Communion within several days of completing your pilgrimage through the Door. The indulgence can be received only once per day. The Jubilee Year of Mercy ends on November 20th.

**In the bookstore: *Saint Josaphat Kuntsevych: Apostle of Unity*** - a very good biography of this holy bishop who preached the union of Churches so well that he was called the Thief of Souls by the Orthodox. He also protected the Byzantine Catholics from being pressured to become Latin Catholics. He was a devout boy who grew to be a great monk and bishop. Cost: \$30.00

### **FRIAR'S NEEDS:**

The canned goods collection will be on Sunday, April 10 and NOT April 3. Please bring following items:

Urgent need for powdered coffee creamer  
Men's undershirts; garlic powder, cumin,  
chili powder, hats, to-go-boxes, powdered drink mixes, hot sauce

Thank you for your generosity!

### **State Fair 2016**

In recent 6 years OLPH participated in annual Sate Fair. The Fair runs September 10-20 and we have two booths in the Lujan Exhibit Hall at an excellent location where everyone has to pass by us. Usually we set up an icon and book store, put out pamphlets about our parish, the Byzantine Catholic Church and the Catholic Faith and provide a space for Confessions to be heard by either our own priests or the Friars of the Renewal.

Last year we had a great set up and a smooth run of our booths thanks to Dave Dark and his committee of volunteers that worked very hard in order to make this project a success!!! To organize it this year **we need a NEW chairman and a committee** and of course volunteers to set up and work there every day. The fair is open 10am-10pm every day. Entry fees and passes for workers come to \$4,500.00. It can be a great event for outreach, evangelization and sales of items from the book store. But it takes YOU to make it happen! Anyone interested in a chairman position for this year, please see Fr Artur. If we do not have enough support, we do not go for it. Amen.

**THOMAS SUNDAY** - Today we commemorate the **appearance of Jesus to Saint Thomas** on the 8th day after the Resurrection. Our Lord shows that His body is a real one, and still has the five wounds on it. This leads Thomas to the great statement of faith: My Lord and My God! He recognizes that Jesus is more than the Messiah - He is divine as well as human. We know that he **founded the Church in India**.

Sailing with the Roman fleet eastward on the annual trade voyage, Thomas founded a string of seven churches on the west coast and one on the southeast coast of the Indian subcontinent. To this day, the faithful of the ancient Churches there are known as Thomas Christians. Thomas was killed in 78 AD by a Hindu who thrust a spear into him. Persian Christians built a shrine over his tomb, which was replaced with a Gothic-style Latin rite church in 1806.

**Thomas Christians** are the spiritual descendants of the missionary work of Thomas and of Syriac immigrants who followed him. When the Portuguese conquered India's west coast, the Latin hierarchy interfered with this ancient Syriac Church, imposing Latin practices and discarding centuries-old ones. The result was a permanent rupture into Catholic, Jacobite, and Church of the East Churches, following the East or West Syriac rites.

**What is the Artos and why is it eaten today?** During Bright Week, the blessed bread, covered with an icon of the Resurrection, remains on the Tetrapod or the Grave until the Sunday after Easter (St. Thomas Sunday), when the Artos is distributed to the faithful. According to the old custom, the Artos was distributed on the Saturday of Bright Week after the Holy Liturgy with the prayer, "this bread may be for the health and sanctification of the soul of him who eats of it." In the former centuries the faithful would preserve little pieces of bread for those who were seriously ill or in danger of death and unable to receive Holy Communion.

The Artos reminds the faithful that Christ came from Heaven to Earth, took on a human body, suffered for us, was crucified, and on the third day arose from the dead to be with us always to the end of the world. Our Lord said of Himself: "I am the living bread who came down from Heaven"(John 6:51).

It also reminds us of His appearance to the Disciples after the Resurrection, when He blessed the food and did eat of it with them. Again we are reminded of His words to the disciples Lucas and Cleophas on their way to the village of Emmaus when He interpreted the Scriptures in regard to things referring to Himself, and they recognized Him when He reclined at the table with them, and He "took bread and blessed, and broke" and began handing it to them. (Luke 24:27-35). It is again blessed, with a different prayer on the Saturday vespers following Easter. It is broken and distributed to those present.



Blessing of Easter Baskets



Procession before Easter Matins



Renovation of Dome Completed



The major Cross was made by Brad Rajala