

September 28, 2025 / T one 7

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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



**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
Most Reverend Artur Bubnevych**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church
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**May the Lord Bless your kindness and
generosity to His House!**

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is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information. You can do a one-time donation or setup weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at [ps://www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

**Confession (Mystery of
Reconciliation):**

9:00—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 Fr. Joshua or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 5:1-11

- YouTube Live**
ECF
- 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy /Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
12:30 pm Inquiry Class
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Sep 29 Mon** ***Cyriacus Venerable / Eph 1:22-2:3; Lk 4:37-44***
Clergy Conference in Arizona—No Liturgy
- Sep 30 Tue** ***Gregory Illuminator Bishop Martyr / Eph 2:19-3:7; Lk 5:12-16***
Clergy Conference in Arizona—No Liturgy
- Oct 1 Wed** ***Protection of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day***
Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Clergy Conference in Arizona—No Liturgy
- Oct 2 Thu** ***Cyprian Bishop Martyr / Eph 4:14-19; Lk 6:12-19***

5:45 pm FNE Gathering at OLPH
6:45-8:15 pm FNE Leadership meeting
- Oct 3 Fri** ***Denis the Areopagite Bishop Martyr / Eph 4:17-25; Lk 6:17-23***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Jeremiah Joseph Jilek by Brook & Evie Jilek
- Oct 4 Sat** ***Hierotheus Bishop Martyr / Francis of Assisi / 1 Cor 14:20-25; Lk 5:17-26***

10:00 am Animal Blessing
10:30 am—4:00 pm FNE Youth Meeting at At Alvarado Park and OLPH
4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Joshua 20:1-6; 1 Kings 2:19-25; Sirach 48:12-20
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / +Steve Mitton by Beverly Stockton
- Oct 5 Sun** ***17th Sunday After Pentecost / 2 Cor 6:17-7:1; Lk 6:31-36***

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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

Sharif Rabadi	Irene Bradley	Matt Williamson
Jenny Ford	Abraham Haddad	James Epstein
Marilyn Fore	Marianne Gerace	Katy Ford
Barbara Svensson	Michael Baron	Madalyn Davis
Laurie Bienz	Jessica Pieniadz	Rebecca Russo
Brent Dodson-	Rhonda Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
Sands	Amber Roybal	Paola Terlaza
Lara Davis	Philip Leahy	Vicki Frank
Carol Donlin	Juanita Montoya	Emily
Marcie Dark	Linda Granci	Wojciechowski
Fr Chris Zugger	Christopher	Fr Joel Barstad
Fr Robert Rankin	Barlow	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Fr. Steve Washko	Joel Ford	Fr James Bankston
Buster Miscusi	Andrew Martinez	Eric Forrest
Richard Jacobs	Jordan Smith	Natalie Forrest
Lourdes Lasin	Janet Worthington	Tracy McTernan
Harry & Barbara	Sarah Chavez	Melissa Allen
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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 / September 2025 For Mutual Coexistence

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Vocation Icon

Today: Hebert Family
Next Sunday: Sullivan Family

"When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him."

Have you seen the Lord work in your life in such a powerful way that you would consider leaving everything to follow him? This is the response of the apostles in today's gospel reading. The Church is fortified by men and women who follow him as priests, deacons, subdeacons, monks and nuns. If you may be hearing this call, Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

10/5//2025

Cantors: Andrea Riley &
Evie Jilek

Reader: Kendrick Sena
Altar Servers:

Sdcn Michael Grega; Team C
Counters: Michael Wells &
Michael Fedorowich

Propers for 10/5/25
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 8

Troparion - 161
v. Glory...

Kontakion - 162
v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162
Our Father- 73

The OLPH Prayer Warriors make intercessory prayer a daily commitment. We pray voluntarily and without bias; that is, we take to the Blessed Trinity the requests that come our way. The Prayer Warriors meet on Zoom every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for the meetings.

If you would like to join the Prayer Warriors, would like additional information, and/or would like for us to pray for your intentions, please contact Lara Davis at crowhopdavis@yahoo.com

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Sat Nov 8	Archangel Michael & All Angels Solemn Holy Day
Sat Nov 15	Beginning of Phillip's Fast
Fri Nov 21	Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Sat Dec 6	Nicholas of Myra / Solemn Holy Day
Mon Dec 8	Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Eparchy of Phoenix Job Opportunity

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix is seeking a **Director of Communications** to lead its media and outreach efforts. This full-time, on-site role in Phoenix blends storytelling, digital strategy, and ministry. Applicants should be practicing Catholics with a degree in communications or a related field and 7+ years of experience. Salary: \$70,000–\$85,000 with benefits. Apply by September 30, 2025 to Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe at msgmcauliffe@ephx.org. See the full job description on the bulletin board, or see Fr. Joshua for more information

On Saturday October 4 at 10 am, we'll host a blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi here at the parish on the patio. Bring all your furry friends!

40 days for Life

Pray a Rosary with Philip Leahy on his Birthday, Wednesday October 1st, at Southwestern Women's Options abortion mill, 522 Lomas Blvd NE, anytime from 9-11:30 am

Join the **Life Runners** prayer vigil at Southwestern Women's Options abortion mill at 11 am on October 1st

Mark your calendar ... **Monsignor Voorhies** will lead a **Pro-Life Stations of the Cross** on Friday November 7th after the 5:30 PM Mass at Annunciation Parish in Albuquerque

Last Sunday students and teachers received special blessings as they embarked on a new step in their journey toward Heaven. Keep them in your prayers, encourage the students and their parents in their studies, and ask God's enlightenment upon them and those who accepted the responsibility to teach them the Way of Our Lord through lessons, activities and example.

Now it's your turn! What are you doing to increase your knowledge of our beautiful faith? There are many resources available at our parish . You can also visit www.Godwithusbooks.org for books, videos, and study guides to help you on your journey

Sobre Todo, el Amor -Above All, Love

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School is holding a benefit lunch and concert for the school. A taco lunch and wonderful afternoon of live Bolero and Mariachi music is scheduled for **October 12**, with lunch from 1-2 pm, followed by live music presented by Tom Griego and Voces del Corazon, the OLA children's choir, and Mariachi Albuquerque. ***See the flyer in the hall for all the details!*** Contact Pam Pettit if you would like tickets without going to the school to purchase them. **505-299-1609, or padamsko@hotmail.com**. Please consider supporting this awesome Catholic school! OLA was an early supporter of OLPH!

Inhora: a home for every person at the hour of death

NM laws are anti-life from conception (abortion) to the last breath (euthanasia). Inhora will serve those at the end of life, giving those in need a home with compassionate pro-life care. Help Inhora by: Praying / Donating / Volunteering Contact Miles for more information

MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT ONLINE TRAINING FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Reminder: PLEASE, CHECK your Safe Environment Compliance Certificate Expiration date. Please note that Online Virtus training for many will be expiring within August-Sept-October. The Eparchy's revised Safe Environment Policy no longer allows for lapses in compliance— either in Virtus training or in background screenings - for ALL OLPH VOLUNTEERS AND EXPLORER YOUTH GROUP LEADERS. Anyone falling out of compliance at any point must immediately cease from their designated area of service at OLPH until such time as they are in compliance once again. No one - not members of the clergy, volunteers, educators, employees etc. - may serve for even one day when out of SEP compliance. Thank you for your vigilance in this matter.

Protection of the Mother of God.

October 1, is the patronal feast of our eparchy: the Holy Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov in Slavonic). This feast, on the first day of October, celebrates the reality of Mary, the Mother of God (Theotokos) interceding for us before the throne of the Almighty. Both our own eparchy and the oldest Byzantine Catholic eparchy, Mukachevo, have this title.

Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God, spends eternity praying for her children to turn to God. She is perpetually praying on our behalf. On this feast of the Holy Protection, let us come together at the Vigil service and pray fervently that we will be true to her, and above all, true to her Son and His Gospel, and so repent of our sins in order to be closer to Christ. The United States is dedicated to her Immaculate Conception, so we are especially close to her!

The origins of the feast day are in events in Constantinople, either when the city was under attack in the years 864-867 by the pagan Rus' or in 911 when the Avars threatened (or perhaps Our Lady appeared at each crisis). Worshippers had filled the Blachernae church in which the robes of the Virgin Mary were kept when Saint Andrew, a Fool-for-Christ's Sake, who was a Slav, and his disciple St Epiphanius, a Greek, saw the Virgin Mary appear in the dome of the church, extending her veil out over the assembly. She was surrounded by angels and ranks of the saints. Our Lady descended from the dome, escorted by Saints John the Baptist and John the Theologian, and went to the ambon, or bema, which in those days was a central raised pulpit in the center of the church, instead of the curved step in front of the royal doors of today. There she bowed her head and began to cry. Finally, she spread out her veil over the people, and ascended to the dome, and then disappeared. At this point, the attackers withdrew and the city was spared.

The icon honors the role of Mary as intercessor, and also brings together figures from different time periods, who all have connections to Our Lady and her intercession. Thus, Saint Romanos, the patron of cantors, is usually depicted in the bema. Romanos was a Jewish convert who lived in the fifth century. He wanted to be a cantor, but stammered and was mocked by many of the clergy after a particularly difficult reading of the Psalter during a service. After his fervent prayers to Mary, he was able to not only sing beautifully, but also to compose theology in poetic forms to be chanted. He is the source of many texts used in our worship to this very day, and composed over 1,000 kontakia in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, Palm Sunday, Our Lady, the saints, and feast days of Our Lord (today we only use the opening verse of the kontakia, but most of them are much longer with 18-30 verses). There are also icons showing people sheltered inside the cloak of Our Lady. This was very popular in the medieval era.



Rosary Rally

Welcome Nuestra Señora de la Paz,
brought by La Cofradia

SUNDAY
Oct 5, 2025
 **2:00PM-3:30 PM**

Join Archbishop John C. Wester in
Praying for Our Nation, and the
Consecration of the Archdiocese of
Santa Fe to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary at
the Rosary Rally!

Rosaries, Chairs, Water,
Bathrooms, Security,
Medical Assistance will
be provided.



Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

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**Albuquerque
Civic Plaza**

Located at 3rd & Marquette,
in the "Al Hurricane Pavillion"