

May 11, 2025 / Festal T one
Sunday of the Paralytic Man / Mother's Day
Christ is Risen! / Indeed He is Risen!!



Pope Leo XIV

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

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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 Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

Acts 9:32-42; John 5:1-15

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
ECF Classes 1:30 pm Inquiry Class with Father Chris
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

May 12 Mon ***Epephanius and Germanus Bishops / Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Ann Boyle by Madeline Weigel

May 13 Tue ***Glyceria Martyr / Acts 10:21-33; John 7:1-13***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

May 14 Wed ***MID-PENTECOST / Acts 14:6-18; John 7:14-30***

4:00—6:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Garcia Family by Gloetzner Family

May 15 Thu ***Pachomius the Great Venerable / Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20***

May 16 Fri ***Theodore Venerable / Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/ Maez Family by Gloetzner Family

May 17 Sat ***Andronicus and Others Apostles / Acts 12:1-11; John 8:21-42***

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus 18:1-10; Wisdom 7:1-11; Habakkuk 3:1-13

5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/ Christopher Webb by Lara Davis

May 18 Sun ***Sunday of the Samaritan Woman / Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; John 4:5-42***

8:30 am Rosary

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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olpimedia>. Please click the "Subscribe" button to make it easier for you to find the channel in the future. Please, send your feedback about the quality of the live stream / comments / suggestions to Dan Riley: riley.dan@gmail.com

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

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| Sharif Rabadi | Irene Bradley | Matt Williamson |
| Jenny Ford | Sorlah Chavez | James Epstein |
| Marilyn Fore | Abraham Haddad | Katy Ford |
| Barbara Svensson | Marianne Gerace | Madalyn Davis |
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| Harry & Barbara | Janet Worthington | |
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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

“Take up your mat and walk.” Our Lord can make us well, and it is always His will that we are able to walk, spiritually speaking. When we unite ourselves to His will we can bring healing to this world. Is He calling you or someone you know to do so by a vocation to the monastic life, the diaconate in Christ or the priesthood? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon
Today: Sullivan Family
Next Sunday:
Montano Family

May 18, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Sbdcn Michael Grega
Altar Server:
Sbdcn Michael Grega

Propers for 5/18/25

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Tone 4**

Troparion (Samaritan)- 186
Troparion (Mid-Pentecost)- 186
v. Glory...
Kontakion (Samaritan) - 187
v. Now & Ever...
Kontakion (Mid-Pentecost)- 187
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 188
Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 167
Our Father-167
Communion Hymn - 168-9
Dismissal - 170

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

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| Mon May 26 | Memorial Day |
| Wed May 28 | Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Ascension |
| Sat May 31 | Parish cleaning day |
| Jun 9-13 | Clergy Conference in Phoenix |
| Sat Jun 28 | Church inventory day |
| Jun 30-Jul 5 | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Conference |
| Sun July 6 | Parish Patronal Feast Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Pool party at Jilek's |
| July 10-13 | Alive in Christ Ascetical Boot Camp for Byzantine Catholic Young Men Mt Palomar (near San Diego) Register at: Aliveinchristcamp.org Registration deadline: May 19 |
| July 13-14 | Apologetics Retreat |
| July 25-27 | Guided by Mary Camp for Girls 9-17 Santa Fe, NM Register at: GuideByMaryCamp.org Registration deadline: June 24 |
| Aug 22-23 | Otpust at Olympia, WA |
| Aug 29 -Sep 1 | Otpust Uniontown, PA |
| Sat Sep 27 | Bazaar |

Alicia's Hall Report

Thanks to Rita, Madeline, Savanna, Ashley, Laura, & Judith for contributing to our corn chip pie social! It came together nicely and there was plenty for all. Thanks to everyone who set up and cleaned up, and thanks to Eva Riley for helping to serve! Please sign up to host in Pascha season: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#. Have a happy Mothers' Day and a blessed week!

Mother's Day Petitions

O Lord, our God, look down with merciful eyes upon our humble and earnest petition which we fervently offer to You today in behalf of all of our mothers. Shower Your heavenly graces upon them. Grant that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children's children. Fill them with that same maternal love that our most holy Lady, the God-bearer, and ever-Virgin Mary showed to Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And, grant that all of our mothers may ever be sustained in the image of our heavenly mother, the Most Pure Virgin Mary. We pray to You, O heavenly Master, on this special day honoring our mothers to graciously hear us and have mercy on them.

R. Lord, have mercy. (3x)

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2025 Bishop Artur extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already generously answered the Christian call to support the Church with prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during this Great Fast. Make your Great Fast especially meaningful with a special financial gift as the Eparchy continues to provide for your spiritual needs — and make sure you select your parish on the donation page so that the Bishop knows that you support your parish! Those with sharp eyes will notice that this is a new landing page, which enhances our stewardship of your gifts while maintaining the secure online experience that safeguards your financial transactions. Thank you for participating in the Bishop's Appeal!

Our sincere thank you to those who have donated to the annual Bishop's Appeal: Tom & Rafael Plut, Tristan & Fiona Griffith, Ferdinand & Reem Mukhar. We have received a total of \$10,509.30. Our goal is **\$18,000**; please give according to your means based on the household goal of \$300.

We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office 8105 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85020 OR to <https://eparchy-of-phoenix.givecloud.co>.

REMINDER ABOUT PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED.ORG

For those who are new to Formed.org: This site offers amazing opportunity to enrich our FAITH. You will find thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, studies and much more. The content of website is updated on daily basis with new helpful resources. Everyone can use OLPH parish account to log in. This is what you need to do:

1. Go to Formed.org, click sign in and then click "I belong to parish"

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3. Find among the parishes OLPH Byzantine

4. Put your name and email (you will get a link in your email to directly log in) Enjoy the content!

Also, you are most welcome and encouraged to share parish subscription with your friends, neighbors, coworkers or just anyone who would benefit.

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.

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC—Father Chris

Last Sunday we heard the last Paschal gospel, that of the Myrrh-bearing Women. **Today and for the rest of the Easter/ Paschal season, Sundays will deal with the theme of water. At these Divine Liturgies, the newly baptized adults who had been catechumens were given further instruction in the Christian faith, and so the Sundays all deal with the symbolism of water used in Baptism.** These are: the Sunday of the **Paralytic, Samaritan Woman**, and the dramatic text of the **Man Born Blind**. In all of these Jesus uses water either in the cure (Paralytic, Man Born Blind) or for teaching (Samaritan Woman).

For the previously baptized Christians, these teachings also served as a reaffirmation of their faith in Jesus and His Church. For them, these Sundays and Mid-Pentecost fortified them and renewed them in their preparation for the great feast of Pentecost. ***Note that the mid-point of the Easter season is itself called Mid-Pentecost, not Mid-Pascha. The Church is getting ready, through the power of the new life in the Risen Lord, to receive the Holy Spirit and be lifted up in the Gifts of the Spirit to go forth into the world,*** as the Apostles, Our Lady, and the disciples did after that first, awesome Descent of the Holy Spirit.

The pool of Bethesda did not have the power to heal the man paralyzed for thirty-eight years, **but the pool of the waters of baptism, touched by Christ, risen from the dead and by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the power to heal our souls of sin and bring us to eternal life.** In the fourth week after Pascha, we learn of the grace of baptism – *adapted from the Typikon.*

In John's gospel, **this healing is the first public miracle performed by Jesus, one which immediately got the attention of the Jewish leadership.** The site was lost to the many destructions of old Jerusalem, and skeptics wrote that this was a fiction created by John. **Archaeological excavations have uncovered the Pool of Bethesda, proving that John knew the sites of Jerusalem very well. It is as he described it: a pool with five porches (representing the five books of Jewish law), and near the city's Sheep Gate (an easy symbolism for Jesus the Good Shepherd!),** and that is exactly where it was found. In Aramaic, "beth hesda" means "*house of mercy.*" However, saying "beth hesdo" meant *house of disgrace*; the word play was popular because the great number of disabled people waiting for the healing to take place was considered to be undesirable.

The double pool is found inside a ruined Byzantine basilica, and nearby is a pagan temple to the Romans' god of healing. Obviously, **Jews, pagans, and Christians all realized that something marvelous happened in the rushing of the water when "the angel stirred the waters."** This stirring probably came about when water from the upper pool shifted into the lower, healing pool, and for some reason an angel was associated with that movement. **Icons often show the pool in the form of a cross, the design used in ancient baptismal fonts, driving home the point of the miracle's spiritual aspect.**

Every sinner can be spiritually healed if he turns with faith and confidence to the risen Christ. We cannot complain that we have no man who would carry us to the miraculous pool. **Christ is our healer. It is He who helps us to rise, who heals us, who speaks the saving words and gives us strength.** A person who wishes to rise need not wait for the "troubling of the water," for new intellectual ideas, for moments of inspiration ... The risen Christ is here, and with Him he can rise whenever he sincerely wishes to.

– *The Liturgical Year of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite*, Basil Shereghy



Mother's Day

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you ---- *Catholic Online*