

October 5, 2025

17th Sunday After Pentecost / Tone 8

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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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

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**Confession (Mystery of
Reconciliation):**

9:00—10:00 am on Sundays, before or
after weekday Liturgies, or by appoint-
ment 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!

**May the Lord Bless your kindness and
generosity to His House!**

ONLINE GIVING / ONLINE TITHING

is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person
or traveling or anyone who find this more conven-
ient, 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 state-
ment 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).

**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 6:17-7:1

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary
ECF 9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy /Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
12:30 pm Inquiry Class
Eternal Lamp: Dave & Clara Watral by Riley Family

Oct 6 Mon ***Thomas Apostle / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 20:19-31***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Serna Family by Jana Brewer

Oct 7 Tue ***Sergius and Bacchus Martyrs ; Eph 5:20-26/ Lk 6:37-45***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Jack McShane by Riley Family

6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM

Oct 8 Wed ***Pelagia Venerable / Eph 5:25-33; Lk 6:46-7:1***

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Charlie McShane by Riley Family

Oct 9 Thu ***James Alpheus Apostle / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Lk 10:16-215***

Oct 10 Fri ***Eulampius & Eulampia Martyrs / Eph 6:18-24; Lk 7:31-359***



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

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Brendan Kearney by Riley Family

Oct 11 Sat ***Phillip Deacon-Apostle / 1 Cor 15:39-45; Lk 5:27-32***

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:

Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11:15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21

5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Jeremiah Joseph Jilek by Brook & Evie Jilek

Oct 12 Sun ***Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 7:11-16 or Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13***

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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia>. 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

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 / October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

“Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.” Our Lord teaches us how to love one another in today's Gospel, taking us beyond our human understanding of only being good to those who do good to us. Monasticism and holy orders are special paths to give one's life to all people. Is this something that God may have in store for your life? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Sullivan Family
Next Sunday: Carol Donlin

October 12, 2025

Cantors: Andrea Riley &

Evie Jilek

Reader: Dylan Davidson-Talley

Altar Servers

Sdcn Michael Grega

Propers for October 12

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Memory of the Fathers at the Seven Ecumenical Councils

Tone One

Troparion (Tone 1)- 125

Troparion (Council Fathers) - 263
v. Glory...

Kontakion (Council Fathers) - 263.
Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 264
Our Father- 66

Communion - 79 & 264 [D]

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 Oct 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

**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"
2. Enter zip code 87110
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.

Thank you from Father Chris to those who have sent cards and spiritual bouquets; offered to help with driving, meals, errands, etc.; those praying for a full recovery. It is all greatly appreciated! The estimate is that basic recovery from this stroke is a minimum of 3 months, but can take 6 months. I am doing speech and physical therapy weekly and making decent progress. God bless you and thank you.

Eparchial Priests Health Insurance Collection Sunday, October 19

This collection is taken in the Eparchy to assist in the cost of funding health insurance for priests in the Eparchy of Phoenix. 100% of proceeds go to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your generosity!

BAZAAR REPORT

We are deeply grateful to all who contributed to the success of our Bazaar—
Fr. Joshua & Fr. Chris, Advisory Board, Explorers, Prayer Warriors, and all who donated baked goods.

This year was also a year of great learning for our Bazaar team! We are especially appreciative of Rafael, who generously passed on invaluable knowledge about the Bazaar, and to Marilyn, who shared her skills in making the delicious sauerkraut. A big thank-you to Mary Blaine for heading up the nutrolls, to Valentina for leading the committee, to Carol for leading the tours, and to all the volunteers who showed up to help from morning until evening.

The fire-cooked Carpathian Bograch Soup was warm and flavorful, and the Shashlyk was melt-in-your-mouth delicious—thank you to our Ukrainian parishioners who lovingly served at the Bazaar.

We also extend special thanks to Terri McNeil, who literally stayed up all night baking for the Bazaar—her faithful dedication blesses our parish year after year, both through her countless hours of baking for the Bazaar and in preparing the Prospora bread for our Divine Liturgies. Your time, talents, and joyful spirit made this year's Bazaar such a success!

May God grant all of you many years!

Parish Bazaar 2025 Sales

Kitchen	3,361.00
Baked Goods	1,270.00
Bookstore	1,151.95
Total Sales Proceeds	6,882.95
50% to Ukraine	\$3,442.00

Mission Society Total Donation (jewelry, cards, pysanky) 1,366.00

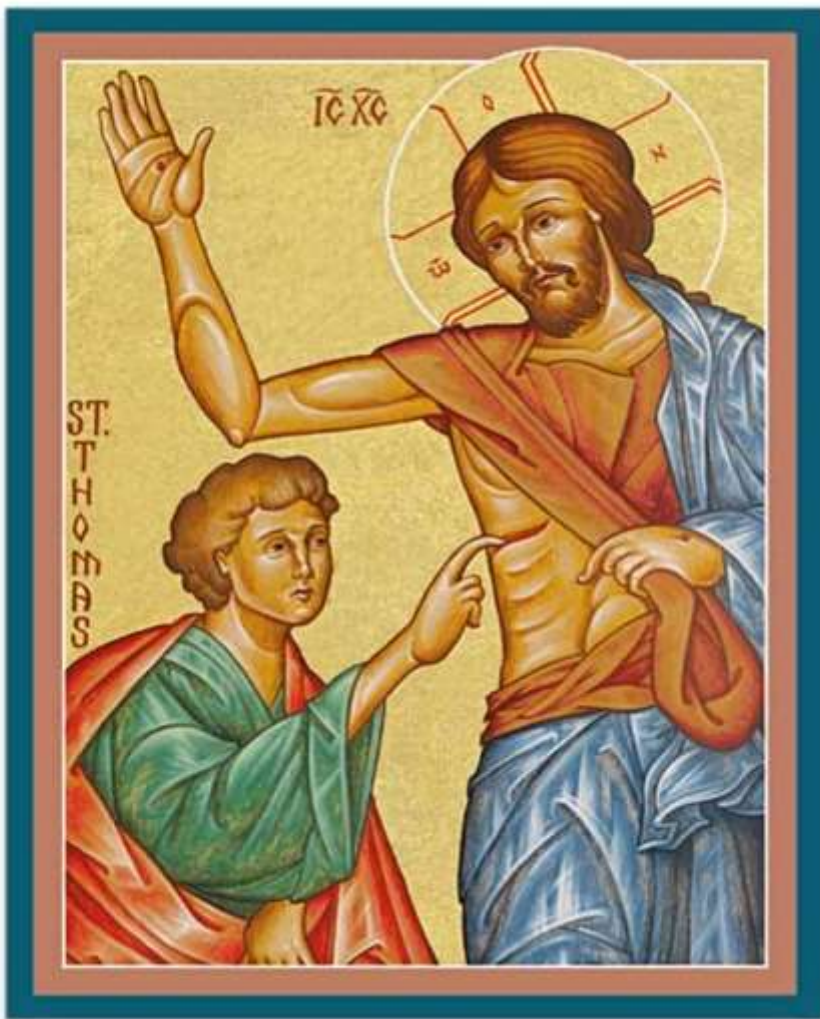
Grand Total to Ukraine: \$4,808.00

This week the Church **honors St. John XXIII**, baptized as Angelo Roncalli. Many forget that he had a deep **love for the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox**. He served as apostolic delegate to the kingdom of Bulgaria, in 1925-31, a difficult post in a mostly Orthodox country, which he converted into one popular with the Bulgarian people. He achieved this by his great humility, traveling around in a donkey-drawn cart and through his charity to all Bulgarians. His **charity and personality won over many would-be hostile Orthodox**, including the royal family. He gave special **help to the Byzantine Catholics of Bulgaria**. Many had been driven out of their homes during the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913, and, along with their Byzantine Catholic Sisters of the Eucharist and Carmelite nuns, **were living in real poverty**. Bishop Roncalli helped them as much as he could. At that time, many Bulgarians and foreigners alike looked down on these Eastern Catholic peasants from Macedonia and would not assist them. Only when **Bishop Roncalli intervened and not only helped them but established a seminary for them and monasteries** for their Sisters. It was in Bulgaria that he began his work for the reunion of the Churches. He wrote:

Catholics and the Orthodox Christians are not enemies but brothers. They have the same faith, share the same sacraments, most of all the Eucharist. We are kept apart by misunderstandings connected with the holy creation of the Church of Christ. The authors of these misunderstandings have been now gone for centuries. Let's abandon the ancient arguments and work in our spheres so that we could make our brothers better people by offering them our best examples...and although we have so far followed different paths, we shall no doubt meet in the unity of our churches to create, all of us together, the true and unified Church of our God Jesus Christ.

Today streets and buildings are named for him all over the once-communist country, either as Angelo Roncalli (his given name) or his papal title, and he is popularly seen as Bulgaria's first Catholic Saint. In Turkey he reached out to the minority Christians, and in Greece to the hostile Orthodox while helping the small Armenian, Byzantine and Latin Catholic churches of Greece. **He also intervened in the Cuban Missile Crisis at the request of both the USA and USSR.**

As Pope, he took his lived experience of Eastern Christians and made headway in opening ecumenical dialogues with the Orthodox while fully supporting the persecuted Eastern Catholics who lived in communist states. When Vatican II opened, he was able to persuade some Orthodox Churches to send visitors, along with Anglicans and Protestants. His writing defending the persecuted is echoed today in the *UN Declaration on Human Rights* and his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* continues to define work for peace. Much of what we accept as normal in Catholicism today in its outreach to the Christian East, Protestants, Muslims, Jews, and non-believers and active work for world peace and justice for the poor is rooted in the work of "Good Pope John."



St Thomas Feast Day Oct 6

On October 6 we commemorate Saint Thomas the Apostle, who died as a martyr in southern India. St. Thomas is the patron of India. He followed the Roman trade routes in 52 AD and established churches along India's coast, from the Indus valley south, converting both Jews and Hindus. He was martyred in 72 AD.

The northern churches were overwhelmed in the Muslim invasions, but the southern ones flourished as the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches, both Catholic and Oriental Orthodox, where they are known as Thomas Christians. Thomas is often depicted holding a scroll or book, to emphasize his teaching, or a spear, which is the instrument of his martyrdom.