

April 27, 2025

Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!! / Festival one



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**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 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!

**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 5:12-20; John 20:19-31

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
and Panachida for the departed servant of God our Holy Father Francis
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
2:30 pm Fr Chris preaching at St. John XXIII
- Apr 28 Mon** ***Jason & Sosipater Apostles / Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11***
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy /+Sven Svensson by Helga Dzek
- Apr 29 Tue** ***The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice / Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21***
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Sven Svensson by Helga Dzek
6:00 pm CAFÉ Meeting at UNM
- Apr 30 Wed** ***James the Greater Apostle / Acts 12:1-11; Lk 5:1-11***
- 4:00—6:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Sven Svensson by Barbara Svensson
- May 1 Thu** ***Jeremiah Prophet / Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30***
- May 2 Fri** ***Athanasius the Great Patriarch / Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2***
- 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/+Sven Svensson by Barbara Svensson
- May 3 Sat** ***Passing of Theodosius of the Cave Venerable / Heb 13:7-16; Lk 6:17-23***
- 1:00—3:00 pm Altar Server Practice
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / +Sven Svensson by Irene Bradley
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Leviticus 19:1-49.9-15; Wisdom 1:12-2: 6.21-26;
- May 4 Sun** ***Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers / Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43-16:8***
- YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
1:30 pm Inquiry Class with Father Chris
- ECF Classes** Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

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

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

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

“If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven...”

The priestly life is a beautiful way to bring forgiveness to this world. Is God calling you or someone that you know to consider this life, other holy orders, or the monastic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Montano Family
Next Sunday: Griffith Family

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

May 4, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: David Dark

Altar Server: Sbdcn Michael Grega

Counters: Michael Wells &

Michael Fedorowich

Propers for 5/4/25

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

Tone 2

Troparia - 177-9

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Myrrh-Bearers) - 179

v. Now & Ever...

Kontakion (Pascha)- 79

Prokeimenon & Alleluia -180

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 167

Our Father- 167

Communion Hymn - 168-9

Dismissal - 170

Sun May 4	1:30 pm Inquiry Class
Wed May 14	Mid-Pentecost 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
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
Jun 9-13	Clergy Conference in Phoenix
Jun 30-Jul 5	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Conference
July 10-13	Alive in Christ Ascetical Boot Camp for Byzantine Catholic Young Men Mt Palomar (near San Diego)
July 13-14	Apologetics Retreat at OLPH

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

FNE Mother's Day Cards For Sale!

The Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) Sangre de Cristo Group will be selling Mother's Day cards after Divine Liturgy on April 27th and May 4th for \$5 each. The cards include artwork created by the FNE youth and adult members. They will be praying a rosary for the intentions of the mothers living and deceased who receive the cards. We accept cash, check and electronic payment. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the FNE group as they lead our youth and families to Christ.

Thank you to Dave Dark for maintaining our irrigation systems; to the lady who keeps up the beautiful landscaping in our Saint Francis Shrine; to all who do the various jobs around the parish. God bless you all!

Alicia's Hall Report

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!!! What a glorious day and celebration together with all the Pascha baskets and sharing of so many delicious foods. We wish Bishop John well in the next chapter in his life and are grateful to have had him here serving us! Please sign up to host or co-host a social or help in the kitchen: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/> May you all have a most blessed Pascha season filled with His love, peace, and joy!

Father Chris will be preaching on Divine Mercy on April 27th at St. John XXIII Church, 4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE, at 2:30 pm. That is Divine Mercy Sunday for the Latin Rite. The chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3 pm, which is known as "the hour of mercy." All are welcome.

The Inquiry Class will be offered at 1:30 pm on May 4.

Dear Parish Family, this year's **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** collection will take place this weekend. Our Eparchy receives a substantial blessing each year as a recipient of the Catholic Home Mission grant. **PLEASE**, prayerfully consider a gift to an organization that has truly been a financial lifeline to the Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another, especially those who struggle to access the spiritual and material support they need. The Catholic Home Missions Grant is a concrete expression of our solidarity as one Church, united in faith and charity.

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!

We now have **\$2,800**. 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"
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.

Thomas Sunday

Today is the eighth day after Pascha. It is the eighth day of the Resurrection, and it is the commemoration of the appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles and most especially, Thomas, who doubted the testimony of the apostles and holy women and insisted he would not believe unless “I put my fingers into the wounds” of Jesus’ body. Eight is significant in Christian theology, as it signifies more than completion, more than fullness - it is the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come. This is the eighth day of Pascha, and Thomas now understands exactly Who Jesus, and that His Kingdom is beyond earthly time!

In the Roman rite, this is Divine Mercy Sunday. If you wish to obtain the indulgence, participation in our Liturgy fulfills the requirement of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, however the liturgical observance is the ancient one of Saint Thomas.

THOMAS SUNDAY ICON

It is worth noting that the inscriptions of Icons of this event never say “Unbelief” or “Doubting” regarding Thomas. In Greek, the inscription reads **Η ψηλάφηση του Θωμά**, that is, the “Touching of Thomas”, making no reference to Thomas’ doubt and implying *Jesus* touching Thomas, both in body and soul, and not the other way around. In Slavic icons, the meaning is even clearer because the inscriptions always read **Уверение Фомы**, i.e. the “Assurance of Thomas”. Usually, English icons mis-translate the Slavonic and inscribe their icons “The Belief of Thomas”. They miss the point: the Slavonic emphasizes ***that Jesus assures Thomas of the reality of His resurrection, His glorified body which still is wounded, His living presence.*** So too, for us moderns who think we know everything – Christ touches *us*, Christ comes to *us*. He takes the initiative, and **we are healed as a result.**

New Evangelization at work: Pray to Saint Thomas for his help, and then invite someone who is weak in their faith to read the Scripture passage, or to hear the story again, and then talk to them about *how the Byzantine Catholic Church interprets the event as an assurance from Jesus, not a condemnation*, and of Thomas’ growth in faith, not his doubts. And then **invite them to let Christ touch them, come to them, help them by coming to Divine Liturgy** with you. Invite them for next Sunday, to come to worship and then to go out for “breaking of the bread” someplace (your treat) and listen to their faith story, and agree to walk with them on their journey. You have no idea what the Holy Spirit can do in and through us – be open!

A distinguishing feature of the Thomas Sunday service is the blessing and breaking of the Artos. This is a large Pascha that was set aside on Easter Sunday for today’s celebration.

The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst* (Jn 6:35) After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples, ate before them and with them

The miracle of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) is not so much His glorified appearance and then disappearance, as the key phrase “they recognized him in the breaking of the bread.” At that moment, when He again recited the words from the Last Supper, the disciples knew who He was, and then He disappeared. So too with this Artos, we are supposed to spiritually recognize Jesus as it is blessed, broken, and then eaten by the whole community.

Fr Tyler Strand would like to express his deep appreciation to all members of our parish during the years that he was part of our community. This was his first parish after becoming Byzantine Catholic in 2012, and he was ordained here to the Minor Orders, Diaconate, and Priesthood to serve the Eparchy of Passaic. He returned here in 2021 and has always recognized OLPH as a unique expression of a vital and growing church community and as an inspiration as to what other parishes should aspire to become. While here in New Mexico, Father Tyler was also privileged to be one of only 5 priests permitted to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass at San Ignacio Parish and other northern churches. He thanks Bishop Artur, Father Chris, and other clergy who have served with him and to all who put up with his sense of humor. He leaves us in order to be nearer to his family in his native Chicago. His address from May 1st will be: 922 Ontario Street, Apt G, Oak Park, IL 60302.

