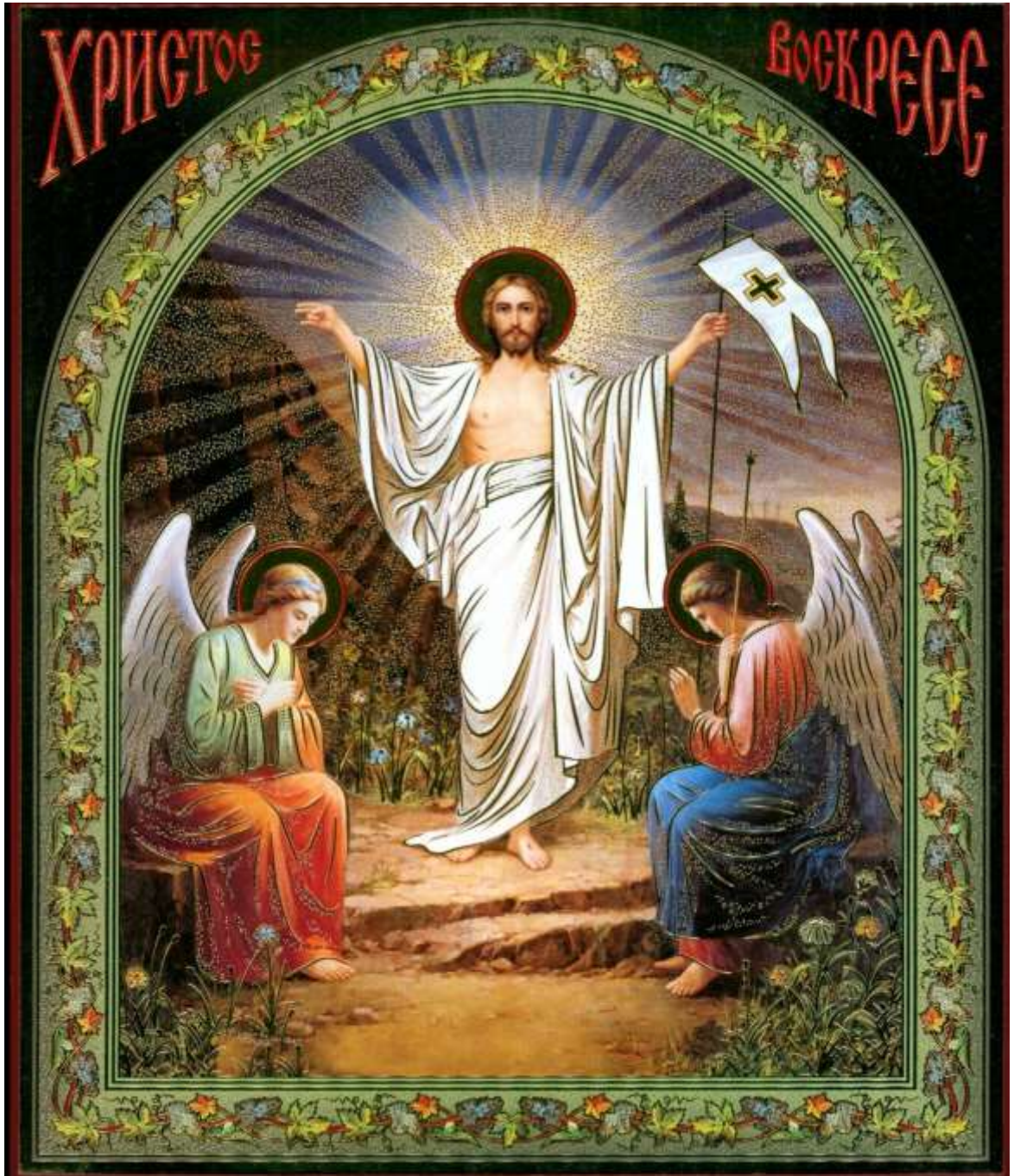


April 20, 2025  
Pascha / Feast of Feasts / Festal Tone  
Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!!



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**Parish Membership**

***From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish.***

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support);

Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:

1. Being registered
2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes!

Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

***Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on "Membership in a Parish"***

**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 1:1-8; John 1:1-17***

- YouTube Live**      **9:00 am Resurrection Matins / Divine Liturgy/ Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH / Blessing of Baskets / Paschal Meal**  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Apr 21 Mon**      ***Bright Monday / Solemn Holy Day / Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Jn 1:18-28***  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack
- Apr 22 Tue**      ***Bright Tuesday / Simple Holy Day / Acts 2:14-21; Lk 24:12-35***  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack
- Apr 23 Wed**      ***Bright Wednesday / George Great Martyr / Simple Holy Day Acts 2:22-36 & 12:1-11***  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack
- Apr 24 Thu**      ***Bright Thursday / Acts 2:38-42; Jn 3:1-15***
- Apr 25 Fri**      ***Bright Friday / Mark Apostle Evangelist / Acts; 3:1-8; Jn 2:12-22***  
9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
- Apr 26 Sat**      ***Bright Saturday / Acts 3:11-16; Jn 3:22-33***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus `19:3-9; Amos 9:11-15; Isaiah 26:1-8  
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/ Luisa Jacob by Riley Family
- Apr 27 Sun**      ***Thomas Sunday / Acts 5:12-20; Jn 20:19-31***  
8:30 am Rosary  
**YouTube LIVE**      9:00 am Matins & Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine  
2:30 pm Fr Chris preaching on Divine Mercy at St. John XXIII

**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](mailto: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	Sorilah 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
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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

### Holy Father's Intentions / April For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**Christ is Risen!** "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Being ordained or consecrated as a monastic is a special way to bring the presence of the Risen Christ to this world. This may be something that God is calling you to do! Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon  
Today: Hebert Family  
Next Sunday:  
Montano Family

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

**April 27, 2025**

Cantor: Andrea Riley  
 Reader: Dylan Davidson-Talley  
 Altar Server: Sbdcn Michael Grega  
 Counters: Rita Montano &  
 Miles Gloetznar

**Propers for 4/27/25  
 Thomas Sunday  
 Festal Tone**

Troparion—175  
 v. Glory...

Kontakion—176  
 v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion—406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia—176  
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**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](mailto:crowhopdavis@yahoo.com)

Mon Apr 21	<b>Bright Monday</b> / Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Liturgy with Procession of four Gospels
Tue Apr 22	<b>Bright Tuesday</b> / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Apr 23	<b>Bright Wednesday / Feast of St George</b> patron of the military / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Sat Apr 26	2—4:00 pm Neighborhood Meeting
Sun Apr 27	2:30 pm Fr. Chris preaching at St John XXIII
Wed May 14	<b>Mid-Pentecost</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon May 26	Memorial Day
Wed May 28 Thu May 29	<b>Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine 9:00 am Divine liturgy

## ALICIA'S HALL REPORT

Last Sunday we had a great social with several visitors and a lentil soup feast with ingredients that we needed to use up from our OLPH pantry. Thanks to Rita and her skillful use of AI to generate the perfect recipe for our ingredients and for putting it all together! Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped serve and clean. We are so blessed with many helpers and a beautiful community! Please sign up to host in the Pascha season. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/> Christ is risen! Indeed He is Risen!

**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 for potential converts is offered at 1:30 pm on Sundays resuming on May 4.

**Dear Parish Family**, this year's **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** collection will take place the weekend of April 26/27. 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 **\$3,500.00 which is 19.4% of our goal**. 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>.

**Thank you** to all who helped with Holy Week services, cleaning, and decorating: cantors and choir; altar servers; everyone who came to clean and set up on Holy Thursday night and Holy Saturday morning; Ann Rajala for her extra hours she put in at the office and generally "being around" to keep things going; Advisory Board members for their continued dedication;

A special **THANK YOU** to Bishop John Pazak who has kept up the liturgical life of our parish these past months. He heads to his Redemptorist monastery in Canada on April 24. We are most grateful to him for the many celebrations he has offered, for his sermons, and for his continual joyful attitude. God grant him many years!

**Abel Gloetzner** is selling raffle tickets to benefit Our Lady of Victory Chesterton Academy. Tickets are \$100 each for a grand prize of \$10,000. You can see him after Sunday Liturgy or contact him at [abelgloetz@outlook.com](mailto:abelgloetz@outlook.com) or through his parents, 505-255-0325

#### **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.

## The Paschal Homily of Saint John Chrysostom

Is there anyone here who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival. Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any now weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If they have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he shall have sustained no loss. And if any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him who toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the work as he greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends. Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry; partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when he descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he said, You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below. Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar, because it was mocked. It was in an uproar, for it was destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar because it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and it discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life is liberated! Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!



## EASTER MESSAGE 2025

*Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

*Christo ha Resucitado! En Verdad ha Resucitado!*

*Dear Parishioners & Friends,*

*We once again will be greeting each other with a joyous “Christ is Risen!”*

*What does that Easter greeting mean to you and me in 2025? Easter offers new life and hope to our troubled world. The Risen Christ is the source of that new life and hope.*

*The empty tomb reminds us that God will always have the last Word and it is a victorious Word. Easter signals the triumph of new life over death, destruction and despair, the triumph of new life over sin, sickness and sorrow. The Risen Jesus gives us a new beginning, a time to rebuild and live new lives. The Easter announcement of Great News is that Jesus is Risen and comes alive in us. We are a people of the Resurrection.*

*Easter joyfully proclaims that God is forever with us who are united to God. What we celebrate at Easter is the triumph of truth over falsehood, love over hatred, light over darkness. In John’s Gospel for Easter we proclaim: “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did NOT overcome it.”*

*The flowers that adorn our homes and churches this Easter comes from seeds that died and were transformed just as our Christian life can flower through the mystery of the cross. Easter is all about new life and hope. The crosses of this life will fade, and the Risen Christ will share with us His new life—life that will not end.*

*Wishing the grace and blessings of the Risen Christ to you and your families during this Easter season.*

*Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,*

*Bishop John*