May 18, 2025 / Festal T one S unday of the S amaritan Woman Christ is Risen! / Indeed He is Risen!!



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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church 1837 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 Parish office: (505) 256-1539 www.olphnm.org

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 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!

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 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 <u>ps://www.olphnm.org/giving.</u>

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 11:19-26 & 29-30; John 4:5-42

YouTube Live ECF Classes	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 Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine	
May 19 Mon	Patrick Bishop Martyr / Acts 12:12-17; John 8:42-51	
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack	
May 20 Tue	Thaleleus Martyr / Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-59	
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack	
May 21 Wed	Constantine and Helen Equals to the Apostles Acts 26:1-5 & 12-20; John 10:1-9	
	4:00—6:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions	
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack	
May 22 Thu	Basiliscus Martyr / Acts 14:210-27; John 9:39-10:9	
	6:00 pm Apologetics Meeting	
May 23 Fri	Michael of Synnada Bishop-Confessor / Acts 15:5-34; John 10:17-28	
a	9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack	
May 24 Sat	Simeon Venerable / Acts 15:35-41; John 10:27-38	
	4:00 pm Great Vespers Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Deuteronomy 11:1-8; Wisdom 4:15-20; Zechariah 8:1-8 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack	
May 25 Sun	Sunday of the Man Born Blind / Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38	
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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <u>https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia</u>. 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 Jenny Ford Marilyn Fore Barbara Svensson Marianne Gerace Laurie Bienz Brent Dodson-Sands Lara Davis Carol Donlin Marcie Dark Fr Chris Zugger Fr Robert Rankin Fr. Steve Washko Buster Miscusi Richard Jacobs Lourdes Lasin Harry & Barbara De Lap

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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 praving for them

5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

"We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world, the Christ." The saving love of Christ quenched the thirst of the Samaritan woman. He wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Are you open to bringing that saving love to the world by becoming a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email:

vocations@ephx.org





Vocation Icon Today: Montano Family Next Sunday: **Talamante Family**

May 25, 2025 Cantor: Andrea Riley Reader: Brook Jilek Altar Server: Sbdcn Michael Grega Counters: Rita Montano & Miles Gloetzner		
Propers for 5/25/25		
Sunday of the Man Born Blind		
Tone 5		
Troparion (Man Born Blind)- 189		
v. Glory		
Kontakion (Man Born Blind) - 189		
v. Now & Ever		
Kontakion (Pascha)- 189		
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 190		
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

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 Hierarchial 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: <i>May 19</i>
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: <i>June 24</i>
Aug 22-23	Otpust at Olympia, WA
Aug 29 -Sep 1	Otpust Uniontown, PA
Sat Sep 27	Bazaar

Alicia's Hall Report

Wow what a treat we had for Mother's Day last Sunday! A big thanks to the men of the parish who brought delicious egg casseroles, cookies, pastries, and fruit! And thanks to the young women of the parish for serving. It was a lovely social! And thanks to Andrea Riley for washing dishes! Many hands make light work. Families and adults without littles, please commit to cleaning or hosting the social.

> https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/. Have a blessed week!

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 steward-ship 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: Thank you to Mary Alice Cooper. We have received a total of \$10,859.30. 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.

We have a new Pope! AND THE VATICAN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Caring for the Eastern Catholic Churches was actually one of the TOP QUESTIONS raised by bishops worldwide during the Vatican Synod on Synodality.

Seize this historic and unprecedented opportunity to bear witness and make your voice heard before the representatives of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV himself!



Samaritan Woman

The Sundays of Pascha are all connected with the theme of baptism, and belief in Christ as Son of God. These Sundays were set up for the instruction of the newly baptized adult converts who were received into the Church at Easter.

The fifth paschal Sunday is given over to the texts of the **Samaritan Woman**, **she who boldly bantered the Lord on a hot afternoon by the well of Shechem**. Afterward, she led her townspeople to faith in Him as the Messiah. Known in Greek as **Photina/ Photini and in Slavonic as Svetlana, or "Light", the Samaritan Woman moved from being a woman living in shame** (and thus her appearance all alone at the well during the hottest part of the day), **to a vibrant missionary**. Recounted in John 4, this lively exchange between the woman and the Son of God is one of the most important conversations in the New Testament.

The **theme of water** from last Sunday – the cure **at the pool of Bethesda** – and Mid-Pentecost Wednesday – the **cry of Jesus to all to come to Him to drink** of immortal water – is continued today with the water at Jacob's Well. Here, the famous encounter takes place between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. The Woman sought more than water, as we know by her ready questions and challenges to the Jewish teacher, and she **finds fulfillment far beyond her imagination**.

Photina lived in shame, yet when Jesus engaged her in the talk which would save her soul, she emerged as a bright person who is searching, though she does not realize it, for Truth. And in Jesus she will find all that she needs! In fact, she leaves the water pot at the well, because the message she proclaims to the other Samaritans is so important. When Jesus exposed her sins, she replies that he must be a prophet, and we can tell that there is hope in her heart. Because of this hope, and Jesus' loving but firm manner, she realizes that He is more than any prophet. In icons the well is generally depicted like a baptismal font, or in the shape of a Greek cross, as a sign of the salvation that came to that place. The well today has an ancient baptismal font placed directly in front of it.

These three readings – Paralytic, Samaritan Woman, Man Born Blind – all lead us through baptism to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. The Holy Spirit can only dwell with us fully when we acknowledge our sins and faults, and open ourselves to God's life -giving grace. God convicts us of our sins, and we must respond with hope, thanks, acceptance, and a desire to participate in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Woman changed – as must we. The Woman introduced others to Christ – so must we. And they were so changed by His preaching to them, that they begged for Jesus and the disciples to stay with them, and when they must leave, to return to them. We should be trying to live with that desire for God's grace and presence in our own daily lives!

Meditation by Fr Chris

Jacob's Well was used as the main water source of Shechem for centuries. The well is over forty meters deep before one hits water, providing a secure and healthy source of water. It became a major place for baptisms by the Jewish and Samaritan Christians of the first three centuries, and a cross-shaped church was built over it after Christianity was legalized. The well is enclosed today inside the Greek Orthodox monastery of Saint Jacob. The well is underground now, and is accessed through a crypt, where one can still go down and draw up a bucket of water on the same spot where Jesus and Photina debated. It is one of the most authentic sites in the Holy Land, as it is impossible to move a well that is 40 meters deep!





MISSION SOCIETY- missionboronyavo.org Sister Josaphata- Korolevo Orphanage Christ is Risen! As we celebrate this blessed Easter season, I send you warm greetings from our children's home in Ukraine. With joy in my heart, I want to thank you for your faithful prayers. During our most challenging days, we have felt carried by your prayers, giving us strength when our own has faltered.

When our children ask who is helping them, I tell them about kind people around the world who keep them in their hearts and prayers each day. This knowledge brings them immeasurable comfort. May the miracle of Easter bring peace to your hearts and homes, just as you have brought peace to ours. The resurrection reminds us that even in the darkest times, HOPE prevails!