

May 25, 2025 / Festal T one Sunday of the Man Born Blind
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
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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 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 per-
centage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease
of the system. You can donate using your comput-
er / 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 Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38

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 26 Mon ***Memorial Day / Carpus Apostle / Acts 17:1-15; John 11:47-56***

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

May 27 Tue ***Therapont Bishop-Martyr / Acts 17:19-28; John 12:19-36***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Jordyn Webb by Lara Davis

May 28 Wed ***Nicetas Bishop / Acts 18:22-28; John 12:36-47***

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

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions

6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for Ascension / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

May 29 Thu ***Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation / Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53***

May 30 Fri ***Isaac Venerable / Acts 19:1-8; John 14:1-11***



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

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

May 31 Sat ***Hermas Apostle—Hermeas Martyr / Acts 20:7-12; John 14:10-21***

9:00 am CHURCH CLEANING DAY

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 / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

June 1 Sun ***Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36; John 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	Sorjah 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 Zugger	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	Jordan Smith	Ann Marie Gurule
Harry & Barbara	Janet Worthington	Tracy McTernan
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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

“One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!” The healing love of Christ gave sight to the man born blind. Have you received the eyes to spiritually see your calling in life? Is he calling you to help the world see Him more clearly by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic or religious life?

Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Talamante Family
Next Sunday:
Carol Donlin

June 1, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Kendrick Sena
Altar Server:
Sbdcn Michael Grega
Counters: Michel Wells &
Michael Fedorowich

Propers for 6/1/25
Sunday of the Fathers at the
First Nicene Council
Tone 6

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn -
196-7

Troparia- 197-8
v. *Glory...*

Kontakion (Fathers) - 199
v. *Now & Ever...*

Kontakion (Ascension)- 199
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 200
Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' -
200

Our Father- 74

Communion Hymn - 79 & 201 [D]
Prokeimenon - 202

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 re-
quests 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 Jun 2	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
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: May 27
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
Sat Aug 2	Holubki making
Aug 22-23	Otpust at Olympia, WA
Aug 29 -Sep 1	Otpust Uniontown, PA
Fri Sep 26	Bring baked goods for bake sale Load Holubki roasters Slice kielbasa Set-up for Bazaar inside hall
Sat Sep 27	Bazaar

Alicia's Hall Report

What a great variety of tea sandwiches and goodies we
had for the Sunday of the Samaritan woman at the
well! Thanks to everyone who brought various finger
sandwiches, fillings, and treats, especially Ashley, Rita,
Lo, and Mary Rose! I had to leave unexpectedly and
when I returned to help clean up, the kitchen was
already spotless, so a big THANKS to the cleanup
crew! God grant you all many blessed and happy
years! Please sign up to host a social here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/
and have a blessed week!](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/)

The High School Youth Group "Ask A Priest" will be having a special event on Monday, June 2, open to all high schoolers and incoming 9th graders. We will be having a bowling party in the afternoon, followed by refreshments and continued celebration at the Brewer home. Please contact Jana Brewer if you are interested (505) 715-8406.

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. We have received a total of \$11,359.30. 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"
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.

Meditation by Fr. Chris

Today the Church continues the baptismal theme and the use of water, but here **spiritual blindness is removed as well as physical**. In fact, icons of the miracle show the pool of Siloam in the shape of a baptismal font. **It is important to note that the man “was born blind” as this emphasizes the power of the miracle. This is not removal of cataracts but the giving of sight for the first time, to someone born without vision.**

The Byzantine Catholic Church also continues the Pentecostal theme, because the later history of Jewish Christians being expelled from synagogues is put into this story from Jesus' lifetime. The Holy Spirit strengthens us in persecution: **this newly cured man loses everything because he defends both Jesus and the miraculous cure**. His parents are afraid to back him up, he can't go into the synagogue, and his very identity is challenged! When he hears the voice of Jesus, he **worships** Him, recognizing that this is the Man who not only gave him physical sight, but also that He must be divine. **He had been sent to Siloam, and now he has a double gift, of seeing physically and spiritually, and being sent onto a new journey of life.**

Ascension Thursday comes at the end of the forty days of Pascha. On Wednesday morning, the Easter canon is sung for the last time, and then the Plaschanitsa is removed from the altar and can be laid in the tomb for the faithful to venerate one last time for the year, before it is put away.

This is a holy day of obligation. If you cannot attend services here, you should try to participate in Mass in a Roman rite parish, even though it will not be the Mass of the Ascension (the archdiocese of Santa Fe has moved it to Sunday).

After forty days of different appearances and teaching, Jesus summons the apostles to a final meeting with him. **The most detailed rendering is in St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles**. In all of the accounts, Our Lord takes the Eleven Apostles out to Mount Olivet, where He gives His last teaching: that they are to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes to them, the “power from on high”; that He will be with us always, until the end of time; and that they are to proclaim the gospel around the world. Then He ascends into heaven. In Luke, **two angels, who represent Moses and Elijah, tell the apostles to go back and wait for the Holy Spirit, just as the two angels had announced the resurrection to the myrrh-bearing women.**

The Icons of the Ascension always show Our Lady in the center: she is there as His Mother but also as the first witness of the Good News of our salvation. She will be there again in both Pentecost icons and the account of Pentecost in Acts. In most of the icons, the apostles are shown in movement, but Mary is always shown standing still, her arms lifted up in the Orans position, in silent prayer.

All of them together represent the united Church, active and contemplative. Jesus is generally shown in a mandorla* of glory, His robes bright, and His hands raised up in blessing. Often angels are shown in the act of lifting Him up in a cloud toward heaven. It is worth noting that **when the Jews spoke about divine glory, they would often say a radiant cloud, which was the Divine Presence**, the Shekhina of YHWH. The mandorla is this Shekhina of God confirming Jesus' divinity.



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