

September 21, 2025 / T one 6
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!

2025-2026 Catechetical Year



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JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE!

*"God is wise in heart, and mighty in strength...who alone stretched out the heavens,
and trampled the waves of the sea." - Job 9:4,8*

**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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**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 ps://www.olphnm.org/giving.

**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!

**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!**

Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:1

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Matins & Confessions

10:00 am Divine Liturgy /Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH

12:30 pm Inquiry Class

Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

Sep 22 Mon *Phocas Bishop-Martyr / Gal 4:28-5:10; Lk 3:19-22*

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Project Defending Life

Sep 23 Tue *Conception of John the Baptist / Gal 4:22-31; Lk 1:5-25*

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Oscar Padovano

Sep 24 Wed *Thecla Proto-Martyr / Gal 6:2-10; Lk 4:1-15*

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Catechists of OLPH

Sep 25 Thu *Euphrosyna Venerable / Eph 1:1-9; Lk 4:16-22*

**Sep 26 Fri *The Passing of John Apostle-Evangelist*
*1 Jn 4:12-19; Jn 19:25-27 & 21:24-25***



9:00 am Set-up for Bazaar inside hall

bring baked goods for bake sale

load Holubki roasters

slice kielbasa

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

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Children of OLPH

Sep 27 Sat *Callistratus and Others Martyrs / 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 4:31-36*

10:00 am—3:00 pm Bazaar

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Joshua 10:12-18; 1 Kings 1:1-9; Sirach 46:13-47

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

Sep 28 Sun *16th Sunday After Pentecost / Chariton Venerable / 2 Cor 6:1-10; Lk 5:1-11*

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LIVE**

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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
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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 / September 2025 For Mutual Coexistence

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

“Whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it.”

Our Lord teaches us that following him is a loss and a gain at the same time. Devoting one's life to the Church as a monastic, religious, or member of the clergy is a cross and is also an immense blessing. Are you being called to be this blessing to the Church? Reach out to the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Montano Family
Next Sunday: Hebert Family

September 28, 2025

Cantors: Andrea Riley &

Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Servers:

Sdcn Michael Grega; Team C

Propers for 9/28/2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 7

Troparion – 156

v. Glory...

Kontakion - 157

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 158

Our Father- 72

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Sep 29– Oct 3	Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ
Thu Oct 2	5:45 pm FNE Gathering at OLPH 6:45—8:15 pm FNE Leadership meeting
Sat Oct 4	10:00 am Annual Blessing of Animals 10:30 am—4:00 pm FNE Youth Meeting at Alvarado Park and OLPH
Sat Nov 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

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

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.

Rita's Hall Report

On Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and joyfully welcomed Jonah into the Church! After Divine Liturgy, we enjoyed a wonderful social — thank you to Darlene for preparing a delicious New Mexican meal and bringing a cake. Shout out to everyone who brought items to share and to the young ladies of our parish who are always ready to prepare and serve. We're looking for hosts for upcoming fall socials.

Please consider signing up — it's a wonderful way to build community!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/>

Catechetical Sunday

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves "many happy years!"

OLPH ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday, September 27th 10am-3pm

There are many ways you can contribute to making this another blessed & fun-filled bazaar. Spread the word! We need HELP before, during & after!

Valentina (505) 515-454 Alicia (720) 280-0710

Sign-Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-57258684-ourlady>

Eparchy of Phoenix Job Opportunity

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix is seeking a **Director of Communications** to lead its media and outreach efforts. This full-time, on-site role in Phoenix blends storytelling, digital strategy, and ministry. Applicants should be practicing Catholics with a degree in communications or a related field and 7+ years of experience. Salary: \$70,000–\$85,000 with benefits. Apply by September 30, 2025 to Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe at msgmcauliffe@ephx.org. See the full job description on the bulletin board, or see Fr. Joshua for more information

On Saturday October 4 at 10 am, we'll host a blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi here at the parish on the patio. Bring all your furry friends!

Gospel Veneration

During Matins, after the proclamation of the Gospel, the Gospel book is placed next to the icon of the day so that the faithful may venerate it either as part of Matins or as they arrive in the church. When Matins is led by a priest, the priest venerates the Gospel book at the beginning of the Odes, which is a silent invitation for the faithful to begin venerating it from that time until he removes it following the Great Doxology. Because we frequently have a "Readers' Matins" so that the priest can hear confessions, the Gospel book is available for veneration from the beginning of Matins through the Great Doxology.

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.

September 23 - Conception of St John the Baptist:

Only Christ, Our Lady, and Saint John the Baptist have commemorations of their conceptions. For John, it is the promise of God made to his sterile parents that is fulfilled in their old age. As the angel announced to his father, John will become the prophet who will turn the hearts of Israel to conversion. He will prepare the way for the Messiah, Christ our Lord. His birth is listed as June 24, to indicate that unlike Jesus, he will have an imperfect pregnancy. The icon of the feast usually shows Zechariah and Elizabeth embracing, sometimes with the adult John off to the side. Others include the apparition of the Archangel Gabriel to Zechariah in the Temple, where the priest doubts God's messenger and God's power.

The prophet Malachi had foretold that before the Messiah came, a Forerunner would appear. This of course is Saint John. His parents were among the devout Jews who lived in the mountains of Judea. Judeans were the most religious region among the Jews, and is the origin of the word "Jew." Elizabeth's surprising pregnancy in old age fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah in chapter 54, verse 1:

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the Lord" which Saint Paul quotes in his letter to the Galatians. After the birth and the miraculous cure of Zechariah, the Gospel says that the people of the "hill country" wonder about the future of this infant boy (Luke 1: 65-66). Again, these are the most devout Jews of that era, and what they are wondering is what will be his prophetic role on behalf of Israel?

September 24 - St Thecla, First Woman Hermit, Disciple of St Paul.

She was converted by St. Paul in Iconium, and withdrew into the mountains to live a hidden life of asceticism. She is venerated as "equal to the apostles." Having settled in a cave, she preached the Gospel and also brought healing to the sick. Her well still exists, and pilgrims come for cures, especially paralysis of any kind, and infertility. Women's monasteries have been in the town of Ma'loula in front of her cave since the 70s of the first century AD. Ma'loula is the heart of the Aramaic-speaking Christian towns of Syria. Though occupied and looted by al-Nusra in 2013-2016, the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Christians are rebuilding today. On her feast day, let us pray for her people, and an end to jihadist attacks.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Annual Byzantine † Bazaar †

Saturday, September 27th
10am - 3pm

Church tours will be offered

Gift Shop will be open

50% of proceeds to benefit Ukrainian refugees

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Featuring traditional Slavic foods such as stuffed
cabbage, pirohi, kielbasa & kolachi.

NEW Carpathian Bograch soup + plenty of
home-made goodies!

† MENU †

Slavic Dinner Plate - \$15

2 Holubki (stuffed cabbage), and 3 Pirohi served with sauerkraut,
pickle & a slice of rye bread

Carpathian Bograch Soup - \$10

Authentic goulash recipe filled with hearty meat, vegetables & sweet
paprika cooked on an open fire and served with rye bread

Shashlyk - \$10

Marinated pieces of skewered pork or chicken with onion,
served with rye bread and a pickle.

Sauerkraut and Kielbasa - \$8

Kielbasa on rye bread smothered with our homemade sauerkraut.

Served with chips & a pickle

Pirohi - \$5

Cheddar cheese & potato in pasta pockets sauteed with onions

Hot Dog - \$4

Served with chips & a pickle

Beverages - \$1

Bottled water, small soda, or
lemonade tea