

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday of the Great Fast / St Mary of Egypt / Tone 5
Glory to Jesus Christ! / Glory to Him Forever!



**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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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 re-
ceive 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!**

Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45

**YouTube
Live** 8:30 am Rosary
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

Apr 7 Mon ***George of Mitylene Bishop / Gen 27:1-41; Prov 19:16-25***



Apr 8 Tue ***Harodian & Others Apostles / Gen 31:3-16; Prov 21:3-21***

6:00 pm Lord Teach Me to Pray Women's meeting
6:00 pm Apologetics Meeting

Apr 9 Wed ***Eupsychius Martyr / Gen 43:25-45:16; Prov 21:23-22:4***



4:00-6:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
5:45 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy / +Robert Blain by son Matthew

Apr 10 Thu ***Terence and Others Martyrs / Gen 46:1-7; Prov 23:15-24:5***

Apr 11 Fri ***Antipas Bishop Martyr / Gen 49:33-50:26; Prov 31:8-31:23***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
5:45 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy / +Camille Dvorack by Michael Dvorack

Apr 12 Sat ***Saturday of Lazarus / Heb 12:28-13:8; Jn 11:1-45***

10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorers Youth Group
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Palms/Charlie McShane by Riley Family
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 49:1-2.8-12; Zephaniah; Zechariah 9:9-15

Apr 13 Sun ***Palm Sunday / Phil 4:4-9; Jn 12:1-18***

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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olpmedia>. 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	Jordan Smith
Jenny Ford	Sorlah Chavez	Janet Worthington
Marilyn Fore	Abraham Haddad	Matt Williamson
Barbara Svensson	Marianne Gerace	James Epstein
Laurie Bienz	Michael Baron	Katy Ford
Brent Dodson-	Jessica Pieniadz	Madalyn Davis
Sands	Rhonda Glasscock	Rebecca Russo
Lara Davis	Amber Roybal	Jacob McTernan
Carol Donlin	Philip Leahy	Paola Terlaza
Marcie Dark	Juanita Montoya	Vicki Frank
Fr Chris Zuger	Linda Granci	Emily
Fr Robert Rankin	Christopher	Wojciechowski
Fr. Steve Washko	Barlow	Fr Joel Barstad
Buster Miscusi	Joel Ford	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Richard Jacobs	Andrew Martinez	Fr James Bankston
Lourdes Lasin	Killian Parker	Eric Forrest
Harry & Barbara		Natalie Forrest
De Lap		Ann Marie Gurule

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.

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Our Savior walked with his disciples and shared that his ministry's height would come through a descent, becoming the servant of all in the baptism of his Cross. Are you open to giving your life as a servant of all as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon
Today: Sullivan Family
Next Sunday:
Fedorowich Family

April 13, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Michael Wells
Altar Server: Sbdcn Michael
Grega
Counters: Mary Blain &
Ann Rajala

**Propers for 4/13/2025
Palm Sunday
Festal Tone**

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn -
235-7

Troparion (Lazarus) -237
v. Glory...

Troparion (Palm Sunday) - 237
v. Now & Ever...

Kontakion (Palm Sunday) - 238

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 239

Instead of 'It is Truly Proper' -
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Our Father- 74
Communion - 241

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 Apr 14	9:00 am Bridegroom Matins 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Tue Apr 15	6:00 pm Bridegroom Matins
Wed Apr 16	Holy Wednesday 7:00 pm Presanctified with Holy Mystery of Anointing
Thu Apr 17	Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Friday Apr 18	Good Friday 10:00 am Passion Gospels 7:00 pm Vespers / All-Night Vigil
Sat Apr 19	Holy Saturday 10:00 am Jerusalem Matins Clean & Decorate Church 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy Blessing of Baskets
Sun April 20	Pascha / Resurrection of Our Lord 9:00 am Procession and Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Blessing of Baskets, Paschal Meal
Mon Apr 21	Bright Monday / Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Liturgy with Procession of four Gospels
Tue Apr 22	Bright Tuesday / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Apr 23	Bright Wednesday / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Sat Apr 26	2—4:00 pm APNA Meeting

Alicia's Hall Report

Thanks ladies, for the delicious soups for last Sunday's social! It really came together with bread left over from Subdeacon Michael Grega's ordination and rice from the past weeks. As always the young ladies of the Parish were so helpful setting up and serving.

Thanks, Rita for washing and cleaning up and thanks to everyone for loading the dishwasher after rinsing your dishes well- it was much improved from last week! May God bless your 6th week of the Great Fast!

TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

Father Thomas Donlin will be serving here from April 26 to July 27 as the temporary administrator of our parish. Deacon Ben Crowe will be ordained as a priest on Palm Sunday and he will then serve temporarily in Seattle. All of this repositioning of clergy is being done so that our parish has the full service of an active priest. **Bishop John Pzak remains here until April 24, for which we are truly grateful.**

Two camps—one for boys & dads, one for girls and moms: Please mark your calendars. This summer, our eparchy is hosting two camps. One for our eparchy's girls aged 9-17 and mothers are invited to Santa Fe, New Mexico from July 25-27. The other is for boys aged 7-17 and their dads which will be held July 10-13 in Palomar, California. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more info.

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! **NEW 2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL DONATION LINK:** <https://eparchy-of-phoenix.givecloud.co>

Our sincere thank you to those who have donated to the annual Bishop's Appeal: Father Chris, Laurie Bienz, Matthew and Mary Blain, Patricia Covarrubias, Harry and Barbara DeLap, Derek Kolb, Eva Schuler, Tom and Cathy Sullivan, for a total of **\$2,700**. We are off to a good start! Our goal is **\$18,000**; please give according to your means based on the household goal of \$300.

Donations to the Appeal can be made to the website above, or by check to the Eparchy of Phoenix at 8131 N. 16th St, Phoenix AZ, 85020. Thank you for your support!

Please sign up for the **Good Friday Vigil, to pray at the tomb for one hour or more: we need 2 adults in the church** at all times

IN THE STORE: *Lenten books, imported Ukrainian Basket Covers, Decorated Candles for Baskets, Lamb Butter kits, wooden pysanky*

THANK YOU TO Rafael Plut for her many years of service on the Parish Advisory Board. She will continue to work on the Mission Society; also to Andrea Riley for her work on the pysanky classes; \$80 was donated to the store and \$101.25 reimbursed to the Gift Shop.

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.

PARENTS: The Advisory Board wants to remind you that **You MUST accompany your small children when they go to the bathroom, both for their own safety and to prevent any accidents to the facilities. We also ask that you PLEASE WATCH your children so that they are not going out into the parking lot unattended.**

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be declared a Saint soon. He had a phenomenal but short life, documenting Eucharistic miracles and spreading the Faith over the internet while remaining "a typical teenage boy." A new film of his life will open on in theaters on April 27-29 across the USA. You are strongly encouraged to buy tickets to see this film, and so encourage theater owners to extend the run. Advance tickets are available at www.carloacutisfilm.com.

For those who are new to Formed.org: This site offers an amazing opportunity to enrich our FAITH. You will find thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, studies and much more. The content of the website is updated on a daily basis with new helpful resources.

Everyone can use the 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 subscriptions with your friends, neighbors, coworkers or just anyone who would benefit.

St Mary of Egypt

"In you, O Mother Mary, was accurately preserved the divine image. Accepting the cross and following Christ, you have taught us by your life to despise the flesh because it is mortal and to take care of the soul, which is immortal." - Troparion of the feast

On the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, the Feast of St. Mary of Egypt is commemorated. Many legends surround her life and conversion experience. Born around 344 AD in Alexandria, she was a rich and beautiful courtesan. **She herself said that she felt driven to commit sexual sins, and was notorious for her lifestyle.** Once on an excursion to Jerusalem, she had noticed throngs of pilgrims entering the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Curious to join the attractions, Mary tried to enter the Church but was prevented by some mysterious force. Mary began to wonder if her sinful life was the cause for preventing her entrance into the Church. At that moment, she became aware of the Icon of the Mother of God which was over the entrance of the Church. **Filled with compunction of heart, she cried for her many sins.**

Mary sought a life of repentance for her wicked past by entering the desert. This was a time when thousands went out into the deserts of the eastern Roman empire, living in hermitages or establishing monasteries. There she lived as a hermit for nearly fifty years, willfully depriving herself of all comforts of life and exposing her beauty to the harshness of the sun. As was often the case with desert hermits, her companions were wild animals, and in her last years a lion lived with her.

While in the desert one day, she met Saint Zosimas. According to the custom of Palestinian monks, this priest-monk had gone out into the wilderness in the first days of Holy Week to meditate on the Passion of Christ. She asked him to bring the Holy Eucharist to her on Holy Thursday. Joy and peace overcame her upon the reception of the Eucharist, and she prayed the Prayer of St. Simeon: *"Now you may dismiss your servant in peace, O Lord. For my eyes have seen your salvation."* She related her life to the priest, and then arranged with Zosimas to meet again in a year so she could confess and receive Communion again (frequent Communion was not common among these desert dwellers). Zosimas saw her levitate while she was praying, and she miraculously covered long distances instantly. When he returned to the site in 421, he finally came upon her body.

The lion helped Zosimas to bury her body, and then lay down and mourned for her. The dramatic conversion and life-long penance of Mary is one of the most famous in Christian literature and has been enormously popular among Eastern Christians. Given that Mary fled her home at the age of twelve and her own testimony about being driven to commit these sins, **it has been hypothesized that she may have been a victim of child sexual abuse.** If so, she could serve as a patroness for those suffering today.



Bishop Artur in Phoenix

CAFÉ Meeting at UNM

