

October 6, 2024

20th Sunday After Pentecost / T one 3

Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



### St Thomas Feast Day Oct 6

On October 6 we commemorate Saint Thomas the Apostle, who died as a martyr in southern India. St. Thomas is the patron of India. He followed the Roman trade routes in 52 AD and established churches along India's coast, from the Indus valley south, converting both Jews and Hindus. He was martyred in 72 AD.

The northern churches were overwhelmed in the Muslim invasions, but the southern ones flourished as the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches, both Catholic and Oriental Orthodox, where they are known as Thomas Christians. Thomas is often depicted holding a scroll or book, to emphasize his teaching, or a spear, which is the instrument of his martyrdom.

Thomas is often called "Doubting Thomas" because he did not believe Jesus was risen from the dead. It is worth noting that the inscriptions of Icons of this event never say "Unbelief" or "Doubting" regarding Thomas. In Greek, the inscription reads Η ψηλάφηση του Θωμά, that is, the "Touching of Thomas," making

no reference to Thomas' doubt. The title implies Jesus touching Thomas, both in body and soul, and not the other way around. In Slavic icons, the meaning is even clearer because the inscriptions always read Уверение Фомы, that is, the "Assurance of Thomas".

Usually, English icons mistranslate the Slavonic and inscribe their icons "The Belief of Thomas". They miss the point: the Slavonic emphasizes that Jesus assures Thomas of the reality of His resurrection, His glorified body which still is wounded, His living presence. So too, for us moderns who think we know everything – Christ touches us, Christ comes to us. He takes the initiative, and we are healed as a result.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

**THEOSIS** : 2nd & 4th Thursday

Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

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May the Lord Bless your kindness and  
generosity to His House!

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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:

**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 Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!**

***Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-16***

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary  
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
- ECF Classes** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Oct 7 Mon** ***Sergius and Bacchus Martyrs / Phil 4:10-23; Lk 7:36-50***  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Andrew Dean  
6:00pm Akathist to the Theotokos for God's blessing on our country in the Election
- Oct 8 Tue** ***Pelagia Venerable /Col 1:1-2 & 7-11; Lk 8:1-3***  
8:30 am Akathist to the Theotokos for God's blessing on our country in the Election  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Natalia Veresh  
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting  
6:00 pm CAFE Meeting at UNM
- Oct 9 Wed** ***James Alpheus Apostle / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Lk 10:16-21***  
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Pro-Life Liturgy by Svenssons
- Oct 10 Thu** ***Eulampius & Eulampia Martyrs / Col 1:24-29; Lk 9:7-11***  
6:00 pm Akathist to the Theotokos
- Oct 11 Fri** ***Philip Deacon—Apostle / Col 2:1-7; Lk 9:12-18***  
 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas  
5:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos for God's blessing on our country in the Election  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Priest Francis Vivona by Sbdcn David Vonderohe
- Oct 12 Sat** ***Probus and Others Martyrs / 2 Cor 3:12-18; Lk 6:1-11***  
10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorers Youth Group
- Oct 13 Sun** ***Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council  
Gal 2:16-20; Lk 8:5-15 or Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-11; Ezekiel 2:1-3:11  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Sid and Larry by Svenssons  
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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	Harry & Barbara	Jordan Smith
Jenny Ford	De Lap	Janet Worthington
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Patti Klinkovsky
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	Matt Williamson
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	James Epstein Katy
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Ford
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Alton Bertschinger
Sands	Jessica Pieniadz	Madalyn Davis
Lara Davis	Rhonda	Rebecca Russo
Carol Donlin	Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
Marcie Dark	Amber Roybal	Paola Terlaza
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Fr Robert Rankin	Linda Granci	Wojciechowski
Fr. Steve Washko	Christopher	Fr Joel Barstad
Buster Miscusi	Barlow	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Richard Jacobs	Joel Ford	Fr James Bankston

### 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 / October For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**"God has visited his people!"** When Jesus shows his compassion by raising the dead, the people around him experience the presence of God in their midst. As the Body of Christ, we can all do so when we show love, compassion and holiness in our lives. God is seeking to build his Church with the faithful who serve him as priests, deacons, subdeacons, monks and nuns to continue to visit His people. If he may be calling you, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



### Vocation Icon

Today: Pam Pettit  
Next Sunday: Pam Pettit

**October 13, 2024**

Cantor: Andrea Riley  
Reader: Dylan Davidson-Talley  
Altar Server: Michael Grega  
Trojca: Ellie Montano  
Counters: Mary Blain & Ann Rajala

**Propers for 10/13/24  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
& Memory of Fathers at  
7th Ecumenical Council**

Tone 4 Troparion (Tone 4) - 141  
Troparion (Fathers) - 263  
*v. Glory...*  
Kontakion (Fathers) - 263  
*v. Now & Ever...*  
Theotokion—406  
Prokeimenon & Alleluia—264  
Our Father—69 Communion—  
Communion—79 & 264 [D]

**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 themed 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)

**Alicia's Hall Report**

Thank you Emily Kosty for hosting last Sunday's social with egg casseroles! Thanks to everyone who brought sides and helped in the kitchen! Please sign up to help or host here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/).  
Have a blessed week!

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Tue Oct 15	<b>Celebration of the OLPH 50th Jubilee</b> 3:30 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Dinner at Sheraton 7:30 pm Dancing with a live band (Die Polka Schlingels)
Fri Nov 8	<b>Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Nov 15	<b>Beginning of Phillip's Fast</b>
Thu Nov 21 Wed Nov 20	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos /Solemn Feast</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Dec 6	<b>Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 24	<b>Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast</b> 10:00 am Royal Hours 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil
Wed Dec 25	<b>Christmas Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</b> 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy
Thu Dec 26	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos / Solemn Feast</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Jan 1	<b>Circumcision of Our Lord / St Basil the Great / Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Jan 3	<b>Vigil of Theophany (day of strict Fast)</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline / Blessing of Litija
Mon Jan 6	<b>Theophany / Holy Day of Obligation</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil / Great Blessing of Water / Myrovaniye
Thu Jan 30 Wed Jan 29	<b>Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Sat Feb 22	<b>1st All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Mon Mar 3	<b>Beginning of Great Fast</b> 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy / Anointing on a forehead

**Inhora, a Catholic home for the dying, needs volunteers 24/7.** There is a sign up at the entrance of the church. To learn more or to donate, visit [www.inhora.org](http://www.inhora.org).  
For more info, contact Miles at [miles@inhora.org](mailto:miles@inhora.org) or 505-255-0325.

**Eparchial Priests Health Insurance Collection Sunday, October 19.** This collection is taken in the Eparchy to assist in the cost of funding health insurance for priests in the Eparchy of Phoenix. 100% of proceeds go to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your generosity!

**A commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church in America will air on EWTN in mid-October.**

The television documentary, "Treasury of Blessings", produced by Diane and Bob Grip has been under production for more than a year and features archival films, still pictures and videos gathered from the Archieparchial archives, private collections and on-site locations from all four eparchies. Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla, D.D. is the Executive Producer.

EWTN plans to air the documentary on Friday, October 11 at 10:30 p.m. Eastern Time and again on Saturday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

**MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONEMT 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.

**October 12—Our Holy Father Martin Bishop of Tours**

Martin was born in the Roman colony of Savaria in the province of Pannonia, now the city of Szombathely in Hungary, in 316. He was named for the Romans' god of war, Mars, and was raised in a military family which kept to the pagan religion. Christianity was then a legal religion, but not the religion of the majority. However, at the age of ten Martin enrolled as a catechumen over his parents' opposition. Most of the Roman military worshipped the god Mithras, but Martin persevered in studying catechism. At the age of fifteen he took his commission in the Roman army, and joined the calvary, eventually arriving in Gaul, at what is now Amiens, France, in 334. Here the central event of Martin's life took place, when he came upon a freezing beggar at the gate of the town. He took his good woolen cloak, and cut it in half, giving one half to the beggar to wrap himself in. The beggar was Jesus Christ, Who appeared to Martin a dream attended by angels that very night. Jesus turned to the angels and said, "Here is Martin, a soldier who is not yet baptized, who clothed me this night." Martin was baptized at age eighteen, and left the imperial army two years with the famous phrase, "I have served the emperor, now let me serve Christ." He settled in Tours, where he became a disciple of Saint Hilary of Poitiers, who defended orthodox dogma against the Arian heresy supported by the Visigoth nobility. Hilary was driven into exile, and Martin followed him. They did not return to Gaul until 361. Martin founded a monastery, and traveled across Gaul preaching, and the stories of his preaching and miracles are still told today. He defeated both the old Roman religion and the Druid faith of the Celts, and created the first system of parishes in Gaul.

Despite his active preaching, Martin loved solitude, and it was a great cross for him to accept election as bishop of Tours in 371. He continued to lead a life of strict prayer and fasting. He was popular in life, and after his death in 397 he was acclaimed as a saint. Many stories were told of his miraculous interventions to strengthen Christianity in France. His tomb was enclosed within a basilica built in his honor. The life of Saint Martin was fortunately written by a monk who had known him, and who collected the different accounts from the territories where he had preached. He is among the first saints credited with raising the dead, and besides miracles of healing the sick his story includes accounts of protection against fire, the toppling of pagan temples and cutting Druids' sacred trees.

Martin is enormously popular in Hungary and Poland, and his feast day was used as the last occasion for festal meals before the fasting season of Advent. Ironically, this great hero of the Church was the namesake for the heretic Martin Luther, who launched the Reformation.

During the French wars of religion the Calvinists destroyed the basilica of Saint Martin and his grave was lost. It was finally re-discovered in 1860, and devotion to him started up again, and gained in 1870 when his intercession was invoked against the Prussian invaders. The government had to flee Paris and settled in Tours, where the basilica ruins were seen as a sign of France's fall from true religion.

Martin, through both the historical and popular stories of his life, was presented as a man who knew his duties to the country but also to the poor, and who respected legitimate authority. With Saint Martin as their patron, French priests enlisted as chaplains and hospital workers in World War I, where 5,000 of them were killed in action. When the armistice was declared on November 11, 1918, after four years of violence, it was the feast of Saint Martin on the Roman calendar, and both Catholic and anti-clericals saw this as a sign of his heavenly intervention for France. He is the patron of recovering alcoholics, cavalry, horses, the Swiss Guards who defend the Pope, and of course of beggars.

### **Holy Communion: Theology of the Body**

In Holy Communion we receive the Body of our Lord. This is the foundation of our Christian faith. Saint Paul told the Corinthians, only twenty years after the Last Supper, that this was the tradition of the gospel of Jesus, "The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:16) Saint Paul said that the bread is to be broken. This is a dimension of Communion that many who think they are following Christian tradition have forgotten. Communion in the Body of Christ is something active, something that unites us and transforms us. By sharing in one loaf - broken for communion - we constitute one new family, God's people, the Church. In sharing in Christ, we are united with Christ and are transformed into Christ, which Saint Paul again expressed in his letter to the Christian community in Ephesus, "[God] put all things beneath [Christ's] feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way." (Ephesians 1:22-23) Here Saint Paul is certainly not speaking of church as a building where we gather, but of the community that gathers, nor of the church as an organization headed by bishops and priests, but of all the people, the "fullness," the sum total of all who receive the Body of Christ in Communion.

That the Church is a community of all united in the Body of Christ, which is communion, is a challenge to our predominant ideas of individualism that we have today. Communion is certainly a relationship with God, but it is not just our private relationship with the Lord. We are made members of a community, we must have faith in what the body of the Church believes, not in our individual opinions. We have hope together with all believers in God's salvation and redemption, revealed in his death and resurrection. That is why Saint Paul teaches, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26) Communion, moreover, explains why we must love one another as we love ourselves, for we are united into one "self" in Christ. This is why Jesus gave us a commandment to love one another on the very night He revealed the mystery of Holy Communion, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34) This is only logical, for if we are united in the Body of Christ, we must love one another as Christ loves.

For all these reasons, Communion is an expression of our unity in Christ, and, therefore, of our equality, for in Communion we are all united in the one Lord, Jesus Christ. As the Son and Word of God, equal to the Father, He is God, not bound by space or time. As the Epistle to the Hebrews expresses it, "In these last days, [God] spoke to us through a son, whom He made heir of all things, and through whom He created the universe, who is the refulgence of His glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word." (Hebrews 1:2) We are united in this one God, whom we profess in the Creed, is "Light of Light, true God of true God." In Him all our differences are infinitely small, no matter how big or important or smart or beautiful or talented or beloved we are.

Saint John Chrysostom had a profound understanding of this mystery: "All things are equal between us and you, even to the very chief of our blessings. I (as bishop) do not partake of the Holy Table with greater abundance and you with less, but both equally participate of the same. And if I take it first, it is no great privilege, since even among children, the elder first extends his hand to the feast, but nevertheless no great advantage is gained thereby. But with us all things are equal. The saving life that sustains our souls is given with equal honor to both. I do not indeed partake of one Lamb and you of another, but we partake of the same. We both have the same baptism. We have been vouchsafed the same Spirit. We are both hastening to the same kingdom. We are all alike brethren of Christ, we have all things in common." (Homily 4 on 2 Thessalonians).

John Chrysostom said, "We all have the same baptism." Baptism is our entry into Holy Communion, and in this "common union" we are united in the one God. Saint Paul speaks of baptism, "We were indeed buried with [Christ] in baptism into death [to sin], so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection." (Romans 6:4-5) Everyone who has been baptized into Christ, whether infant or old, whether male or female, of whatever people or race, has become equal in Christ and can be united with God in Communion. Communion does not depend on our own merits, it is a gift of the grace of God.

We do not earn Communion by our own efforts. God, who is almighty and infinite, takes hold of us and has created us in his image and likeness. (Genesis 1:26) This is why infants can receive Communion, for we are all children of God, and receive God according to our capacity. Moreover, this union comprises both body and soul, and this is why the bread of the Eucharist must be truly the Body of Christ. (taken from ECL Sept 2013 issue: The Byzantine Liturgy by Fr David Petras)

