

August 25, 2024 / T one 4 / 14th Sunday After Pentecost
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



August 29th Beheading of John the Baptist

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Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Apostolic Administrator**

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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!

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](https://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 Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Matthew 22:1-14

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary;
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for OLPH parish family / Main Celebrant Fr Tyler
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
5:30 pm Ask A Priest

Aug 26 Mon ***Adrian and Natalie Martyrs Gal 2:11-16; Mk 5:24-34***

No Liturgy

Aug 27 Tue ***Pimen Venerable / Gal 2:21--:7; Mk 6:1-7***

No Liturgy

Aug 28 Wed ***Moses the Ethiopian Venerable / Gal 3:15-22; Mk 6:7-13***

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Healing and Salvation of James Jesse Carter (Sr)
by James Carter (Jr)

Aug 29 Thu ***Beheading of John the Baptist / Simple Holy Day / Acts 13:25-33; Mk 6:14-30***



Aug 30 Fri ***Alexander, John & Paul Patriarchs / Gal 4:8-21; Mk 6:45-53***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Judith Gabor by Maria Kartsub

Aug 31 Sat ***Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos / Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (masks required) +Priest John Kubasek by Svenssons

Sep 1 Sun ***15th Sunday After Pentecost / 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 22:35-46/
Beginning of the Church Year***

4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live)
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Numbers 10:2-10; 1 Samuel 6:2-7.10-15; Isaiah 30:1-15
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Gertrude & +Volodymyr Cupryk by Helga Dzek

YouTube LIVE 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Ephrem Davidson-
Talley and Mary Sophia Fogg / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
Eternal Lamp : Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

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	Harry & Barbara	Janet Worthington
Jenny Ford	De Lap	Patti Klinkovsky
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Matt Williamson
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	James Epstein
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Katy Ford
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Alton Bertschinger
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Madalyn Davis
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Rebecca Russo
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Jacob McTernan
Carol Donlin	Rhonda	Paola Terlaza
Marcie Dark	Glasscock	Vicki Frank
Jesse Hebert	Amber Roybal	Jennifer Herring
Fr Chris Zuggger	Philip Leahy	Emily
Fr Chris Andrews	Juanita Montoya	Wojciechowski
Fr Robert Rankin	Linda Granci	Fr Joel Barstad
Fr. Steve Washko	Christopher	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Buster Miscusi	Barlow	Fr James Bankston
Richard Jacobs	Joel Ford	
	Jordan Smith	

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 / August For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs

Prayer for Vocations "Indeed, many are called but few are chosen!" Our Lord shows mercy to all and calls each of us to our own particular vocation. Will we respond to his call with an open heart? For most of us, this is the life of the family, the domestic Church. For some of us, he is calling us to consider a life as a priest, deacon, monk, or a nun, to build up his kingdom and celebrate the wedding feast of the Lord in a special way. If this may be his will for you or someone you know, please call the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today:
Talamante Family
Next Sunday:
Davidson-Talley Family

September 1, 2024

Cantor: Evie Jilek
 Reader: Michael Wells
 Altar Server: Michael Grega
 Trojca: Lucy Wells
 Counters: Michael Wells &
 Michael Fedorowich

Propers for September 1, 2024

15th Sunday after Pentecost
 Tone 6
 Troparion - 152
v. Glory...
 Kontakion- 152
v. Now & Ever...
 Theotokion – 406
 Prokeimenon & Alleluia – 153
 Our Father - 71

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

Inhora: a home for every person at the hour of death

NM laws are anti-life from conception (abortion) to the last breath (euthanasia). Inhora will serve those at the end of life, giving those in need a home with compassionate pro-life care. Help Inhora by: Praying / Donating / Volunteering Contact Miles for more information.

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tue Sept 10	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Fri Sep 13 Sat Sep 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Litija 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Mon Sep 30	Protection of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
9/30-10/04	Annual Clergy Retreat in Tucson AZ
Tue Oct 15	Celebration of the OLPH 50th Jubilee 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	Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Nov 15	Beginning of Phillip’s Fast
Thu Nov 21 Wed Nov 20	Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Dec 6	Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 24	Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast 10:00 am Royal Hours 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil
Wed Dec 25	Christmas Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy
Thu Dec 26	Synaxis of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 27	Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Jan 1	Circumcision of Our Lord / St Basil the Great 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Jan 3	Vigil of Theophany (day of strict Fast) 6:00 pm Great Compline / Blessing of Litija

Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

In our tradition a strict fast is observed (no meat and dairy products) . Local traditions also include such practices as not eating food from a plate or anything in the form of a head, such as cabbage, lettuce, apples, etc. In US this fast is not obligatory anymore, but at least abstinence from meat is strongly encouraged. O, St John, who came in the spirit of Holy Elijah,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS!

The OLPH Thesis study group would like to invite our Church members to join our group. We meet on Zoom twice a month. (Usually the 2nd & 4th Thursday). Soon we will start reading a new book, "Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: Acts of the Apostles". Please send an email to Lara (crowhopdavis@yahoo.com) or Eva (eva@gravitypad.com) for more information if you would like to join the study of Holy Scriptures.

LAST WEEK to SUPPORT EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2024

The Annual Eparchial Appeal this year runs from **February 1st to August 31st**. The pledge form and information for the appeal was mailed directly from the Bishop's office to your home.

Our parish goal for this year is **\$17,860.00** which bring it down to \$300.00 per family.

Collected to date: \$10,437.00. Thank you to Joseph Romano. Please, send your pledge directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and the checks made to the Eparchy of Phoenix.
Thank you for your support!

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.

Please remind your kiddos that they need to have a parent (or two dedicated adults) with them to go out on the patio at all times. We need to keep our kids safe! And picture this- a set of rotating chaperones take a group of kids to the park so they can play to their hearts' content and the adults can visit in the hall! I'll be out during most of August, but if someone is willing to take the lead on this, and make sure to have 2 adults present (for Safe Environment), you can start sooner than later! And when I'm back, count me in! Blessed week!

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.

August 29: Dying for the truths of faith: John's beheading by Fr Chris

The Gospel tells us that Herod was attracted by John's words, and that they "deeply disturbed him." The attraction was obvious: *here is the greatest Jewish prophet since the days of Elijah*, preaching repentance and effecting serious change in the general population of Herod's kingdom. Prostitutes, soldiers, and tax-collectors mingled with Pharisees and Scribes to be baptized in the waters of repentance, showing that **John was truly a forerunner of Jesus**. This is how the Church sees John.

Herod was disturbed because John was hitting home with his sermons, and Herod knew that marrying his sister-in-law was wrong in Jewish Law. Just how low the Herodian court had sunk is borne out in the Scriptures: the daughter of Herodias is a princess, of royal blood. She was supposed to be sequestered in the women's court, or the women's gallery looking over the dinner. Performing a dance was far below her dignity, and that the men invited to the dinner took delight in it speaks volumes about what that dance contained. Every movie showing the scene strikes home in terms of wild dancing, but does not show just how horrified Herod's subjects were at the conduct of his court.

Herod could have rejected the request – he was the king! But because he does not want to appear ill-mannered, and in order to please the little crowd and his illegal wife, Herod gives in. That should stand as a warning to us in our day. We are not supposed to go with the crowd, or fail to stand up for what is right.

So, what about us? All of us are presented with repeated opportunities to go with the crowd, or to say something that will leave everyone satisfied, even though it defiles our beliefs. **A learning-disabled student once said to me: "Father, dead fish just go along with the current of the river. I don't ever want to be a dead fish – I want to be alive and fighting to go the right way."** **That boy with all his problems knew more than most of our Catholic politicians today!**

The insult of Herod's unlawful marriage led the Nabatean homeland to rise up against Herod; he was soundly defeated. **He and Herodias were denounced** as traitors to the mad emperor, Caligula, and exiled to Gaul. There they both died in a foreign land, in poverty, and such footnotes to history that **no one even knows when they died or where they were buried. That was their reward for their wickedness**, and for Herod's foolishness in appeasing the crowd.

Among non-Christians, the Muslims honor the prophet with accounts obviously taken from the Gospel of Luke, and he is described as pure, devout, and dutiful to his parents who are correctly named Zechariah and Elizabeth. He is cited as not being rebellious towards Allah (Surah 19:7-15), and in Surah 3 he is hailed as the prophet who will come to confirm the word of Allah.

It is an ancient practice to not anything round served on a plate on this day, in honor of John's martyrdom, and to abstain from meat and dairy products. John is also - for obvious reasons - the patron saint against migraine headaches. He is also the patron saint of converts, couples struggling with infertility, tailors, heart patients, nurses, booksellers, the Kingdom of Jordan, Quebec, and Puerto Rico.

The Confession of Sins by Fr David Petras SEOD

In the sacramental mystery of penance, we confess our sins to a priest, called the confessor. He hears what we say, imposes a penance of words or deeds to be done, and then says a prayer for the forgiveness of our sins. In this article, I wish to discuss the nature of the sins we confess. Here I must explain what the law of the Catholic Church is in regard to the confession of sins, and so must wander a little from the practice of the Orthodox. Both Churches, of course, believe the same basic reality: that confession is for sins committed after baptism, and that the absolution prayer of the priest imparts the grace of God for the forgiveness of sins. The sacramental mystery of reconciliation (penance, confession) is for the restoration to fidelity of those who had failed in some way to keep the baptismal promise to reject sin, evil works, and the "evil one." It is a return to the "holy Church," and therefore the sins had to be submitted to ministers of the Church, though confession is in reality made to God, who through the sacramental mysteries is our Lord and Redeemer.

In ancient times, the rite of confession reconciliation was a public act, like baptism. A person, after manifesting their repentance, was restored to Communion in the Church after the laying on of hands in forgiveness. The public nature of this sacramental mystery was eventually modified into a more private form modeled on the practice of repentance as practiced in monasteries. The Orthodox Church did not develop universal laws regulating its frequency and scope. However, because Holy Communion became less frequent among the people, the principle that confession should be done before every reception of Communion came into play. This also happened in both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. However, the Catholic Church did create laws governing confession which respected its nature as the renewal of baptismal faith and also its new form based on monastic practices. The Lateran Council in the year 1215, Canon 21, stated: "All the faithful of either sex, after they have reached the age of discernment, should individually confess all their sins in a faithful manner to their own priest at least once a year." This law, as formulated, obliges confession for serious sins: "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year." (Canon 989)

The faithful, then, are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Grave sins are what is called in Catholic moral theology, "mortal sins," that is "sins leading to moral death, from the Latin word, "mortalis." Canon 988 specifies that only mortal sins must be confessed, though the confession of lesser, venial sins is recommended. The Catechism then defines mortal sin: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent." (§ 1857) Venial sin, which does not need to be confessed, is defined: "when, in a less serious matter, [one] does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when [one] disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent." (§ 1862) Mortal sin, therefore, may be described as a deliberate choice to turn away from God's law in such a way as to violate our baptismal promise to commit ourselves to Christ. Venial sins are those acts of human weakness that arise from our imperfection. The book of Proverbs says, "Though the just fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble from only one mishap." (Proverbs 24:16) According to Catholic law, one cannot be obliged to confess venial sins, and while their confession is recommended for the sake of spiritual guidance, how often one must confess is not legislated except for mortal sins. In the Eastern Catholic Canon Law, the rule about confession once a year is not prescribed, but it is recommended that one confess during liturgical penitential seasons, and grave sins as soon as possible.

People often want clarity on what a mortal sin is. Sometimes what happens is that the personal dimension of sin, knowledge and deliberation, the process that happens in our souls when we turn from God, is not understood or taken into consideration. The sin is the actual act that we do. We want to define the act and have it clearly labeled as mortal or venial. Once when I spoke about the nature of sin, a man asked me how many cigarettes could he smoke a day before it became a mortal sin. Another person broke her leg and was hospitalized on Sunday, yet still felt she committed a mortal sin because the action of going to church was not done, even though what is impossible cannot be a sin. The problem is that one may not have a strong interior and spiritual life.

The basic moral principle is that we must confess according to our conscience. A priest once instructed me, "You know when you have committed a mortal sin." I do not think we can escape our consciences. Yet, we do try to excuse ourselves, and perhaps succeed on some level, because we may have a fear of our own weakness. Our efforts are never completely successful. Saint John wrote, "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." (1 John 1:8-9) The reality is that all sin is pride, and only through humility, the recognition that we all fail in some way, can we escape the consequences of sin. This is true, even if our sins are not mortal. Saint James thus instructs us, "confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." (James 5:16) This must not be done in a legalistic and scrupulous manner, but in confidence in God's love, for he "wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4) (taken from ECL June 2023 issue)