

April 7, 2024 / Thomas Sunday / Festal Tone
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Annual Byzantine † Bazaar †

**Saturday May 4, 2024
10am - 3pm**

**Join Our Lady of Perpetual Help as
we celebrate our 50th Anniversary!**

**Church tours will be offered
Gift Shop will be open**



**1837 Alvarado Dr. NE
<https://www.olphnm.org>
505-256-1539**

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

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

OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BAZAAR is in FOUR WEEKS! Dear Parish Family, let us make this Bazaar a total success, a total fun, a total blessing to all those who will come to explore our church, our culture, our art, our food!!!! We need your prayers and we kindly ask for helpers on Friday to wrap and price baking goods, set up and decorate the hall and church volunteers on Saturday morning to set up the outside, get things going in the kitchen, store, baked goods table clean up at 3pm so we do not disturb Vesper Service which is offered at 4pm followed by Divine Liturgy. Please, use the link below to sign up in the areas you are willing to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-47253776-ourlady>

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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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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish.

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support);

Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:

1. Being registered
2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes!

Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on “Membership in a Parish”

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!

Acts 5:1`2-20; Jn 20:19-31

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends
- ECF Classes** Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Apr 8 Mon** ***Herodian and Others Apostles / Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Priest Francis Vivona by David Vanderohe
- Apr 9 Tue** ***Eupsychius Martyr / Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21***
9:00 am Liturgy / +Sven Bertil & +Florence Svensson by Svenssons
6:00 pm Fr. Chris' talk on his new book ***Looking to Tomorrow*** (Part 1) YouTube
- Apr 10 Wed** ***Terence and Others Martyrs / Acts 4:13-22; Jn 5:17-24***
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Pro-Life Liturgy by Svenssons
- Apr 11 Thu** ***Antipas Bishop-Martyr / Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30***
- Apr 12 Fri** ***Basil of Panrium Bishop / Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2***
9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +William & +Rosemary Frank by Svenssons
-  **Apr 13 Sat** ***Artemon Priest-Martyr / Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27***
9:00 am (masks required) Divine Liturgy / +Natalia Veresh
10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorers Youth Group
- Apr 14 Sun** ***Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers / Acts 6:1-7; Mk 15:43-16:8***
4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live)
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
YouTube LIVE Leviticus 19:1-4.9-15; Wisdom 1:12-2:6.21-24 ; Isaiah 63:7-9
ECF Classes 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Charlie Clark by Svenssons
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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	Buster Miscusi	Christopher
Jenny Ford	Harry & Barbara	Barlow
Marilyn Fore	De Lap	Jordan Smith
Sven & Barbara	Irene Bradley	Janet Worthington
Svensson	Soriah Chavez	Patti Klinkovsky
Laurie Bienz	Abraham Haddad	Matt Williamson
Brent Dodson-	Marianne Gerace	James Epstein
Sands	Michael Baron	Katy Ford
Lara Davis	Gabriel Preisler	Alton & Barbara
Carol Donlin	Jessica Pieniadz	Bertschinger
Marcie Dark	Rhonda	Madalyn Davis
Jesse Hebert	Glasscock	Rebecca Russo
Fr Chris Zuggger	Amber Roybal	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Paola Terlaza
Fr Robert Rankin	Juanita Montoya	Vicki Frank
Fr. Steve Washko	Linda Granci	Jennifer Herring
	Gail & Chuck	



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 role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



Vocation Icon

Today: Carol Donlin
Next Sunday:
Talamante Family

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to your disciples after your resurrection and confirmed the faith of Thomas. Confirm in us a faith that is open to follow you even when we doubt. Guide us to see our vocation to follow you and give us open hearts, so that when you call your sons and daughters to a consecrated life, they would hear and obey this calling, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven..." The priestly life is a beautiful way to bring forgiveness to this world. Is God calling you or someone that you know to consider this life, other holy orders, or the monastic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

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Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Michael Wells
Altar Server: Michael Grega
Trojica: Maddie Riley
Counters: TBD

**Propers for 4/14/2024
Sunday of the
Myrrh-Bearing Women**

Troparia (Myrrh-Bearers) - 177-8
v. Glory...

Kontakion (Myrrh-Bearers) - 179
v. Now & Ever

Kontakion (Pascha)- 179
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 180
Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 167
Our Father- 167

Communion Hymn - 168 & 78
Dismissal - 170

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 Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

Alicia's Hall Report

Christ is Risen! It was a glorious Pasca celebration! Thank you Jesus, for your life giving sacrifice & our beautiful Parish Family! Next week will be a pancake & egg casserole breakfast fundraiser for the ByzanTeen Youth Rally this June. We thank you in advance for supporting our youth's efforts through your prayers and contributions! Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Wed April 24	Mid-Pentecost
Tue April 30	6:00 pm Father Chris' talk on his NEW book, <i>Looking to Tomorrow, Part II</i>
Sat May 4	10am—3pm Annual Byzantine Bazaar
Wed May 8	Ascension of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Tue May 14	6:00 pm Father Chris' talk on the History of OLPH 1974—2024
Sat May 18	5th All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Mon May 27	Beginning of Apostles Fast
Jun 3 - Jun 6	Annual Clergy Conference in Albuquerque
Mon Jun 24	Birth of John the Baptist/Solemn Feast 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
June 27—30	ByzanTeen Youth Rally at the University of San Diego
Fri June 28 Sat June 29	Peter and Paul Preeminent Apostles Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sun July 7	50th Jubilee OLPH Patronal Feast
Fri July 19	Elijah Great Prophet / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Thu Aug 1	Beginning of Dormition Fast
Mon Aug 5	Transfiguration of Our Lord / Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Wed Aug 14 Thu Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud / Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Flowers 9:00 am Liturgy / Myrovanije
Fri Sep 13 Sat Sep 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Divine liturgy
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)

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. Collected to date: **\$4,125.00**. Thank you to the following individuals / families: Cooper, DeLap, Dzek, Fore, Jilek, Kopczynski, Loescher, Plut, Schuler, Stockton, Griffith Family, Fr Chris. Our parish goal for this year is **\$17,860.00** which bring it down to **\$300.00 per family**. We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your support!

Abel Gloetzner will be selling raffle tickets for Chesterton Academy this Sunday. The grand prize for the raffle is \$10,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$100. The cost of each ticket is \$100. Thank you for your consideration!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our Annual OLPH Bazaar is May 4th. In preparation, we will be making our traditional Slavic Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (Holubky) on Saturday, April 20th. These are the real thing with the recipe handed down over the years by our church founders. We will be starting at 10:00am (please enter through the north or east hall doors as masked liturgy will just be wrapping up). We should be done by around 2pm with lunch provided. Kids from 10 and up are welcome! Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/holubky2024>

Dear Parish Family, as a part of the celebration of OLPH Golden Anniversary **Father Chris is delivering three presentations. Two of them are on his NEW book, *Looking to Tomorrow: The History and Mission of the Byzantine Catholic Church*. The third one is on the history of OLPH 1974-2024. The first presentation will be this Tuesday April 9 at 6:00pm at the church. It will be also live-streamed for those who cant make it.**

We have a new booklet by Father Chris available in the Gift Shop - **A Church for All Peoples: Essay on the History and Mission of the Byzantine Catholic Church**. This serves as a good overview and introduction to his big book, *Looking to Tomorrow* and includes sections on the history of our Church in Central Europe and North America, and what it offers to the world today. 10 pages of text, 6 pages of photographs, only \$3.

Safe Environment:

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any concerns, please contact: **Subdeacon Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Coordinator**
Cell: (480) 745-0316 -- **Office:** (602) 861-9778 ext. 204 -- **Email:** sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org

Thomas Sunday

Today is the eighth day after Pascha. It is the eighth day of the Resurrection, and it is the commemoration of the appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles and most especially, Thomas, who doubted the testimony of the apostles and holy women and insisted he would not believe unless “I put my fingers into the wounds” of Jesus’ body. Eight is significant in Christian theology, as it signifies more than completion, more than fullness - it is the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come. This is the eighth day of Pascha, and Thomas now understands exactly Who Jesus, and that His Kingdom is beyond earthly time!

In the Roman rite, this is Divine Mercy Sunday. If you wish to obtain the indulgence, participation in our Liturgy fulfills the requirement of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, however the liturgical observance is the ancient one of Saint Thomas.

THOMAS SUNDAY ICON

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 and implying *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**, i.e. the “Assurance of Thomas”. Usually, English icons mis-translate 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**.

New Evangelization at work: Pray to Saint Thomas for his help, and then invite someone who is weak in their faith to read the Scripture passage, or to hear the story again, and then talk to them about *how the Byzantine Catholic Church interprets the event as an assurance from Jesus, not a condemnation*, and of Thomas’ growth in faith, not his doubts. And then **invite them to let Christ touch them, come to them, help them by coming to Divine Liturgy** with you. Invite them for next Sunday, to come to worship and then to go out for “breaking of the bread” someplace (your treat) and listen to their faith story, and agree to walk with them on their journey. You have no idea what the Holy Spirit can do in and through us – be open!

A distinguishing feature of the Thomas Sunday service is the blessing and breaking of the Artos. This is a large Pascha that was set aside on Easter Sunday for today’s celebration.

The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst* (Jn 6:35) After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples, ate before them and with them

The miracle of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) is not so much His glorified appearance and then disappearance, as the key phrase “they recognized him in the breaking of the bread.” At that moment, when He again recited the words from the Last Supper, the disciples knew who He was, and then He disappeared. So too with this Artos, we are supposed to spiritually recognize Jesus as it is blessed, broken, and then eaten by the whole community.



Dear Parish Family, **today we extend our heartfelt farewell to Ed and Cindy Loescher as they move to North Carolina.** They will be joining our Byzantine Parish of SS Cyril and Methodius in Cary NC. Their new mailing address is: 403 Homegate Circle, Apex, NC 27502. Dear Ed and Cindy, we thank you for sharing your many gifts and talents and for your tireless work in many areas of the parish ministry, especially leading the THEOSIS Bible study, organizing women spiritual days of reflection and helping with spiritual direction. May the Lord abundantly bless your faith journey on the East Coast and grant you many and blessed years!

Happy Easter!



Korolevo, Ukraine
2024