

September 29, 2024

19th Sunday After Pentecost / Tone 2

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

**St Francis of Assisi:** October 4 is the feast of the “poverello” the poor man, Francis of Assisi. Saint Francis was famously converted from a life of luxury and wealth to becoming the poorest of Jesus’ followers. Radically in love with Christ, a man who could kiss a leper covered with open sores, Francis said that he would bow before a priest instead of an angel, because of what the ministry of a priest brings to the world. An ordained deacon, Francis set Italy ablaze as sons and daughters of leading families gave up everything in order to witness to Christ in absolute poverty: the men wandering the land preaching, the women living in poverty and intercessory prayer as the Poor Clare Nuns behind cloister walls. Francis’ deep love of Jesus led to him creating the living Nativity scenes, which gave us today’s many Christmas cribs, and to embrace Christ Crucified so well that he was given the five wounds to carry in his body. Birds listened to his preaching when

people would not, the fierce wolf of Gubbio became a

beloved pet of the city, and hearts returned to God in an age of abandonment. Pope Innocent III saw Francis holding up the tottering Church in a dream, and so he gave papal blessing to the creation of the first of the mendicant Orders. The simplicity and passion of Francis appeals to the Eastern Christian mind, and many Orthodox venerate him despite his fervent Catholicism, putting him in the category of “fool for Christ’s sake.” Because of their humble witness, the Franciscans were given custody of the Catholic shrines of Jerusalem and Bethlehem by the Muslim rulers, a role they continue to today as the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is the patron saint of animals, the environment and ecological studies, against dying alone, those who work with or care for animals, the city of Santa Fe and our state of New Mexico, and of peace.



**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix**  
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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

**Advisory Board**

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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](http://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 11:31-12:9; Luke 6:31-36***

- 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
- Sep 30 Mon** ***Gregory Illuminator Bishop Martyr / Phil 2:12-16; Lk 6:24-30***  
6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Holy Protection of the Theotokos / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH / Main celebrant Fr Tyler
- Oct 1 Tue** ***Protection of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day***  
***Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***  
NO Liturgy / Annual clergy retreat in Tucson AZ  
6:00 pm CAFÉ Meeting at UNM
- Oct 2 Wed** ***Cyprian Bishop-Martyr / Phil 2:24-30; Lk 6:46-7:1***  
NO Liturgy / Annual clergy retreat in Tucson AZ
- Oct 3 Thu** ***Denis the Areopagite Bishop Martyr / Phil 3:1-8; Lk 7:17-30***
- Oct 4 Fri** ***Hierotheus Bishop Martyr / Phil 3:8-19; Lk 7:31-35***  
9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas  
NO Liturgy / Annual clergy retreat in Tucson AZ
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**Oct 5 Sat** ***Charitina Martyr / 2 Cor 1:8-11; Lk 5:27-32***  
10:00 am Animal Blessing / Main celebrant Fr Chris
- Oct 6 Sun** ***20th Sunday After Pentecost / Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-16***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:  
Deuteronomy 4:1-8; 2 Samuel 24:10-18; 2:19-24; Sirach 4:1-9  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Rudy Telek by his sister Irene Bradley
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**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](mailto: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	Jordan Smith
Jenny Ford	De Lap	Janet Worthington
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Patti Klinkovsky
Sven & Barbara	Sorlah 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
Fr Chris Zugger	Philip Leahy	Vicki Frank
Fr Chris Andrews	Juanita Montoya	Emily
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 / September For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**“Therefore be merciful,** even as your Father is also merciful.” Our Lord teaches us how to love one another in today’s Gospel, taking us beyond our human understanding of only being good to those who do good to us. Monasticism and holy orders are special paths to give one’s life to all people. Is this something that God may have in store for your life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today:  
Michael Sena Family  
Next Sunday:  
Pam Pettit

**October 6, 2024**

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojica: Lucy Brewer

Counters: Michael Wells &

Michael Fedorowich

**Propers for 10/6/24**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Apostle Thomas / Tone 3**

Troparion (Tone 3)- 135

Troparion (Thomas) – 368

v. *Glory...* Kontakion- 136

v. *Now & Ever...* Theotokion – 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia – 137

Our Father – 67

Communion - 78 & 370 [B]

**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**

Sunday's social was great as always! We had a baked potato bar and lots of yummy toppings along with fruits, veggies and desserts! Thanks to everyone who brought food! A huge thank you to Julia Wofford and Brook Jilek for taking the time to do dishes, which got out of control! EVERY-

ONE please rinse your plate/bowl and place in nice stack on the LEFT of the sink and rinse and put your utensils either in the dishwasher or in a big bowl, then follow the pattern to keep it nicely stacked up for whoever has signed up to do the dishes. It saves so much time and makes less mess if we all just take an extra minute to do this.

If your family can commit to once every couple months to stay and clean up, it'll be a big help (And I'm not talking to you who have littles that need to get home for a nap!) Sign up here to host/co-host, set up

or clean up here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#)

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**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Tue Oct 8	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
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	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day</b>
Wed Nov 20	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 Holy Day</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 / Myrovanije
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

## **Cantors Wanted!**

We are seeking cantors to help lead the singing at our services. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Cantor, please contact Andrea Riley. Please also register for the free cantor classes at <http://mci.archpitt.org> .

### **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.

**The Annual Blessing of Animals** will take place on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am in front of the outdoor shrine on the patio. Fr Chris will be leading the Rite of the Blessing of Animals.

**Inhora, a Catholic home for the dying, needs volunteers 24/7.** There will be a sign up at the entrance of the church this Sunday. Volunteer training will be offered on 10/5 from 9am-3pm at 708 Tijeras Ave. NW. To learn 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!

### **CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING ON ABORTION SOURCE: GOSPEL OF LIFE by Pope John Paul II (1995)**

Extracts from paragraphs 58 and 62

Par.58

Definition of abortion: Procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth.

Par 62

1. From the moment of its conception, life must be guarded with the greatest care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes.
2. Direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being.
3. No circumstance, no purpose, no law whatsoever, can ever make licit an act which intrinsically illicit, since it is contrary to the law of God, which is written in every human heart, knowable by reason itself, and proclaimed by the church.

### **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.

## **Protection of the Mother of God.**

October 1, is the patronal feast of our eparchy: the Holy Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov in Slavonic). This feast, on the first day of October, celebrates the reality of Mary, the Mother of God (Theotokos) interceding for us before the throne of the Almighty. Both our own eparchy and the oldest Byzantine Catholic eparchy, Mukachevo, have this title.

Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God, spends eternity praying for her children to turn to God. She is perpetually praying on our behalf. On this feast of the Holy Protection, let us come together at the Vigil service and pray fervently that we will be true to her, and above all, true to her Son and His Gospel, and so repent of our sins in order to be closer to Christ. The United States is dedicated to her Immaculate Conception, so we are especially close to her!

The origins of the feast day are in events in Constantinople, either when the city was under attack in the years 864-867 by the pagan Rus' or in 911 when the Avars threatened (or perhaps Our Lady appeared at each crisis). Worshipers had filled the Blachernae church in which the robes of the Virgin Mary were kept when Saint Andrew, a Fool-for-Christ's Sake, who was a Slav, and his disciple St Epiphanius, a Greek, saw the Virgin Mary appear in the dome of the church, extending her veil out over the assembly. She was surrounded by angels and ranks of the saints. Our Lady descended from the dome, escorted by Saints John the Baptist and John the Theologian, and went to the ambon, or bema, which in those days was a central raised pulpit in the center of the church, instead of the curved step in front of the royal doors of today. There she bowed her head and began to cry. Finally, she spread out her veil over the people, and ascended to the dome, and then disappeared. At this point, the attackers withdrew and the city was spared.

The icon honors the role of Mary as intercessor, and also brings together figures from different time periods, who all have connections to Our Lady and her intercession. Thus, Saint Romanos, the patron of cantors, is usually depicted in the bema. Romanos was a Jewish convert who lived in the fifth century. He wanted to be a cantor, but stammered and was mocked by many of the clergy after a particularly difficult reading of the Psalter during a service. After his fervent prayers to Mary, he was able to not only sing beautifully, but also to compose theology in poetic forms to be chanted. He is the source of many texts used in our worship to this very day, and composed over 1,000 kontakia in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, Palm Sunday, Our Lady, the saints, and feast days of Our Lord (today we only use the opening verse of the kontakia, but most of them are much longer with 18-30 verses). There are also icons showing people sheltered inside the cloak of Our Lady. This was very popular in the medieval era.

SS. Andrew and Epiphanius, who are honored on October 2, were both "fools for Christ's sake." One form of the ascetic Christian life is called foolishness for the sake of Christ. The fool-for-Christ set for himself the task of battling within himself the root of all sin, pride. In order to accomplish this, he took on an unusual style of life, appearing as someone bereft of his mental faculties, thus bringing upon himself the ridicule of others. In addition, he exposed the evil in the world through metaphorical and symbolic words and actions. He took this ascetic endeavor upon himself in order to humble himself and to also more effectively influence others, since most people respond to the usual ordinary sermon with indifference. The spiritual feat of foolishness for Christ was especially widespread in Russia. -- (Excerpted from *The Law of God*, Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY: 1993)

It is to the two "fools" to whom Our Lady appeared in the Blachernae Church first, not to the imperial family or the bishops. This is a reminder to the rest of us of the need for humility and penance.

It is worth noting that October is the month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church. This is due to the feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7, which was instituted in thanksgiving for the Christian victory over a Muslim fleet at the battle of Lepanto in 1571, after the Christian crews prayed the Rosary. Also, the great Miracle of the Sun took place on October 13, 1917, at Fatima in Portugal.



God's Blessings and  
Congratulations to our  
newest Church Family  
members  
Roksolana Maria Stasyshyn!  
On Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
we formally welcomed  
Roksolana into God's Family  
and our Byzantine Catholic  
Church as she received the  
Holy Mysteries of Christian  
Initiation (Baptism-  
Chrismation-Holy Eucharist)  
at 10 am Divine Liturgy. May  
the Lord grant to the God  
loving Stasyshyn Family and  
newly enlightened  
warriors of Christ Roksolana,  
peace health and happiness  
for many and blessed years!