

August 18, 2024 / Tone 4 / 13th Sunday After Pentecost

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



St. Paul exhorts us in this Sunday epistle to the Corinthians: Brothers and sisters, Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Let all that you do be done with love.

(1 Cor. 16:13)

We believers see the same world as everyone else – including the non-believers. The difference should be that we Christians are permeated by the peace of Christ and by the love of the Holy Spirit. We should live as if we have already passed from death to life (John 5:24) and so aren't distracted by every little bit of news. We should not be tossed about like flour in a sieve, unable to focus on God because we allow ourselves to be distracted by everything around us. We are to

be vigilant, with our eyes on God – feed the hungry, welcome the homeless and shelter them, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison.

Perhaps the secret of all prayer and holiness of life is wrapped in God's plea to listen—to listen to His Silent Presence—that Presence that penetrates our being and keeps us in existence—that Presence that fills our souls with love and serenity—that Presence that makes us strong when we feel weak. (Mother Angelica, EWTN's foundress)

We rejoice with Grant and Taylor Domsted on birth of their twins Catherine Josephine (7lb 9.5oz, 20 1/2 in) and Issac Joseph (7lb 1.6 oz, 20 1/4 in). They arrived in the morning on Saturday August 10th. Grant O Lord to the new born twins Catherine and Issac and the God-loving Domsted Family peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!

God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family member Abigail Katerina Beaudet! Last Sunday, we formally welcomed little Abigail into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as she received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismsation-Holy Eucharist) at the 10am Divine Liturgy. May the Lord grant to the loving Beaudet Family and newly enlightened warrior of Christ Abigail, peace health and happiness for many and blessed years!



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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!**

***1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42***

**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

**Aug 19 Mon** ***Andrew and Others Martyrs / 2 Cor 12:10-19; Mk 4:10-23***

No Liturgy

**Aug 20 Tue** ***Samuel, Prophet/ Stephen, King of Hungary / 2 Cor 12:20-13:2; Mk 4:24-34***

No Liturgy

**Aug 21 Wed** ***Thaddeus Apostle / 2 Cor 13:3-13; Mk 4:35-41***

No Liturgy

**Aug 22 Thu** ***Agathonicus and Others Martyrs / Gal 1:1-10 & a:20-2:5; Mk 5:1-20***

**Aug 23 Fri** ***Lupus Martyr / Gal 2:6-10; Mk 5:22-25.35-6:1***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas  
**5:30 pm Women's Day of Reflection**  
No Liturgy

**Aug 24 Sat** ***Eutyches Bishop Martyr / 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 23:1-12***

**9:00 am—3:00 pm Women's Day of Reflection**

**Aug 25 Sun** ***14th Sunday After Pentecost / 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Mt 22:1-14***

4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live)  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Numbers 27:1-11; 1 Samuel 18:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-24  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Intention for the parishioners of OLPH  
Main Celebrant Fr. Tyler Strand

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Fr Tyler Strand  
5:30 pm Ask A Priest

**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	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** "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, and a marvel in our eyes." The unfaithful servants had the kingdom of God taken from them. Today, our Church needs faithful servants who would answer his calling to marriage, holy orders and the monastic life to bring the kingdom of God to all. Are you being called to discern a religious vocation as a faithful servant? If so, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today:  
Riley Family  
Next Sunday:  
Talamante Family

**August 25, 2024**

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Alaina Riley

Counters: Rita Montano &  
Miles Gloetzner

**Propers for August 25, 2024**

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Tone 5

Troparion - 146

*v. Glory...*

Kontakion- 146

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 147

Our Father - 70

**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)

**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**

Thu Aug 29	<b>Beheading of John the Baptist</b> Simple Holy Day
Wed Aug 28	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun Sep 1	<b>Beginning of the New Church Year</b>
Tues Sept 10	<b>6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting</b>
Fri Sep 13 Sat Sep 14	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Litija 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sept 15	Catechetical Sunday / Start of the New ECF Year
Mon Sep 30	<b>Protection of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sep 30— Oct 4	<b>Annual Clergy Retreat in Tucson AZ</b>
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</b> Solemn Holy Day 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</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Dec 6	<b>Nicholas of Myra Archbishop</b> <b>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</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy

**August 19 – August 26 Fr Artur is on vacation.** In case of sacramental emergency, please, contact Fr Chris / Fr Tyler Strand ((516) 661-0883 tylerastrand@yahoo.co.uk.) Saturday evening and Sunday Holy Services on Aug 24/25 will be celebrated by Fr Tyler.

### **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: \$10,037.00. Thank you to Guido and Carli Bonham.** 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 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.

**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!

### **What is the Sacramental Mystery of Repentance?** By Fr David Petras SEOD

We usually call the sacramental mystery of repentance "confession." This is because its most obvious feature is the need to approach another human being, specifically a priest, and reveal to him all the ways in which we have sinned – that is, misbehaved, as Christians. This can be very difficult to do, since shame and regret over our actions can be painful. Not all church members use the sacrament of confession, sometimes because it seems too self-demeaning and sometimes because we feel that no other human being has the right to know our inner spiritual life. Likewise, people may have very complicated ideas about how we, as individuals, relate to one another and to God, and about what we call a sin really is.

Many priests today want to revive the sacrament of repentance-confession as a very helpful medicine for our spiritual health. We must first ask the question: what is the sacrament of confession really? In the Gospel of Saint John, after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples, "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" ( John 20:21-22) (We will discuss the "retaining of sins" in a future article.) We see, then, that God gives the ministry of forgiveness to human beings, answering the objection of the people, "Who but God alone can forgive sins?" (Mark 2:7) However, the apostles and their successors do not forgive sins by any human power, but only by the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit.

At the same time, this service of forgiveness has taken many forms in the story of the Church. The first and main repentance or turn from sin was baptism. The first era of baptisms were adults, who made the choice by their own free will.

As the society became Christian, then most entered the Church by baptism as infants, who had to make a commitment later. In this first era, the sacramental mystery of repentance was meant for those adults who had made the choice for Christ, but later fell away from faith either by apostasy (sometimes because of the threat of torture) or by very serious and (usually) public sin. This was subject to Church discipline, and different areas of the Church had different lists of sins that were subject to public penance, though the most common were apostasy, murder, or adultery. Those who committed these serious crimes unworthy of their Christian baptism were then given one chance to repent again and be forgiven. Penance, then, was rare and public. The sinner had to undergo a long period of time as a penitent, barred from Holy Communion until they had proven that they were truly repentant. As Christianity became the established religion, and the civil penalties for faith disappeared, the general population became less fervent and public penance became too harsh for most. Within a couple of hundreds of years, it disappeared from the people's faith life.

Though public penance was no longer practiced, that did not mean, of course, that people stopped sinning. However, the repentance for sin took on a new form, taken from the practice of penance in monasteries. Monastics may be defined as people who are seeking the perfection of the Christian life. Since it is difficult to know ourselves through our own efforts, it is necessary to seek the help of others. Those who entered the monastic life, therefore, were expected to have a spiritual guide, a spiritual father, or a spiritual mother. Saint Paul called himself a spiritual father: "Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel." (1 Corinthians 4:15) A spiritual child was expected to open themselves completely to their director, so that faults could be identified and rooted out. Monasteries had a daily confession of spiritual failings, called sometimes a "chapter of faults," to deal with personal community flaws and weaknesses. Many lay people also imitated the monks and sought spiritual guides, who may or may not have been ordained, but who had a reputation for holiness, to direct them in their lives of faith.

In time, this monastic practice was accepted by the Church as a method of dealing with the sins of people. Penance was no longer public; the penitent did not have to show repentance before the community, but only confess his or her sins to a spiritual father. Since this now became an official act of the Church, the confessors had to be ordained priests. The confession was private, and the penance done was also private. A person did not have to confess all sins, but only those that were very serious, called in the West "mortal" or "deadly" sins because they killed the life of faith received in baptism. The frequency of confession varied. In the Catholic Church, one had to confess at least once a year, and that in the paschal time. This was required, however, only if one had a grave sin, called "mortal." At the same time, many theologians felt that one could not go for a long time without committing a grave sin, though this, of course, depends on how one defines a "grave" sin, which we will discuss in a future article. In the East, it was expected that one confessed at least in the four fasting periods, and before receiving Holy Communion, which had become less and less frequent.

This new form of penance, based on monastic practice became, the new form of the sacramental mystery of repentance. It replaced public penance for sins that had made us unworthy of Holy Communion. At the same time, it also became a tool for spiritual direction, and many people confessed much more often, to help them in their spiritual growth. Confession, then, now has two uses, and while the confession of grave sins is required by Church law, many avail themselves of confession as a way to grow in faithful practice. (taken from ECL May 2023 issue)



God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family members newborn twin brothers Aden Cruz and Noah Sage! Last Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> we formally welcomed little Aden and Noah into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as they received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrisamation-Holy Eucharist) at the 6pm Vigil Liturgy of the glorious feast of Dormition of the Theotokos. May the Lord grant to the God loving Hebert Family and newly enlightened warriors of Christ Aden and Noah, peace health and happiness for many and blessed years!

