

October 27, 2024
23rd Sunday After Pentecost / Tone 6

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



**Blessed Theodore Romzha, Bishop and Protomartyr of
the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church**

Why was the day of Bishop Romzha's feast moved from November 1 to October 31?

The Eparchy of Mukachevo requested this change, because when Soviet rule was introduced in 1945, the territory of Transcarpathia, which was on Central European time, was forced to follow the Moscow time zone, a two-hour difference. Part of the Soviet expansion into Europe included forcing all of the territories annexed in 1945 to follow Moscow time, even though it was incredibly inconvenient for the farmers and workers alike, so as to emphasize Moscow's political control. The murder took place at 10:30 pm on Central European time, on October 31st. The Mukachevo eparchy asked the Holy See to transfer the feast to October 31 in order to accurately reflect the history of the martyrdom.

Biography, by Fr. Chris Zuger

Blessed Theodore was born April 14, 1911, in Velykyj Byčків, in Transcarpathia, in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the youngest of nine children. Born in Austria-Hungary, he became a Czechoslovak citizen in 1919 and died under the Soviet regime, all within the same homeland. His father was a railway worker. He spoke Czech, French, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Russian, and Rusyn, reflecting

both the multi-ethnic heritage of the area and his solid education in Czechoslovakia and Rome.

He was sent to Rome for further studies at the Russicum. There he learned all about Communism while advancing in theological studies. At Christmas of 1936 Romzha was ordained as a priest in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. In 1937 he returned to his homeland to perform military service. In 1938, he was appointed spiritual director of the Seminary. On September 21, 1944, Romzha was named the youngest bishop in the Catholic world, only 33 years old, and he was consecrated in the cathedral crypt at Uzhhorod due to Soviet air raids; he also consecrated two secret bishops in December. He withstood constant Soviet pressure, after the territory of the eparchy was annexed to the USSR in 1945, to break with Rome and join the Russian Orthodox Church. By 1946, he was the only Greek Catholic bishop in freedom in the USSR. The Soviets could not crush the Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church (to which our parish belongs through the Eparchy in Phoenix), and finally the decision was made by Stalin to kill the young bishop and force the priests to join Orthodoxy, which was collaborating with Stalin. On October 27, 1947, an "accident" was staged in which a Red Army truck plowed into a carriage carrying the bishop and three companions. Soldiers then jumped out to finish the job, beating the victims with iron rods, until they were suddenly interrupted by the local farmers and a mail truck. Since the bishop survived both the attack and surgery, a secret police agent was sent into the hospital to murder him on the night of October 31. In 1949 the eparchy of Mukachevo was shut down by the state, and hundreds of priests, monks, and laypeople were arrested. The Church went underground, led by bishops secretly consecrated by Romzha, to emerge again in 1989. Blessed Theodore was beatified by Saint John Paul II in 2001. All of the surviving priests ordained by him told Fr. Chris in the early 2000s that "to know Romzha was to know Jesus Christ." What a great epitaph to have! **You can learn more about this proto-martyr (first martyr) of our church by reading either Father Pusakas' book, *Theodore Romzha*, or Father Chris' book, *Finding a Hidden Church*, both available in our bookstore.**

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Thursday OFF

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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 conven-
ient, 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!!

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small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for
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**Confession (Mystery of
Reconciliation):**

9:00—10:00 am on Sundays, before or
after weekday Liturgies, or by appoint-
ment 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 re-
ceive 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!

Ephesians 2:4-10; Luke 8:26-39


- 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 28 Mon** ***Paraskeva Martyr / 1 Thess 2:20-3:8; Lk 11:29-33***

8:30 am Akathist to the Theotokos for the Holy Protection in the coming election
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Holy Souls by Juanita Montoya
- Oct 29 Tue** ***Anastasia Venerable Martyr / 1 Thess 3:9-13; Lk 11:34-41***

8:30 am Akathist to the Theotokos for the Holy Protection in the coming elections
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Holy Souls by Juanita Montoya
- Oct 30 Wed** ***Zenobius and Zenobia Martyrs / 1 Thess 4:1-12; Lk 11:42-46***

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions for the Holy Protection in the coming elections
6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy for the Blessed Theodore Romzha
God's Help and Protection for the U.S. in the coming election by Svenssons
- Oct 31Thu** ***Bl Theodore Romzha Martyr / 1 Thess 5:1-8; Lk 11:47-12:1***

1:00 pm—Akathist to the Theotokos for the Holy Protection in the coming elections
- Nov 1 Fri** ***Cosmas and "Damian Unmercenaries / 1 Thess 5:9-13 & 24-28; Lk 12:2-12***


9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Nicole Olivas by Friends and Co-workers
- Nov 2 Sat** ***Akindynos and Others Martyrs / 2 Cor 11:1-6; Lk 9:1-6***

9:00 am Liturgy (masks required)
God's Blessing on OLPH Prayer Warriors on their 7th Anniversary
- Nov 3 Sun** ***24th Sunday After Pentecost / Eph 2:14-22; Lk 8:41-56***

4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Exodus 40:1-5.9.10/16.34-35; 1 Kings 7:51-8:1.3-7.9-11; Ezekiel 43:27-44.4
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Eva Schuler by Svenssons
- YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary asking Protection of the Theotokos in the coming Election
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy /Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
- ECF Classes** Eternal Lamp : Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

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
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Katy 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
Lourdes Lassin	Andrew Martinez	Killian Parker

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.

“Return to your house and proclaim what great things God has done for you.” Our healing Lord brings redemption and breaks the chains of sin, demonic possession and anything that may be in our way to grow in holiness. You may have a story of salvation that can be shared with the world by responding to it in the monastic or ordained life! To learn more about this, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Pam Pettit
Next Sunday:
Montano Family

November 3, 2024

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Maddie Riley

Counters: Michael Wells &

Michael Fedorowich

Propers for 11/3/24

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 7

Troparion- 156

v. Glory...

Kontakion - 157

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 158

Our Father - 72

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

Alicia's Hall Report

Sunday we enjoyed another riquísimo New Mexican feast! Now we just need to find someone who makes good natillas for a crowd....anyone? Thanks Rita, Mary Rose, Julia, and all those who brought contributions and helped serve and clean up! Sign up to host here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/>

Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Fri Nov 8	Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Nov 11	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Fri Nov 15	Beginning of Phillip's Fast
Thu Nov 21 Wed Nov 20	Entrance of the Theotokos /Solemn Feast 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
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 Feast 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 / Solemn Holy Day 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
Sun Jan 5	Great Blessing of Rio Grande 1:30 pm—carpool to the parking lot of the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Avenida Chavez 2:00 pm Procession to the River / Vespers with the Great Blessing of the River
Mon Jan 6	Theophany / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil / Great Blessing of Water / Myrovanije
Thu Jan 30 Wed Jan 29	Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Sat Feb 22	1st All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Mon Mar 3	Beginning of Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

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.

For more info, contact Miles at miles@inhora.org or 505-255-0325.

Priests' Medical Insurance Collection: Dear Parish Family, thank you for your contribution to the special priests' medical insurance collection. We collected \$365.00. May you, and those close to you, enjoy every blessing in Christ Jesus for many years, In health and happiness!

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, sign up TODAY for the Traveling Pilgrim Vocation Icon in 2025.

Dear Parish Family, the Love of Christ presses us to respond generously to God's call in our lives. We are all called to pray for vocations to Sainly Christian Marriage, to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. Prayer is an invisible but essential ministry in the Church. This is an important way to be involved in vocation ministry. Sign up to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. The sign-up sheet is on the greeting table by the Holy Water Font. You will be greatly blessed.

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!

For those who already have an account with Formed.org When you log into your account click "Parish Care Support" at the left bottom corner On the opened link you will see this number: 1-844-367-6331 Call and transfer your account to the Parish Say: " I am a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Parish in Albuquerque 1837 Alvarado Drive NE, NM 87110 and I want to transfer my account." In this way you do not need to pay for your personal subscription. Parish got you covered. Also, you are most welcome and encouraged to share parish subscription with your friends, neighbors, coworkers or just anyone who would benefit.

“Ask a Priest” questions by Fr Chris

Is Halloween Satanic? Bear with me on this one as it's more complicated than one would think. The origin of Halloween comes from the Old English phrase “Evening of All Hallows” or the Vigil of All Saints, the holy day which is kept by the Latin Church on November 1. This feast day in the diocese of Rome arose after 313 AD, as a way of commemorating all of the martyrs of the previous 300 years, and was originally kept on May 13 until it was moved by Pope Gregory III to November 1, to celebrate the dedication of the chapel of All Saints in the basilica of Saint Peter's. All Souls day follows, the commemoration of all those who have died, offering prayers for their repose in the Lord. Halloween was the first day of the triduum of the Days of the Dead. November became the month in which to pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory, and this devotion really accelerated after the horrors of the First World War, in which hundreds of thousands of Catholics died. Pope Benedict XV gave priests the privilege to offer three Masses of the Dead on November 2 as a result of the war.

There is no connection whatsoever with the Celtic festival of Samhain. That harvest season festival died out after the Irish, Scots, and Welsh converted, and since they didn't use the Roman calendar, they certainly did not have an observance of October 31. Little is known of that holiday and somebody came up with the alleged connection during the Reformation as a good way to stop the Catholic practices of praying for the dead and honoring the saints. Nothing in Celtic stories from the pagan times speaks of witches or devils or anything like that during Samhain.

People in the British Isles used to go from door to door before the Days of the Dead begging for soul cakes. In exchange for the cake, the beggar promised to pray for the repose of the souls of the family's deceased; that is the origin of trick-or-treat, except there was no tricking. Also, medieval people thoroughly enjoyed dressing up for the great holy days, which is the origin of the costumes. Puritan-influenced America denounced these Catholic practices of early Irish Catholic immigrants as pagan. Secular influences brought in bloody gore in the costumes; as Christian influences disappeared from society, in came the ugly things in the late 1960s. Commercial interests pounced on Halloween, making it competitive with Christmas in terms of money spent.

So, what should one do? Have fun on Halloween, but do it in a Christian spirit: think about dressing as a favorite saint; host fun events for children at your home or parish that reflect Christian truths and give kids a chance to just be kids; pray for the souls of the departed. Answering a person's query of “so who are you tonight” and giving a little explanation of the saint you're dressed up as can actually be a powerful moment of evangelization, especially coming from a child! Know your Christian history! Don't accept something because someone says so – research it in books and on Catholic websites, just like I did for this annual question.

SS Cosmas and Damian Nov 1 - SS. Cosmas and Damian were Arab twins and physicians. Icons of the saints depict them vested as laymen holding medicine boxes. Often each will also hold a spoon with which to dispense medicine. The handle of the spoon is normally shaped like a cross to indicate the importance of spiritual as well as physical healing, and that all cures come from God. They belong to the class of Unmercenary Physicians, saints who did not accept payment for when there were miraculous cures. In addition, they were skilled physicians. This was in conspicuous opposition to doctors who in antiquity charged exorbitant fees, to the point of bankrupting people, as related in Mark 5:26. Their most famous cure is that of grafting a leg from a newly deceased Ethiopian to replace the amputated leg of a white man sick with cancer, and so saving his life. The brothers remain very popular in the East, Italy, and Brazil; they are named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.



Three Hearts Pilgrimage at Clear Creek Abbey, Hulbert OK, October 9-13, 2024
 A two-day 35 mile ascetical walk offering our spiritual and physical sacrifices for the defense of the traditional family and the sanctity of life, while pursuing that which is good, true and beautiful.



We rejoice with Luke and Sarah Padilla on birth of their second child, baby boy Rafael Jonah Monday night October 21 2024 at 10:48 pm. May the Lord grant to God-loving Padilla Family many and blessed years!!!!

