

September 17, 2023 / T one 7  
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross  
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!

### **About Catechetical Sunday**

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God

"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life" (National Directory for Catechesis [Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005], no. 17).

### **Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?**

In 1935, the Vatican published On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB's Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the Conference as a standing Committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The USCCB has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all **to rededicate** themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### **What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?**

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world.

A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

### **Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?**

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7).

This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

### **How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?**

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

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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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**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!

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 per-  
son 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 infor-  
mation. You can do a one-time donation or set-  
up 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 sys-  
tem. You can donate using your computer /  
smartphone at: [ps://www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

**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!**

***Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:1***

**YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festal Matins & Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

**Sept 18 Mon** ***Eumenius Bishop / Eph 1:23-2:3; Lk 3:19-22***

10:00 am Funeral Divine Liturgy for the blessed repose of +Anastasia Senkow  
6:30 pm Advisory Board Meeting

**Sept 19 Tue** ***Trophimus and Others Martyrs / Eph 2:19-3:7; Lk 3:23-4:1***

9:00 am God's Blessing on Amber and Family  
6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM

**Sept 20 Wed** ***Eustace and Others Martyrs / Eph 3:8-21; Lk 4:1-15***

6:00 pm God's Blessing on Courtney and Family

**Sept 21 Thu** ***Leave-taking of the Exaltation of the Cross / Codratus Apostle  
Eph 4:14-19; Lk 4:16-22***

**Sept 22 Fri** ***Phocas Bishop-Martyr / Eph 4:17-25; Lk 4:22-30***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm God's Blessing on Craig Cohen

**Sept 23 Sat** ***Conception of John the Baptist / Gal 4:22-31; Lk 1:5-25***

9:30 am Liturgy for Timber Wolf girls camp at Cedro Peak Campground

**Sept 24 Sun** ***17th Sunday After Pentecost / 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Lk 5:1-11***

4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE  
5:00 pm God's Blessing on Courtney's Son  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Joshua 14:6-13; 1 Kings 19:1-10; Sirach 47:12-48:9

**YouTube LIVE**

8:30 am Rosary  
9:00 am Matins & Confessions

**ECF classes**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine  
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	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Christopher Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Jordan Smith
Brent Dodson-Sands	Lori Medina	Janet Worthington
Lara Davis	Michael Baron	Patti Klinkovsky
Carol Donlin	Gabriel Preisler	Matt Williamson
Marcie Dark	Jessica Pieniadz	James Epstein
Jesse Hebert	Rhonda	Katy Ford
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Fr Chris Andrews	Amber Roybal	Bertschinger
Fr Robert Rankin	Philip Leahy	
Fr. Steve Washko	Juanita Montoya	
	Jacob McTernan	

### **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 people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

"Whoever will lose his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it." Our Lord teaches us that following him is a loss and a gain at the same time. Devoting one's life to the Church as a monastic, religious, or member of the clergy is a cross and is also an immense blessing. Are you being called to be this blessing to the Church? Reach out to the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon  
Today: Wyatt Family  
Next Sunday:  
Montano Family

**September 24, 2023**

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Maddie Riley

Counters: Rita Montano &  
Miles Gloetzner

**Propers for 9/24/23**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Tone 8**

Troparion- 161

*v. Glory...*

Kontakion - 162

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162-3

Our Father - 73

### **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](mailto:pocb@unm.edu)

### **Alicia's Hall Report**

Last Sunday was a wonderful Italian foods potluck, inspired by Ann and Julia, who brought lasagna, along with Ashley and myself. Great idea and it was a hit! Thanks to all who brought lasagna, watermelon, fruit, cheese & crackers and any other sides, and those who helped set up, serve, and clean up! We should be set for a while with metal utensils. Thanks to all who contributed! Needed: someone to be in charge of running the social for the next 2 weeks, as I'll be away at FNE camps. I have a checklist and am happy to run through everything with you! Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph> or talk to me. Have a blessed week!

## **Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Nov 2-5	<b>Assembly of the Byzantine Church 2023 in Hillsborough, NJ</b> <a href="https://form.jotform.com/230514012134134">https://form.jotform.com/230514012134134</a>
Wed Nov 8	<b>Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue, Nov 14	<b>Beginning of Phillip's Fast</b>
Tue Nov 21 Mon Nov 20	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Wed Dec 6	<b>Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 8	<b>Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri & Sat Dec 15 & 16	<b>Women's Day of Reflection</b>
Fri Dec 22 Strict Fast	9:00 am Royal Hours 7:00 pm Great Compline
Mon Dec 25	<b>Christmas-Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</b> 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 26,	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Jan 1 2024	<b>Circumcision / Solemn Holy Day</b> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St Basil / Blessing of Litija / Myrovanije
Fri Jan 5 Day of Strict Fast	<b>Vigil of Theophany</b> Noon— carpool to Rio Grande (parking lot of the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Avenida Chavez) Procession to the River 1:00pm Great Vespers with the Great
Sat Jan 6	<b>Theophany of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Great Blessing of Water / Myrovanije

## **Catechetical Sunday 2023**

Today, we joyfully celebrate an important event in our parish: the beginning of the catechetical school year. The children, and the adults who teach them, gather together to receive a blessing for the start of the new catechetical school year. The theme this year is taken from the Psalm 26:8: "O Lord, I love the place where Your glory dwells" and will focus on the Church as our spiritual home with God. Together today, we ask God to grant His servants, our students, their parents, and our catechists, many years in health and happiness!

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Dear Parish Family, 40 Days for Life starts on Wednesday September 27th. Your presence on the sidewalk is often the last chance for the child in the womb to be saved. Last Fall, two women told us that they changed their mind about getting an abortion when they saw all the people out there praying. We had a total of 44 saves and turn-aways in 2022 as a result of sidewalk counseling and prayers from the sidewalk. As usual every parish has a designated day to come pray and witness the Sanctity of Life in front of the abortion clinic on San Mateo or Lomas. Our Parish is scheduled on Friday September 29th and Friday October 27th. See flyers on greeting table or bulletin board in the hall for more info or visit the PDL website - [www.defendinglife.org/40daysforlife](http://www.defendinglife.org/40daysforlife).

If this is your first time participating in 40 Days for Life, I would recommend going on Friday mornings, when there usually are many other Pro-Lifers there to pray and support the sidewalk counselors in front of the Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo Blvd. Also, one of our lead sidewalk counselors, Philip Leahy, is at the abortion mill at 522 Lomas Blvd on Tuesday through Friday mornings, and CareNet often brings their mobile ultrasound van to the Alamo abortion mill located at 10151 Montgomery Blvd. They would also greatly appreciate your prayers and company!

If at any time you don't feel safe on the sidewalk, then please don't stay, try another location or contact me - [Curt@defendinglife.org](mailto:Curt@defendinglife.org) or Project Defending Life at 505-266-4100 and we can let you know other ways to help the moms and save babies.

Please continue to support your local pregnancy resource centers, sidewalk counselors, Pro-Life organizations, and 40 Days for Life!

**The Annual Blessing of Animals** will take place on Saturday, September 30th at NOON in front of the outdoor shrine on the patio.

### **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 September-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.

## PROCLAMATION

The thirty first day of August the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

To the good people of the Eparchy of Parma, and to everyone in the Catholic Church:

“Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of Mercies and God of all consolation!”

It is with the greatest joy that I inform you that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed the Very Rev. Robert Mark Pipta as the sixth Bishop of Parma. Father Pipta is a priest of the Eparchy of Phoenix and has been serving honorably as the Rector of our seminary in Pittsburgh, Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary.

During the past seven months, I have come to know and admire and love the good people of the Eparchy of Parma, including clergy, religious, and lay people. Having become affectionate towards the Eparchy, I am very consoled to know that the Holy Father has chosen Father Pipta. I have known the Bishop Elect since 1990 when he entered our seminary in Pittsburgh. I also know his father who was the cantor at our Anaheim parish for decades. Father Pipta was born and raised in our Ruthenian Byzantine Church and has given his entire life to service for the Body of Christ in our Church since his priestly ordination on April 21, 1994. He is a man of humility, integrity, good humor, and absolute dedication to Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Bishop Elect has chosen to be consecrated on November 8, the Feast of St. Michael and all the Holy Incorporeal Powers. I look forward to handing over the governance of the Eparchy to the new bishop, with confidence and peace of mind, knowing that he will be a good shepherd to his flock.

May the Lord God grant to his high priestly servant Robert peace, health, and happiness for many blessed and fruitful years! Mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

Most Rev. Kurt Richard Burnette, PhD, JD, JCL  
Apostolic Administrator of Parma

### **About Bishop-Elect Robert Mark Pipta**

Episcopal Candidate Robert M. Pipta has served as an ordained priest in the Byzantine Catholic Church for nearly 30 years. He was born in April 1967 in Anaheim, California. Raised in southern California, he attended public schools there and completed a Bachelor of Arts program in Music at the University of California, Irvine in 1990.

He was a member of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim from shortly after its founding in 1969. All of his ordinations took place at his home parish where he served at the altar from the age of six and served as a weekday cantor during his college years. He was formed for the priesthood at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from September 1990 until his priestly ordination on 21 April 1994.

As a priest of the Eparchy of Van Nuys (now Phoenix) he served Saint Stephen Pro-Cathedral (now Cathedral) in Phoenix, Arizona as parochial vicar from May 1994 until August 1997. He then served as administrator of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church in Las Vegas, Nevada until February 2004. He served as the pastor of Holy Angels Church in San Diego, California until April 2014.

Since 1 May 2014, he has been serving as the rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh. He has served on the Intereparchial Liturgy and Music Commissions and had served as Eparchial Vocations Director for over nineteen years.

Regarding his hobbies, he enjoys listening to, playing, and singing various types of music, as well as studying-up on the history and physics of manned space travel.

## **Statement of Bishop-Elect Robert Mark Pipta**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Giving thanks to God and in obedience to His will, I accept the appointment of the holy father, Francis, Pope of Rome, to serve the people of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma as their sixth bishop.

Our Lord Jesus Christ called the apostles to be guiding shepherds by sharing His gospel of love, peace, healing, true freedom, and eternal life. I ask for prayerful petitions that my response to this apostolic calling be faithful, fruitful, and steadfast.

I open myself for the grace of episcopal ordination thus enabling my ministerial work alongside the clergy of the Parma Eparchy, my prayer, fasting, and repentance with its religious, and my God-loving service to its lay faithful.

Being the heartland of our Metropolitan Church, the Eparchy of Parma exhibits its cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit in countless ways. Since its establishment over 50 years ago, it has shown itself a leader in return to authentic liturgical practice and has enhanced its parishes in the

liturgical arts. Efforts of evangelization and outreach are notable in the eparchy, including guidance to assist college students in remaining connected to their Byzantine Catholic upbringing. I'm eager to do my part for the increase of these and many other Spirit-guided endeavors.

I look forward to a fraternal and willing association with the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States and its strong sense of unity with our mother Church in Europe and its cooperation with other American jurisdictions.

Having served as a priest for nearly 30 years – 20 of which were spent in parochial ministry followed to present by my service as rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, it's with a heavy heart that I take leave of the priestly duties I've been blessed to fulfill over these past years. It's been a joy for me to serve the Seminary with the support of its Board of Directors, the gifts and friendships of its staff, the talents and sacrifices of its faculty, the fervor and hope of its students, and the generosity of its benefactors.

Confident in the prayerful support of those I've come to know during my priestly years, together with the love, goodness, and encouragement of my parents, family, and friends, I move on to my new ministry with peace and in the name of the Lord.

As I approach episcopal ordination, I sing with our Venerable Father Romanus the Melodist in his Akathist on the Mission of the Apostles: "May I obey what I preach and be the first to do what I teach." Please pray that Christ the Good Shepherd strengthen me for this new ministerial work.

