

November 20, 2022 / T one 7/ 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



Beautiful newly designed **Christmas Cards** to support our mother church in Mukachevo, Ukraine **are now on sale. This year the campaign will benefit the new grammar school** which has been opened by the Cathedral parish. There are 135 children in Grades K-12 with 22 teachers; 15 children are refugees. One building is complete. Despite the war, they are going ahead with putting up a second building. Parents are covering most ordinary costs, despite a 24% inflation rate. **Our support will pay for the refugee children's tuition and help get the next building done.** The indomitable spirit of the Ukrainian citizenry is summed up in this lyric from a popular song: *"They can bomb happiness, they can shoot the dream, but they can't kill the will."* Every dollar will go so very far over there.

If purchased at church a packet of 5 cards sells for \$10 including envelopes. We can also mail them to you at \$12 per packet. All orders by mail must be in by Thursday, December 15th to insure that you receive them in time for Christmas giving. If you would like to order by mail you can e-mail us at admin@missionboronyavo.org

Each packet of cards includes a prayer list. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office by January 1st. All names will be sent to Bishop Nil Lushchak in the Ukraine. On January 7th (Old Calendar Christmas), the Bishop will place all of these names on the altar and pray for your intentions. Thank you for your generosity, and please encourage family, friends & other parishioners to purchase our cards!

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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

Fr. Chris Zuger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,
Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

Finance Council

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

**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 re-
sponsibility 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 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 dona-
tions!! 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).

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 2:14-22; Luke 12:16-21

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Festal Matins, Confessions
10:00 am / Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends
ECF Classes
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over Ukraine
- Nov 21 Mon** ***Entrance of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day / Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***
- YouTube Live** 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on OLPH parish family
Main Celebrant Fr. Tyler Strand
- Nov 22 Tue** ***Philemon and Others Apostles / 2 Thess 1:10-2:2; Lk 17:26-37***
- No Liturgy
- Nov 23 Wed** ***Amphilochius and Gregory Bishops / 2 Thess 2:1-12; Lk 18:15-17 & 26-30***
-  5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Liturgy/ Birthday Blessings on Fr Chris
- Nov 24 Thu** ***Thanksgiving Day / Catherine Great Martyr / 2 Thess 2:13-3:5; Lk 18:31-34***
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Eva Smolock by Daniel Yastishock
- Nov 25 Fri** ***Leave-taking of Entrance of the Theotokos
Clement and Peter Pope and Bishop / 2 Thess 3:6-18; Lk 19:12-28***
-  No Liturgy
- Nov 26 Sat** ***Clement and Peter Pope and Bishop / 2 Thess 3:6-18; Lk 19:12-28***
- 9:00 am Liturgy (masks required) /Health and Salvation of Graber Family by Lara Davis
- Nov 27 Sun** ***25th Sunday After Pentecost / Eph 4:1-6; Lk 13:10-17***
- 4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE
5:00 pm Liturgy / God's blessing on Sven and Barbara by Svenssons
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus 19:1-13; Isaiah 6:1-12; Jeremiah 11:1-8
- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
ECF Classes
5:30 pm Ask A Priest
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over Ukraine

YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <https://youtube.com/c/olpimedia>. 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

Sharif Rabadi	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Sorlah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Svensson	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Lori Medina	Jordan Smith
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Janet Worthington
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Patti Klinkovsky
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Matt Williamson
Carol Donlin	Rhonda Glasscock	James Epstein
Marcie Dark	Eli Griegos	Katy Ford
Jesse Hebert	Philip Leahy	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Zuggger		Juanita Motoya
Fr Chris Andrews		Amber Roybal



Vocation Icon

Today: Carol Donlin

Next Sunday: Brewer Family

“...Tonight your soul is demanded of you.” We are not our own, and this is equally true of the blessings in our lives. Jesus speaks sternly of the need to understand this so that we can be “rich toward God”. If you are blessed with the richness of a calling from God to be a priest, deacon, subdeacon, monk or nun, will you answer it with the same yes that we see in the saints? To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

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

Holy Fathers Intentions – November Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



November 27, 2022

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Michael Wells

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Alaina & Nicky Riley

Counters: Miles Gloetzner &
Ann Rajala

Propers for 11/27/2022
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 8

Troparion - 161
v. Glory...

Kontakion- 162
v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162
Our Father- 73

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Sunday (Zoom). Send your
prayer requests to
Patricia at pcb@unm.edu

THE PRAYER WARRIORS IS
OPEN TO EVERYONE--WOMEN,
MEN, & CHILDREN (children who
have their parents' permission!)
Please join us!!

Barbara's Hall Report

Last Sunday was a successful potluck;
there was a delicious egg casserole,
fried chicken, spaghetti, chicken and
rice casserole, corn chips, jello dessert
and rice krispie treats! *Some of the
chicken got scooped up right away by
kids who didn't finish it and it was
wasted. Please remember, kids, to take
only what you will eat and leave some
for the adults.*

Thanks to all who contributed!

MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT ONLINE TRAINING FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Reminder: PLEASE, CHECK your Safe Environ-
ment Compliance Certificate Expiration date.

**Please note that Online Virtus training for
many will be expiring within the next 4 to 5
weeks.**

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 compli-
ance once again. No one - not members of the
clergy, volunteers, educators, employees etc. -
may serve for even one day when out of SEP
compliance.**

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions,
and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe
Environment in ministry for its children and vulner-
able 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 Pro-
gram Coordinator
Cell: (702) 498-5972 -- Office: (602) 861-9778 ext.
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!!WE NEED GREETERS!! With the moving of our
friends the Domsteads, we have a glaring hole in
our schedule of greeters. If you would like to meet
everyone in the parish, introduce newcomers to
the beauty of the liturgy, and start everyone's
Sunday with a warm welcome, then **greeting
might be the perfect way for you to serve the
parish. If you're interested in being a greeter
for one Sunday each month, please contact
Dan Riley in person or email**

The Holy Protection Eparchy of Phoenix office for Youth & Young Adults is coordinating a pilgrimage to Lisbon for the next World Youth Day, held in the summer of 2023. The flyer and brochure with itinerary, cost and other important info are on the greeting table or bulletin board in the hall. For questions and inquiries, please, email Fr Artur at abbaolph@gmail.com.

World Youth Day is the largest international Catholic youth (ages 18-35) gathering scheduled to take place Aug. 1–6 **“Dear young people, I invite you to register for this meeting in which, after a long period of staying at a distance, we will rediscover the joy of the fraternal embrace between peoples and between generations, which we need so much,”** Pope Francis said on Oct. 23. St. John Paul II established the weeklong youth gathering in 1985. At some past World Youth Days, attendance has reached into the millions.

Lisbon, the Portuguese capital set to host World Youth Day 2023, is just 75 miles from Fatima, one of the most visited Marian pilgrimage sites in the world. The theme of Lisbon’s World Youth Day is **“Mary arose and went with haste.”** In his message for the event, Pope Francis urged young people to **“not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you.”**

“Now is the time to arise! Like Mary, let us ‘arise and go in haste.’ Let us carry Jesus within our hearts and bring him to all those whom we meet.”

Annual OLPH Angel Tree is Here!!

The parishioners of OLPH are being asked by St. Nicholas to open up their hearts again this Christmas season and participate in our annual Angel Tree. We have through St. Nicholas Sunday—Sunday, December 4th—to bring our checks and cards. The Angel Tree display has two boxes—one for the orphanage and one for the seminarians.

This year we are excited to collect monetary donations for the Korolevo orphanage in Ukraine. If you wish to donate to the orphanage, please make checks payable to the Mission Society with a note at the bottom.

We are collecting Amazon gift cards for the 10 seminarians at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius, where our beloved Thomas is diligently studying. We would like these Amazon gift cards to be in denominations of \$10 and \$25 (\$25 is about what it costs for our seminarians to buy a book). These gift cards can be found at Smith’s grocery stores (either in store or on-line), Wal-Mart, Albertsons and anywhere other gift cards are sold. We are also collecting Christmas cards and notes of encouragement for the seminarians. If you want to specifically address a card to Thomas, simply put his name on the front of the envelope and it will be given to him.

Please prayerfully consider helping St. Nicholas spread joy this Christmas season.

Ask a priest anything question: *Does blessed salt ward off ghosts?*

Salt was very expensive in the ancient world and used as a preservative and also to help protect against infections in wounds. The saying “he is worth his salt” comes from the fact that part of Roman soldiers’ pay was in salt, and it was used by the Israelites in some sacrificial rituals. Blessed salt was widely used in the Latin Church for centuries. In the Tridentine ritual of baptism, blessed salt was used as part of the exorcism ritual in Baptism. It was also a popular practice to put it on thresholds of doors and window sills as a protection against evil. The salt was also used in cooking, not so much for seasoning but rather as a blessing for the food. I have never heard of it being used against ghosts, but it was used against evil forces. It was a strong belief that witches never used salt, as it is a sign of eternity (because it kept its flavor for so long) and because of its use by the Roman Catholic Church. The Latin Ritual of the Roman rite still has this prayer for the blessing of salt: “Almighty God, we ask you to bless this salt, as once you blessed the salt scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha. Wherever this salt (and water) is sprinkled, drive away the power of evil, and protect us always by the presence of your Holy Spirit. Grant this through Christ our Lord Amen.”

The Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple, also called The Entrance of Our Lady into the Temple, is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Rite, celebrated on November 21.

The earliest source of this feast is the non-canonical **Protoevangelium of James**, also called the Infancy Gospel of James, composed in Syria around 150 AD. This "gospel" is a mix of some facts from Matthew and Luke, but includes fanciful stories, in which the author basically writes what he thought should have happened. The point of the stories is to emphasize Jesus' divinity, the celibacy of Joseph and Mary, and Mary's perpetual virginity against various heretical movements that denied all of these.

In this legendary story, Mary was solemnly received in the Temple by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was supposedly led inside, accompanied by virgins, to live inside the Holy of Holies, to prepare her to become the living sanctuary of God when she would conceive the Divine Child. She was fed only with bread by the angels, until the age of twelve when she was betrothed to Joseph, who was an old man.

This so-called gospel was written with scant knowledge of Judaism and its practices, as a little girl would never have been admitted into the Holy of Holies. There were some women associated with the Temple, like Anna the prophetess, but they were not virgins, and certainly not little children. Only the High Priest went in, and only once a year. [So why commemorate liturgically something which we know , through biblical archaeology and Jewish studies, to have never taken place?](#) Here is the primary meaning: the symbolism of today links the Holy-of-Holies in the Temple with the womb of Mary which will become the living chamber of the Most High God. Also, it emphasizes the specialness of Mary as a person: she is indeed an all-pure and all-holy virgin. Finally, living on bread brought by angels obviously prefigures the Holy Eucharist, the Angelic Bread, the Panis Angelicus.

St. Gregory Palamas preached:

God is born of the spotless and Holy Virgin, or better to say, of the Most Pure and All-Holy Virgin. She is above every fleshly defilement, and even above every impure thought. Her conceiving resulted not from fleshly lust, but by the overshadowing of the Most Holy Spirit. Such desire being utterly alien to her, it is through prayer and spiritual readiness that She declared to the angel: "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it done unto Me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38), and that She conceived and gave birth. So, in order to render the Virgin worthy of this sublime purpose, God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us, from before the ages, and from eternity, choosing Her from out of His elect.

So, we solemnly commemorate the fact that Mary was a pure and sinless person all her life; was a virgin at the time of the Annunciation to her; and that she remained a virgin.

Greek Catholic priests in Slovakia give children a special blessing at the church on this feast day. The prayer used is from the Book of Numbers, chapter 6, vv. 24-26, the blessing which God tells Aaron and his successor priests to use on children. Thus, this is one of the most ancient rituals done from the Bible, and it finds a comfortable home in our Byzantine Catholic Church which is filled with Scripture and rites which are often rooted in Judaism. The fact that the giving of this blessing is restricted to only priests – and not parents - continues the Jewish tradition of it being a part of the Temple ritual celebrated by the priests.

At the Ambon Prayer of the Liturgy, the priest reads this biblical blessing from the Book of Numbers, chapter 6, vv. 24-26, and blesses the children with holy water:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace."

Then the Dismissal of the feast is sung as usual, including the verse "presented today in the holy temple" after the commemoration of Our Lady.

.The Pilgrims' Thanksgiving, Squanto and the Pope

The Pilgrims were Separatists, strict Calvinist Protestants who separated out of the Church of England because it still retained some elements of Catholic ritual and belief. They also despised Catholic Spain and the priesthood. All this is important for our story. The Pilgrims were supposed to land in Virginia, but ended up in Massachusetts, too late to plant anything. Half of the 102 settlers died. In desperation, scouts stole ten bushels of maize from a Native American cache. The local tribes were not happy to see Europeans, as they had already suffered greatly from diseases brought to the New World. **In 1621, a man named Squanto walked into Plymouth, speaking excellent English. He taught them how to plant the stolen maize and raise corn, to trade with the Wampanoag tribes and so atone for the stolen corn, how to fish for the local menhaden, and how to fertilize the soil with the remains of the fish they caught. Most importantly, Squanto served as an advocate and interpreter for the Pilgrims with Chief Massasoit,** averting almost certain annihilation of the weakened and distrusted foreigners. The Pilgrims thanked God for Squanto -but they were beholden to the despised Catholic Church for his presence!

Squanto was one of many Natives kidnapped in 1614 by a Virginian and taken to Europe. The survivors were sold as slaves in Spain, but Pope Paul III had issued an edict recognizing Indians as "true men" and forbidding their slavery. Two Jesuits rescued Squanto and the others using this decree. While they instructed him in the Faith, he emphasized that he wanted to go home. They arranged for his safe transfer to London to be sent back as a free man. He spent three years in London, learning English and European customs. He finally was taken to Newfoundland, and there an English fisherman, Thomas Dermer, set sail for the south to return him to Patuxet, his home. He arrived to find his entire people wiped out by disease: Squanto was the sole survivor. He and Dermer were in turn taken captive by the chief Massasoit, whose nation had been reduced from over 20,000 to a mere 1,000 or so by 1620 due to those European diseases. Squanto set aside his anger and grief and became the interpreter and unexpected savior for the Pilgrims. **No Pope Paul III, no Spanish Jesuits, no Squanto, and there'd be no Thanksgiving this Thursday!**

When was the first Thanksgiving in the United States? Spanish explorer Juan de Oñate had a solemn service of thanksgiving with a Sung Mass and huge feast for the 500 colonists headed to New Mexico. **This was held on April 30, 1598, on the banks of the Rio Grande in Texas.**

The English colonists in Jamestown held services of thanksgiving as early as 1607 in their Anglican chapel. **Annual observance of Thanksgiving began in Connecticut in 1639 and Massachusetts in 1660.** The entire United States began a national observance in November in 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln. It was settled on the fourth Thursday in 1941.

