

September 25, 2022 / T one 7 / 16th Sunday After Pentecost  
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



**ICON OF THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Last Sunday, we prayed for our ECF students and teachers, that God may strengthen them in their good work of growing in faith, love and knowledge of God through catechesis. Let's support and express our gratitude to those who have accepted the responsibility of teaching catechesis to our children as a gift of their time, energy and dedication.

In order to pass on the faith of our Church, we must take hold of it ourselves! What are you doing to nourish your spiritual life and your knowledge of the beautiful faith of our Church? There are many resources available in our Gift Shop, on Youtube channel "Becoming Byzantine", at [EasternCatholic.org](http://EasternCatholic.org), at [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) to name a few. Those are to strengthen you in your confidence to share the FAITH with others.

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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):**

9:15—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 do-  
nate 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!**

***2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 5:1-11***

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Festal Matins, Confessions  
10:00 am / Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends  
5:30 pm Ask A Priest  
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over Ukraine
- Sept 26 Mon** ***The Passing of John Apostle Evangelist***  
9:00 am +Donald Cotchen by Eva Cotchen
- Sept 27 Tue** ***Callistratus and Others Martyrs / Eph 2:19-3:&; Lk 5:12-16***  
9:00 am +Michael and +Paraska Cholan by Eva Cotchen
- Sept 28 Wed** ***Chariton Venerable Confessor / 2 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:17-23***  
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm +Joe Donlin, +John Schuler, +Demetrius Yackanich and  
+George Saade by Svenssons
- Sept 29 Thu** ***Cyriacus Venerable / Eph 4:14-19; Lk 6:12-19***
- Sept 30 Fri** ***Gregory Illuminator Bishop Martyr / #ph 4:17-25; Lk 6:17-23***  
 9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy for the Holy Protection Feast / Gifts of the Holy Spirit for  
the Explorer Youth group their leaders and families / Myrovaniye
- Oct 1 Sat** ***Protection of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day***  
***Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy (masks required) God's Blessing on Mady Davis  
12 noon Blessing of Animals at the front patio
- Oct 2 Sun** ***17th Sunday After Pentecost / 2 Cor 6:16-17:1; Lk 6:31-36***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE  
5:00 pm +Mary Sanchez by Debbie Sanchez  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: 1 Joshua 20:1-6; 1 Kings 2:19-25;  
Sirach 48:12-20
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10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends  
ECF Classes  
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](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
Priscilla Hughes	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Sorihah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara 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	Todd Bailey	James Epstein
Fr Chris Zuger	Jessica Pieniadz	Katy Ford
Fr Chris Andrews	Rhonda Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
	Amber Roybal	Juanita Montoya
	Eli Griegos	



Vocation Icon

Today: Dodson-Sands Family  
Next Sunday:  
Davidson-Talley Family

“When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.” Have you seen the Lord work in your life in such a powerful way that you would consider leaving everything to follow him? This is the response of the apostles in today’s gospel reading. The Church is fortified by men and women who follow him as priests, deacons, subdeacons, monks and nuns. If you may be hearing this call, Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto: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 for them
- 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

### Holy Father’s Intentions September. Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



**October 2, 2022**

Cantor: Andrea Riley  
Reader: Michael Wells  
Altar Server: Michael Grega  
Trojca: Eva Riley &  
Quintin Fedorowich  
Counters: Mary Roseman &  
Michael Wells

**Propers for 10/2/2022**  
**17th 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](mailto: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**

Thanks to everyone who has been  
serving food and cleaning up  
afterward. Our Church is so  
cool! Thankfully the pandemic has  
ended and we are back to  
normal! Thanks be to God!

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

October 3-7	<b>Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ</b>
Tue Oct 4	6-8:30 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
Mon Oct 10	6:00 pm Advisory Board meeting
Tues Oct 18	6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
Mon Oct 31	<b>Bl Theodore Romzha</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sun Nov 6	<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>
Mon Nov 7th	<b>Archangel Michael &amp; All Angels</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00pm Vigil Liturgy
Mon Nov 14	<b>Beginning of Philip's Fast</b>
Mon Nov 21	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 5 Tue Dec 6	<b>St. Nicholas of Myra/Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 7	<b>Maternity of the Holy Anna</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Fri Dec 23	10:00 am— <b>Royal Hours</b> <b>Day of Strict Abstinence</b>
Sat Dec 24	<b>Vigil of Christmas</b> 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 26	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Thurs Jan 5	<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 Blessing of the Rio Grande
Fri Jan 6	<b>Feast of Theophany</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE: OLPHNM.ORG It is still getting little improvements but all in all its looking awesome :)

We are creating a **photo directory** for our coming Golden 50th Parish Anniversary We will be taking portraits after Saturday / Sunday Liturgies. Portraits will be taken in the conference room on the south side of the church nave. In order to have things run more smoothly, we have created a digital sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/3h4rbkfc>, or you can call Andrea Riley at 505-220-9137. If you have questions, please contact Dan Riley or Marc Montano.

### **Last chance to donate for the EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2022**

Collected to date: \$15,986.00. Participation: registered OLPH Families 60; paid pledges by 37 families (72,5%). Our parish goal this year is \$22,054.74 which breaks down to \$350 per family. Our pledges for the Bishop's appeal must be paid by September 30. Every pledge counts. We can reach the goal only if all registered families participate.

We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy or by online payments at: [ephx.org/giving](http://ephx.org/giving). Be sure to note that you are a parishioner of OLPH.

### **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 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 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.

Dear Parish Family, **40 Days for Life starts on Wednesday September 28th**. Your help is needed; a lot of people are coming to New Mexico from Texas and other states to get an abortion. But lives can be saved when people come out to peacefully pray, fast, and witness for Life! 22,013 babies are saved since 2007 from all of the 40 Days for Life locations. 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 30th and Friday October 28**. 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).

**October 6 "Religious History of Ukraine"**, 10 am - 11:30 am. Ukraine's religious life is a rich tapestry of Christians, Jews, and Muslims from many nationalities. The war has impacted all profoundly, causing dramatic shifts that are affecting the Catholic and Orthodox Churches and their ecumenical relations, as well as Hasidic Jews and Protestants. We look at their fascinating history, their survival under communism, and how they are responding to the crisis today. Join us as we unpack the interior life of a critical part of the world. Registration \$10 through OASIS, [www.oasisabq.org](http://www.oasisabq.org) or 505-884-4529.

## 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. The oldest Byzantine Catholic eparchy, Mukachevo, is also under 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 during such challenging times, let us come together at the services and pray fervently that we will be true to her, and above all, true to her Divine 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 lie in events in old 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). Worshippers 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 is usually 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." This difficult vocation is followed especially in the Church of Russia by both men and women, which has over 30 canonized "fools." Some take on the humiliations of a fool to atone for Jesus' suffering in His passion, especially at the hands of the soldiers. Others are called by God for totally different reasons: 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. The other figures shown in the icon are usually St. Theodora the Empress, who defended the use of icons, Emperor Leo the Wise, and a patriarch of Constantinople.



Blessing with the traveling first class relics of St Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and Blessed Carlo Acutis