

October 1, 2023 / T one 1
18th Sunday After Pentecost / Protection of the Theotokos
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



Dear Parish Family, next fall we will celebrate the 50 year anniversary of OLPH.

We have begun planning already and will be making announcements shortly.

One of the most important mementos from this wonderful anniversary will be a 50th Anniversary Booklet with short articles about our history, photographs, letters of congratulations, and other things of the sort.

The advisory board will be busy planning other aspects of the anniversary, and are looking for a committee of parishioners who can generate ideas, write articles, ask others to write articles, look through pictures and select the best, etc.

We plan to have a professional company create the layout, so the members would mostly be generating content, not creating the booklet itself (e.g. with design software).

This is a great opportunity to serve and create a memorable keepsake for our parish family, even for newer members of the parish.

Please see one of the advisory board members (Fr Chris, Rafael Plut, Alicia Wells, Jeff Brewer, Mike Grega) if you'd like to help. Thank you.

**Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Apostolic Administrator**

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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

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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 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 percent-
age 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!

2 Cor 9:6-11 & Heb 9:1-7; Lk 6:31-36 & Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festal 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

Oct 2 Mon ***Cyprian Bishop-Martyr / Phil 1:1-7; Lk 6:24-30***

No Liturgy

Oct 3 Tue ***Denis the Areopagite Bishop-Martyr / Phil 1:8-14; Lk 6:37-45***

No Liturgy

Oct 4 Wed ***Hierotheus, Bishop-Martyr / Francis of Assisi / Phil 1:12-20; Lk 6:46-7:1***

No Liturgy

Oct 5 Thu ***Charitina Martyr / Phil 1:20-27; Lk 7:17-30***

Oct 6 Fri ***Thomas Apostle / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 20:19-31***



9:00 am 40 Days For Life: Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/
Lomas
No Liturgy

Oct 7 Sat ***Sergius and Bacchus Martyrs / 1 Cor 15:58-16:3; Lk 5:27-32***

Oct 8 Sun ***19th Sunday After Pentecost / 2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Lk 7:1-16***

4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-8; 2 Samuel 24:10-18; Sirach 41:1-9
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Pro-Life intention by Svenssons

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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

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
Fr Chris Zuggger	Glasscock	Alton & Barbara
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 October / For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. .

“Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.”

Our Lord teaches us how to love one another in today's Gospel, taking us beyond our human understanding of only being good to those who do good to us. Monasticism and holy orders are special paths to give one's life to all people. Is this something that God may have in store for your life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Carol Donlin

Pam Pettit

Next Sunday:

Davidson-Talley Family

Pam Pettit

October 8, 2023

Cantor: Evie Jilek
Reader: Michael Wells
Altar Server: Michael Grega
Trojca: Yvonne Serna
Counters: Mary Blain &
Cindy Loescher

**Propers for 10/8/23
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 2**

Troparion- 130
v. Glory...
Kontakion - 131
v. Now & Ever...
Theotokion - 406
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 132
Our Father - 67

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 pcb@unm.edu

Alicia's Hall Report

I heard that last Sunday there were many helpers, great food, and a spotless kitchen after the social! I'll be sure not to miss the next taco bar feast! A big thanks to Laura for taking the lead, bringing a bunch of food, as well as Mary Rose, Ashley, Andrea, the Davidson-Talleys and all our young lady helpers. God bless you all abundantly! Next Sunday, let's do a Stir Fry and Asian food potluck. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph>. Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Nov 2-5	Assembly of the Byzantine Church 2023 in Hillsborough, NJ https://form.jotform.com/230514012134134
Wed Nov 8	Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Nov 13	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Tue, Nov 14	Beginning of Phillip's Fast
Tue Nov 21	Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day
Mon Nov 20	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Wed Dec 6	Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 8	Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri & Sat Dec 15 & 16	Women's Day of Reflection
Fri Dec 22	9:00 am Royal Hours
Strict Fast	7:00 pm Great Compline
Mon Dec 25	Christmas-Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 26,	Synaxis of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 27	Stephen Protomartyr Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Jan 1 2024	Circumcision / Solemn Holy Day 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St Basil / Blessing of Litija / Myrovaniye
Fri Jan 5	Vigil of Theophany
Day of Strict Fast	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
Sat Jan 6	Theophany of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Great Blessing of Water / Myrovaniye

Dear ladies of OLPH, you are cordially invited to join us at the Norbertine Abbey on December 15-16, 2023 for our annual day of reflection. This year our reflection will be led by Susanna Van Vickle, mother of five, a Catholic school teacher, and former lay missionary of Family Missions company from Dallas, Texas. You may opt for an overnight (in a single or double room) or just join us for the day program on Saturday, December 16. Come reflect on the JOY of Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His birth! Registration/Information brochures are available online or in the back of the church. Please see Evie Jilek or Cathy Sullivan for more information. Please tell your friends!

REMINDER ABOUT PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED.ORG

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!
- Also, you are most welcome and encouraged to share parish subscription with your friends, neighbors, coworkers or just anyone who would benefit.

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.

October 1 – Holy Protection of the Theotokos

IN 1917 THE JOHN RYLANDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY in Manchester, England acquired a third-century papyrus fragment of great historic interest. It contained the earliest known copy of a hymn to the Theotokos. The verse, still used in the liturgies of all the historic Churches, reads as follows: "Beneath your protection, we take refuge, O Theotokos. Do not despise our petitions in time of trouble, but rescue us from dangers, only pure, only blessed one." This hymn shows that, from as early as the 200s, Christians have looked on the Holy Virgin as their protectress. Our liturgical year includes feasts celebrating the city of Constantinople's reliance on the Theotokos to protect them. Today's feast is the most iconic of these commemorations.

The Panagia of Blachernae In the mid-fifth century, the emperors thought to enhance the city's role as the Christian capital by collecting many relics from near and far. The patriarch of Jerusalem sent the holy mantle and robe of the Theotokos to the capital. A great church was built at Blachernae on the shore of the Bosphorus in honor of the holy Virgin with an adjoining shrine, the Hagia Soros (Holy Mausoleum) in which the mantle and robe, as well as relics of other saints, were enshrined. The church at Blachernae became known for the numerous healings and other miracles associated with the church's principal icon of the Theotokos, the Panagia of Blachernae. This icon was frequently taken in procession around the city asking for the protection of the Virgin. Such a procession was held in 626 when the Avars, from the northern Caucasus, were besieging the city. Their fleet was sunk and, seeing this as divine intervention, the Avars fled. The Christians of Constantinople saw this as a sign of the Virgin's protection.

The kondakion of the Akathist, which we know as We your servants (originally, I your city) was composed to celebrate this victory. During the latter years of the first millennium Constantinople suffered a series of assaults from hostile powers. When Persians besieged Constantinople in 677 and Muslim Arabs did the same in 717, people turned to the Virgin for protection. Both invasions were repulsed and the Virgin was praised for her protection. Orthodox Christians sought the Virgin's protection over the Church during the era of iconoclasm. Every Friday an all-night vigil was celebrated before the Panagia of Blachernae. When all sacred images were finally removed from the church, the icon disappeared. It was reputedly found hidden behind a wall during renovations in 1038.

The Slavic Invasion of 860 In the 830s the Viking-Slavic peoples of Kievan Rus' begin migrating south. When the Rus' began raiding settlements on the Black Sea it was inevitable that their forces would come to the gates of Constantinople. In 860 a fleet of over 200 ships from Rus' entered the harbor of Constantinople where they made a show of force before the city. On June 18, the inhabitants gathered with the emperor and the patriarch, St Photios the Great, in an all-night vigil at the Church of the Mother of God at Blachernae, near the shore. Imploring her to protect the city, St Photios took the robe in procession to the harbor, dipped it into the sea and then took it through the streets to Hagia Sophia. By June 25 the Rus' began to withdraw from the harbor and entered into a treaty with the empire which led to the eventual Christianization of Rus' in the next century. St Photios attributed the city's deliverance to the "never-failing protectress of Christians" On July 2 the robe was returned to Blachernae in celebration, an event still commemorated in our Church every July 2.

The Vision of St Andrew The memory of these events, as well as the presence of the Virgin's robe, made the Blachernae church the most popular shrine to the Theotokos in the imperial capital. It would become even more renowned with the events of October 1, 911. It was a Sunday and the all-night vigil was being served in the church at Blachernae. Among those present was St Andrew, a Fool-for-Christ, a Slav who had been captured during a military incursion and sold as a slave. His master saw to it that Andrew learned to read and the young man became attached to the Church and its worship. He was inspired to adopt the asceticism of feigned insanity, being a "fool-for Christ." He would pretend madness during the day, but pray all night. During the vigil, sometime after 3 AM, we are told in the Synaxarion that St Andrew "lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees, the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the ambo, she continued her prayer. "After completing her prayer, she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in the church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands glowed more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" "I do see, holy Father Epiphanius replied, "and I am in awe." For a long time, they observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation." The icon of this feast shows this appearance of the Theotokos to St Andrew. Some icons, particularly those displayed for veneration on this feast, have a lower tier or an inset depicting St Romanos the Melodist chanting at the ambo. October 1 is also the feast day of this saint. This vision is celebrated in most Byzantine Churches on October 1. In the Church of Greece, however, the feast of the Protection of the Theotokos has been transferred to October 28 to coincide with the Greek national holiday, "Ohi" Day, marking the start of Greek resistance to the German and Italian occupation during World War II.

The Church at Blachernae The Church of the Theotokos was severely damaged by fire in 1070 but was rebuilt and restored by two successive emperors. Finally, the entire church complex, along with the surrounding quarter, was completely destroyed on February 29, 1434 when some children accidentally started a fire on the church roof. A few years before the fire, a portion of the robe had been sent to Russia. When the feast of the robe (July 2) was celebrated during the Tatar siege of Moscow in 1451 the Tatars were unaccountably seized with confusion and fled in disarray. Again, the Virgin's protection was credited with the deliverance of a Christian city. By the 17th century a portion of the robe was being venerated at the Dormition Monastery in Khobi, Georgia. To this day, this relic is carried in procession around that city for veneration on July 2. (Melkite Eparchy of Newton leaflets)



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September 15, 2023

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Dear Father Artur,

Many thanks to you and your parishioners for making our 2023 Annual Eparchial Appeal our most successful appeal ever! Your efforts have been instrumental in making your 2023 Appeal Goal! As you know, the Eparchial Appeal is a major source of funding for the services, events, personnel, supplies, and equipment which are so important and necessary in supporting, and making possible, the work of the Church within our Eparchy.


We officially closed the 2023 Eparchial Appeal on August 31st and now the Eparchy is issuing rebate checks to those parishes which have met or exceeded their goals. A final report for September 15th and an individual donor listing is enclosed. We ask that you review the individual donor listing for accuracy as this list will be used for the 2024 Eparchial Appeal mailing, please return to the finance office no later than November 15th.

The enclosed Eparchial Appeal rebate check has been calculated as follows for your Parish:

2023 Eparchial Appeal Parish Goal:	\$18,320.60
2023 Eparchial Appeal Parish Payments Received:	\$20,800.00
2023 Eparchial Appeal Parish Payments Received Towards Goal:	\$20,800.00
10% Rebate:	\$1,832.06
100% of Donations Eligible Above Goal Reached:	\$2,479.40
2023 Eparchial Appeal Rebate:	\$4,311.46

As in prior years, your parish rebate, which is not subject to the cathedraticum tax, may be used, in its entirety, for any parish project or need. Please make sure to record it in the EA rebate income account for correct identification.

With much gratitude in Christ Jesus,


Very Reverend Diodoro Mendoza
Protosyncellus