

January 7, 2024 / Sunday After Theophany / Tone 7

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN FROM JOHN!

The season of the HOUSE BLESSINGS HAS BEGAN. Fr. Artur would like to come and visit with you, pray with you and ask God to bless your home. It would help in setting up his schedule if you would kindly FILL OUT the House Blessing Scheduling Form on a greeting table or send an email to abbaolph@gmail.com indicating best days and time. The deadline is February 4.

Theophany icon explained: The paradox that Jesus Christ might be revealed as God through an act of submittal to a mere man, John, is shown well in the icon. Though John is baptizing Christ, it is the former who is shown bent over in reverence to the latter. In other icons, John is shown with his face turned toward heaven and beholding the miracle of the Theophany; either way, despite being the baptizer, he is not central to the scene. Near to John is a tree with an axe laid at the root, recalling John's own preaching to those who came to him: "And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matt 3:10). Present in the icon, this shows that whilst the Baptizer must now "decrease so Christ may increase", John's teachings and role are not done away with now the Holy Trinity has been revealed. On the opposite bank to John the Baptist, angels wait invisibly to receive the newly baptized Christ and clothe Him. And so, on the left is the forerunner of Christ, John, with his sermon of repentance represented by the tree and axe; on the right, the angels wait with reverence to accept the newly revealed Son of God. In the middle – the moment of revelation itself. In icons Christ's hands are not shown in prayer, but in a sign of blessing. Rather than the waters of Jordan cleansing Christ, it is Christ Who cleans the waters. Fish swim in two directions, to show the river parting for Jesus, This is a reflection of the words of the Psalmist regarding the Messiah (Christ): "the sea saw and fled, the Jordan turned back" (Psalm 114:3).. The man personifies the Jordan, a sea dragon the oceans, and the serpents those who are crushed by the redeemer (Genesis 3:15).



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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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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish


Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support); Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:
 1. Being registered
 2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes! Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on "Membership in a Parish"

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 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

- 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
- Jan 8 Mon** ***George, Dominica & Emilian Venerables / James 2:14-26; Mk 10:46-52***
9:00 am Health and Salvation of Eleonora and her Family by Nelly Kartsub
- Jan 9 Tue** ***Polyuc Matyr / James 3:1-10; Mk 11:11-23***
9:00 am +Klara, +Elizabeth, +Andriy, +Oleksandra, +Stepan, +Yevhen, +Maria, +Genadiy by Nelly Kartsub
- Jan 10 Wed** ***Gregory of Nyssa Bishop / James 3:11-4:6; Mk 11:23-26***
6:00 pm Healing of Rebecca Russo by Shari
- Jan 11 Thu** ***Theodosius Venerable / 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:27-30***
6:45 pm THEOSIS Bible Study (zoom)
- Jan 12 Fri** ***Tatiana Martyr / 1 Pet 1:1-2.10-12; 2:6-10; Mk 12:1-12***
 9:00 am Prayer and Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo./Lomas
6:00 pm +Pavlo & +Irena Kartsub by Nelly Kartsub
- Jan 13 Sat** ***Saturday after Theophany / Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11***
9:00 am (masks required) +Gregory & +Vira Kartsub by Nelly Kartsub
10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorers Youth Group
- Jan 14 Sun** ***Sunday of Zaccheus / 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10***
4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus 13:17-14:4 Sirach 7:29-36; Isaiah 1:16-20
5:00 pm +Steve Overton by Svenssons; 8:30 am Rosary
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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	Linda Granci
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Vicki Frank
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Christopher Barlow
Sven & Barbara	Soriah Chavez	Jordan Smith
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Janet Worthington
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Patti Klinkovsky
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Matt Williamson
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	James Epstein
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Katy Ford
Carol Donlin	Rhonda Glasscock	Alton & Barbara
Marcie Dark	Amber Roybal	Bertschinger
Jesse Hebert	Philip Leahy	Madalyn Davis
Fr Chris Zuggger	Juanita Montoya	Rebecca Russo
Fr Chris Andrews	Jacob McTernan	
Fr Robert Rankin	Paola Terlaza	
Fr. Steve Washko		

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 / January. For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Unapproachable Light, Christ our God, shine on us the path of salvation brought to us so that we may be open to respond with faith. Call your servants to the priesthood, diaconate or the religious life so that our Church may flourish, we pray you, hear and have mercy. "The people who sat in darkness saw a great light." The Unapproachable Light of Christ showed himself to us. Our Lord may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If this may be the case, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Davidson-Talley Family
Next Sunday: Brewer Family

January 14, 2024

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojica: Ellie Montano

Counters: Mary Blain &

Cindy Loescher

Propers for 1/14/24

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Leave-taking of Theophany

Tone 8

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn - 316-7

Troparion (Tone 8) - 161

Troparion (Theophany) - 313

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Theophany) - 314

v. Now & Ever

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162 & 314

Magnification & Irmos - 315

Our Father - 73

Communion - 305 & 316

May the Lord Bless your kindness and
generosity to His House!

2024 Pysanky Workshops

OLPH will again host workshops for anyone interested in creating pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs). The workshops are open to all skill levels (children do need a supervising adult) and will be held in January-March at the following dates and times: 1/20 9am-12pm, 1/29 12-3pm, 2/17 12-3pm, 2/19 12-3pm, 2/22 6-9pm, 3/4 6-9pm, 3/7 12-3pm and 3/16 12-3pm. Workshop space is limited, so please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/olph-pysanky> or by contacting Andrea Riley at 505-220-9137 or andrea.riley@gmail.com.

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

Alicia's Hall Report Thanks to all who brought new year's eve cheer for the social last Sunday! Thanks to the Wyatts for the pulled pork, corn chowder, and baked beans, the Weagle family for pinto beans, Rita for setting up, serving, and the 16 bean soup with ham- yum!, to Ashley for the taquitos, to Andrea for washing dishes, Nicole for helping me organize the pantry and storage, and anyone else who I forgot that helped in any way! Additionally I wanted to thank Luda and Ilona by name, who put their hearts into organizing, recruiting other Ukrainian friends and family, and cooking a most wonderful Holy Supper week before last! We appreciate you ladies and all that you share with our Parish! God grant you all many blessed and happy years! Please sign up to host or help here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/>

Please, sign up TODAY for the **Traveling Pilgrim Vocation Icon in 2024!**
Byzantine Wall Calendars for 2024 are available on the greeting table by the Holy Water font.

Attention - 1st ALL SOULS Saturday is coming soon.

Dear Parish Family, the 2024 Spiritually Powerfull remembrances of "All Souls" will begin on Saturday, February 3rd. Using the envelope provided in your tithing envelope set or on a sheet of paper, please submit the names of those you wish to have remembered at the All Souls Divine Liturgy / Panachida on these five Saturdays. Only write the first names of the individuals to be commemorated; if the list of names is the same as last year, simply write "same as last year," or write "add the following names to my list." Return your requests to the parish office by mail or by placing them in the collection basket. Deadline for returns is Sunday, January 28th.

Two OASIS classes by Father Chris, both at the OASIS auditorium at **3301 Menaul Blvd NE, #18 (at the north end)**:

- 1. Unlikely Friends: John Paul II and Benedict XVI, January 18, 10 am - 11:30 am:** Benedict and John Paul endured persecution and hostility from the two authoritarian disasters, Nazism and Communism. They overcame their countries' hostility to forge friendship and collaboration through their joint defense of human dignity at Vatican II and thereafter. Their friendship provided the foundation for their theologies of human personhood and the centrality of Christ, affecting the modern Church in its understanding of human rights, faith, and freedom.
- 2. Revisiting Pius XII and the Holocaust, February 8, 10 am - 11:30 am:** Using recently published research at the Vatican, reviews the role of Pius XII before and during the war. Topics covered include the Nazi racial persecution of the Jews, rescue operations of the Holy See and its diplomats, challenges due to antisemitism in Allied states, and what current evidence now shows. Was Pius XII Hitler's Pope or a living saint? Did Pius XII know about the infamous ratlines? This part of history is challenging, but fascinating. Registration begins January 3 at www.oasisabq.org or call 505-884-4529.

Father Chris' NEW book, *Looking to Tomorrow: The History and Mission of the Byzantine Catholic Church* is in our bookstore. This is an 800 page, two volume set, with professionally made maps, covering the entire history of our Church from the mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius in the 9th century to today, in Central Europe and North America. It is a limited edition, and there is no other book like it, and nothing on the internet that matches the details, sources from multiple languages, and comprehensive overview of our Church's life. Cost is 80\$ per set

Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12 Noon Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe. Sponsored by the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops The Mass with the 3 Bishops of New Mexico will also be live-streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/Y2pOZX5tHuk?feature=share> There will be no march, only a prayer rally at the Roundhouse at 2pm. For more information call the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life at 505-831-8167.

Safe Environment:

The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable 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:

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Theophany : The great feast of the Theophany takes place on January 6. In the ancient Church, this was a triple feast: The Nativity of Christ (Christmas), the Adoration of the Magi (Theophany to the Gentiles) and the Baptism of Christ (Theophany to the world). In this feast, Jesus is shown standing in the waters of the river Jordan. He consents to be baptized by His cousin John, despite John's refusal, and at that moment, God the Father speaks, calling Him "My beloved Son" and the Holy Spirit descends, in the form of a dove. This is a public manifestation of the Holy Trinity, and so a manifestation of God or Theophany.

Holy Water is sanctified at the Vigil Liturgy on January 5 when the Holy Spirit descends in response to the prayer of the priest. Holy Water should be taken home and used frequently. Holy Water can be used by any Christian to bless a room, children, animals, plants. It is especially used against the presence of the devil, to dispel bad dreams, and for sickness in addition to medicines. If you have Holy Water from last year, pour it out against a wall where no animal can walk on it, and bring your containers to church on January 5th for the Great Sanctification of Water.

It is an old custom to have a holy water font by the door, so as to bless oneself when going out of the house (though in New Mexico these dry out fast!).

Why bless the house every year with holy water?

The house is the center for the family, where individuals spend a lot of their time, and the place of the Domestic Church. This is where we pray, work, love, build our lives. It is THE place to claim for the Kingdom of God, where the Lord wants to be fully present.

Every home suffers spiritually during the year – fights, bad dreams, illness, miscommunication. Blessing the house at the start of the New Year is a wonderful way to heal the house, to bring in the blessing of the Holy Trinity as we move from Christmas to the preparation for Lent.

We have to be vigilant at driving out the evil one and his minions, at getting rid of bad influences by bringing in sanctified water to purify our hearts, and to distribute God's holiness through the sprinkling of the holy water into our homes!

I Have Called You by Name by Laurie Bienz

I heard my name being called. I answered, "Yes Lord."

Into my darkness: He brings His light.

Into my valley of death: He brings life everlasting.

Into my pain and hurt: He brings forgiveness and healing.

Into my chaos: He brings order.

Into my noise: He brings silence.

Into my isolation: He brings friendship.

Into my loneliness and despair: He brings Hope

Into my broken heart: He brings compassion and great love.

Into my restless soul: He brings peace.

He sees a homeless child and taking my outstretched hand, He gently leads me home saying,
"You are mine!"

"Yes. I am fully yours, I answer. Thank you, Jesus



**SAINT NICHOLAS PLAY
2023**

