

Thomas Sunday / April 16, 2023 / Festival One



CHRIST IS RISEN!

In this difficult time, I wish you a Blessed and Happy Easter.

May the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ become our victory and the beginning of a new life. Risen Lord, Bless our country, give us peace and protect our soldiers.

Yours in Christ, Mons. NIL

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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!

Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am 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
ECF Classes
- Apr 17 Mon** ***Simeon of Persia Venerable-Martyr / Acts 3:19-26; Jn 2:1-11***
9:00 am +Molly Chavez by Talamantes
- Apr 18 Tue** ***John Venerable / Acts 4:1-10; Jn 3:16-21***
9:00 am +Lorenzo Paez by Talamantes
6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM / Topic: Humanae Vitae
- Apr 19 Wed** ***John the Hermit Venerable / Acts 4:13-22; Jn 5:17-24***
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm +Robert Mendoza by Svenssons
- Apr 20 Thu** ***Theodore the Hairshirt Wearer, Venerable / Acts 4:23-31; Jn 5:24-30***
9:00 am Nut Roll making for the Bazaar
- Apr 21 Fri** ***Januarius and Others Bishop-Martyr / Acts 5:1-11; Jn 5:30-6:2***
 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas
6:00 pm +Flavio & +Margaret Saavedra by Talamantes
- Apr 22 Sat** ***Theodore Sykeot Venerable / Acts 5:21-33; Jn 6:14-27***
9:00 am (masks required) +Emma & +Far Far Svensson by Svenssons
- Apr 23 Sun** ***Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers / George Great-Martyr***
Acts 6:1-7 & Acts 12:1-11; Mk 15:43 –16:8 & Jn 15:17-16:2
4:00 pm Vespers
5:00 pm God's blessing on Joseph Montoya by Juanita Montoya
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Isaiah 43:9-14; Wisdom 3:1-9; Wisdom 4:7-15
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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	Sorlah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Brent Dodson-	Lori Medina	Jordan Smith
Sands	Michael Baron	Janet Worthing-
Lara Davis	Gabriel Preisler	ton
Carol Donlin	Jessica Pieniadz	Patti Klinkovsky
Marcie Dark	Rhonda	Matt Williamson
Jesse Hebert	Glasscock	James Epstein
Fr. Chris Zegger	Amber Roybal	Katy Ford
Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Alton & Barbara
Jacob McTernan	Juanita Montoya	Bertschinger

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

“If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven...” The priestly life is a beautiful way to bring forgiveness to this world. Is God calling you or someone that you know to consider this life, other holy orders, or the monastic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving?

Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Vocation Icon

Today: Donlin Family
Next Sunday: Grega Family



Holy Father’s Intentions April For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens. .



April 23, 2023

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek :

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Lucy & Daniel Brewer

Counters: Rita Montano

& Miles Gloetzner

Propers for 4/23/2023

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing
Women;**

Great Martyr George

Troparia (Myrrh-Bearers) - 177-8

Troparion (George) - 332

v. Glory...

Kontakion (George) - 333

v. Now & Ever

Kontakion (Pascha)- 179

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 180

& 333-4

Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 167

Our Father- 167

Communion Hymn - 168 & 78

Dismissal - 170

OLPH Prayer Warriors

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

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

Alicia's Hall Report

Christ is Risen! What a glorious Pascha celebration on Sunday! Thanks to all who shared their bountiful Easter Baskets. Have a blessed Pascha season!

Please sign up to host or co-host the social here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph>

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

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Mon Apr 24	6:30 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Sat May 6	Annual Byzantine Bazaar 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Wed May 17 Thu May 18	Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sat May 27	5th All Souls Saturday 9:00 am All Souls Liturgy /Panachida
Mon June 5	Start of the Apostles Fast
Sat Jun 24 Fri Jun 23	Birth of John the Baptist / Solemn Feast 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Litija
Thu Jun 29 Wed Jun 28	SS Peter & Paul/ Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Litija
Sun Jul 2	OLPH Patronal Feast Day
Thu Jul 20 Wed Jul 19	Elijah Great Prophet / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Cars
Tue August 1	Beginning of Dormition Fast
Mon Aug 14 Tue Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud / Liturgy/ Blessing of Flowers 9:00 am Liturgy / Myrovanije

God's blessing and congratulations to James and Anjessa Ervin on completing their Christian Initiation during Paschal Vigil Liturgy last Saturday. They received Holy Mystery of Chrismation and First Holy Communion. Grant O Lord to your servants James and Anjessa peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!!!

God's blessing and congratulations to Theia Serna on completing her Christian Initiation during Paschal Vigil Liturgy last Saturday. She was Chrismated and received the First Holy Communion. Grant O Lord to your servant Theia peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!!!

Dear Parish Family, this year's **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** collection will take place the weekend of April 22/23. Our Eparchy receives a substantial blessing each year as a recipient of the Catholic Home Mission grant. I am not exaggerating when I say that our Eparchy has received over \$1 million dollars in recent years from Catholic Home Missions Grant. **PLEASE**, prayerfully consider a gift to an organization that has truly been a financial lifeline to the Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity

OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR this year is Saturday, May 6th, 10am - 3pm. We are once again asking for homemade baked goods. There is a Bakers' signup sheets is available on the greeting table by the Holy Water font. We will sell whole cakes, whole pies, breads, cookies by the dozen etc. Please, think about making your favorite baked goods. Traditional Eastern European bakery products are most popular. Make sure that cakes and pies are in containers that will be sold with the item. Your items must be visible. If we know in advance exactly what you are making, we can make professional tags and have professional boxes. Please, no gluten free or sugar free - they do not sell. Breads (which sell very well) can be either sweet or savory. There will be baking day for kolachi, so that is already covered. All baked goods must be brought to the church the Friday May 5th before the Bazaar. If you have questions or need ideas, please, see Rafael or Alicia.

Thank you!

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2023: Collected to date: **\$5,685.00**. Thank you to: Beverly Stockton, Mary Alice Cooper & Eva Schuler. Our parish goal this year is **\$18,320.60 which comes down to \$300.00 per Family**. Parishes meeting their goals will receive a 10% rebate on the goal amount.

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. **Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. Thank you!**

Parish Hall and Kitchen renovations coming soon: Dear Parish Family, we have been planning these renovations yet in 2019 but the pandemic put things on the backburner. The plan has been set up to start the works after Sunday May 7th. The following renovations will be completed in the course of approximately 6-8 weeks:

- 1) New tile floor for the hall/ hallway/children's play room and kitchen area
- 2) Electricity / sewer / water line updates in the kitchen area
- 3) Installation of the new kitchen cabinets / countertops

- 4) Purchase / installation of the new kitchen appliances (stoves, sink, dish washer etc)

During the renovations the hall area / the hall bathroom / kitchen and the gift shop will not be available. We will be using outside patio / Alvarado Park for Sunday socials.

The 2023 Alive in Christ camp: This ascetical boot camp is Boys 7-17 and their fathers will be July 13-16 at Black Diamond Camp in Auburn, Washington state. **The registration for the Camp is open now! You may register via mail or online at <https://www.ephx.org/alive-in-christ-registration>.**

For more info please, contact: Deacon Jonathan Deane at: dcndeane@ephx.org

Thomas Sunday

Today is the **eighth day** after Pascha. It is the eighth day of the Resurrection, and it is the commemoration of the appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles and most especially, Thomas, who doubted the testimony of the apostles and holy women and insisted he would not believe unless “I put my fingers into the wounds” of Jesus’ body. **Eight is significant in biblical theology, as it signifies more than completion, more than fullness - it is the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come.** This is the eighth day of Pascha, and Thomas now understands exactly Who Jesus, and that His Kingdom is beyond earthly time!

In the Roman rite, this is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. If you wish to obtain the indulgence, participation in our Liturgy fulfills the requirement of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, however the liturgical observance is the ancient one of Saint Thomas.

It is worth noting that the inscriptions of **Icons of this event never say “Unbelief”** or “Doubting” regarding Thomas. In Greek, the inscription reads **Η ψηλάφηση του Θωμά**, that is, the **“Touching of Thomas”**, making no reference to Thomas’ doubt and implying *Jesus* touching Thomas, both in body and soul, and not the other way around. In Slavic icons, the meaning is even clearer because the inscriptions always read **Уверение Фомы**, i.e., the “Assurance of Thomas.”

Usually, English icons mistranslate the Greek and Slavonic and inscribe their icons “The Belief of Thomas”. They miss the point: the Slavonic emphasizes **that Jesus assures Thomas of the reality of His resurrection, His glorified body which still is wounded, His living presence**. So too, for us moderns who think we know everything – Christ touches *us*, Christ comes to *us*. He takes the initiative, and **we are healed as a result**.

New Evangelization at work: Pray to Saint Thomas for his help, and then invite someone who is weak in their faith to read the Scripture passage from John, or to hear the story again, and then talk to them about **how the Byzantine Catholic Church interprets the event as an assurance from Jesus, not a condemnation**, and of Thomas’ growth in faith, not his doubts. And then **invite them to let Christ touch them, come to them, help them by coming to Divine Liturgy** with you. Invite them for next Sunday, to come to worship and then to go out for “breaking of the bread” someplace (your treat) and listen to their faith story, and agree to walk with them on their journey. You have no idea what the Holy Spirit can do in and through us – be open!

ARTOS BLESSING AND BREAKING

A distinguishing feature of the Thomas Sunday service is the blessing and breaking of the Artos. This is a large Pascha that was set aside on Easter Sunday for today’s celebration. **The significance of the Artos** is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: ***I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst*** (Jn 6:35) After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples, ate before them and with them.

The miracle of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) is not so much His glorified appearance and then disappearance, as the **key phrase “they recognized him in the breaking of the bread.”** At that moment, when He again recited the words from the Last Supper, the disciples knew who He was, and then He disappeared. So too with this Artos, we are supposed to **spiritually recognize Jesus as it is blessed, broken, and then eaten by the whole community**.

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:

Subdeacon Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Program Coordinator

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