

September 3, 2023 / T one 5
14th Sunday After Pentecost
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



This is the day of the Lord; Rejoice, therefore, O nations! Behold, the chamber of Light and the scroll of the living Word has come forth from the womb. The gate that opens to the Rising Sun and is ready for the entrance of the High Priest is here today. She is the only one who introduced Christ, and Christ alone, into the world for the salvation of our souls
(From Festal Matins)

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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

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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 per-
son 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 infor-
mation. You can do a one-time donation or set-
up weekly donations!! 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 sys-
tem. 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 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Matthew 22:1-14

- 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
- Sept 4 Mon** ***Labor Day / Babylas Bishop Martyr/ Moses Prophet / Gal 2:11-16; Mk 5:24-34***

No Liturgy
- Sept 5 Tue** ***Zachary Prophet and Elizabeth / Gal 2:21-3:7; Mk 6:1-7***

No Liturgy
6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at Aquinas Newman Center
- Sept 6 Wed** ***Miracle of the Archangel Michael / Gal 3:15-22; Mk 6:7-13***

No OLPH Devotions
No Liturgy
- Sept 7 Thu** ***Sozon Martyr / Gal 3:23-4:5; Mk 6:30-45***
- Sept 8 Fri** ***Birth of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day /Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas
6:00 pm Liturgy / main celebrant Fr. Tyler / Pro-Life by Svenssons
- Sept 9 Sat** ***Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross / Synaxis of Joachim and Anna
1 Cor 2:6-9; Mat 10:37-11:1***

10:30am—4:00 pm Explorers Youth Meeting
- Sept 10 Sun** ***Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross / Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17***

4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE
5:00 pm Liturgy / main celebrant Fr Tyler / Health of Barbara Svensson by Svenssons
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Numbers 30:2-10; 1 Samuel 6:2-7.10-15; Sirach 35:11-21
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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
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Brent Dodson-	Lori Medina	Jordan Smith
Sands	Michael Baron	Janet Worthinton
Lara Davis	Gabriel Preisler	Patti Klinkovsky
Carol Donlin	Jessica Pieniadz	Matt Williamson
Marcie Dark	Rhonda	James Epstein
Jesse Hebert	Glasscock	Katy Ford
Fr Chris Zuggar	Amber Roybal	Alton & Barbara
Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Bertschinger
Fr Robert Rankin	Juanita Montoya	Sean Barlow
Fr. Steve Washko	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 September For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

"Indeed, many are called but few are chosen!" Our Lord shows mercy to all and calls each of us to our own particular vocation. Will we respond to his call with an open heart? For most of us, this is the life of the family, the domestic Church. For some of us, he is calling us to consider a life as a priest, deacon, monk, or a nun, to build up his kingdom and celebrate the wedding feast of the Lord in a special way. If this may be his will for you or someone you know, please call the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon
Today: Carol Donlin
Next Sunday:
Sullivan Family

September 10, 2023

Cantor: Evie Jilek
 Reader: Brook Jilek
 Altar Server: Michael Grega
 Trojca: Alaina Riley
 Counters: Mary Blain & Cindy Loescher

**Propers for 9/10/23
 Sunday before the Exaltation
 of the Cross
 Post-Festive Day of Nativity of
 Theotokos / Tone 6**

Troparion-(Tone 6)- 152
 Troparion (Nativity) - 243
v. Glory...
 Kontakion (Nativity) 243
v. Now & Ever...
 Theotokion - 406
 Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 251
 Magnification & Irmos - 243
 Our Father - 70
 Communion - 78 & 246 [A]

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

A huge thank you to Taylor for picking up Einstein bagels and cream cheese and serving on Sunday- what a nice birthday gift! Thanks to all who contributed to our bagel social- Katy, Lo, Julia, Taylor, Clare, and everyone who brought sides to share! Please sign up to help in any way that you can, host or co-host a social: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph>. Also, if you have any extra **metal utensils** in good shape to donate to our kitchen, please bring them in! We could use about 30-40 more forks and spoons. Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Thu Sep 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ Solemn Holy Day
Wed Sep 13	6:00 pm Rite of the Exaltation of the Cross Vigil Liturgy
Mon Sep 18	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Sun Oct 1	Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos
Oct 16-20	Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ
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
Tue, Nov 14	Beginning of Phillip's Fast
Tue Nov 21 Mon Nov 20	Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 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 Strict Fast	9:00 am Royal Hours 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 / Blessing of Litija / Myrovanije

Aug 22 – Sept 12 Fr Artur will be in Hungary visiting and helping out his family. Fr Tyler kindly agreed to substitute for Sunday / Feast day Services during this period. Please, see the liturgical schedule in the weekly bulletins. In case of emergency please call the office 505-256-1539 or Fr Chris at 505-256-1878. God Bless you!

Learn about Our Past, Prepare for Our Future: Everyone is encouraged to attend the Assembly of our Byzantine Catholic Church at St Mary Church in Hillsborough, NJ, on Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023. Byzantine Catholics from across the United States and Canada are invited to attend. Metropolitan Archbishop William said, “Your presence and participation are vital and welcome. Please consider coming and supporting this historic Assembly 2023.” The venue includes lectures, discussions, fellowship, and a gala dinner with folk music and dancing. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>, and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

CAFE (Catholic Apologetics Fellowship Evangelization) is open to all, especially students, faculty and staff at the University of New Mexico. CAFE meets at 6 pm for pizza and drinks with talks or Ask A Priest Anything Night at 6:30 pm, on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building (SUB), on the first and third Tuesdays of the school year, starting September 5. See Father Chris for details; we learn about specific Church teachings and how to defend them, or have an evening in which anonymous questions on any Catholic topic are submitted. This is our 12th year in action!

Theology on Tap There are two Theology on Tap groups in the metropolitan area, specifically designed for young adults 18-35 but open to all 18 and up.

West Side Rio Rancho Theology on Tap meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in Corrales, NM at Village Pizza. The talks usually start at 7:00pm. There is both a Facebook group and Instagram account that is called Rrtheologyontap. They also have a page on the website for Incarnation parish Incarnation.church/tot.

East Side ABQ Theology on Tap meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Hollow Spirits Distillery. Dinner before the talks, and those start at 7 pm. Check out ABQ Catholic on Instagram or Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/abqcatholic/> .

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.

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS THE BARREN WOMAN GIVES BIRTH

The feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God is the first major feast of the Byzantine calendar. It is celebrated on September 8, and commemorates Mary's place in the great work of Redemption.

History

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary one of the oldest of the Marian solemnities, was mentioned by the Church Fathers, such as St. Epiphanius and St. John Chrysostom, in the early fifth century. Like other Marian feasts, it began to be celebrated at local level without any major solemnity. As the feast began to spread throughout the Byzantine world in the sixth and seventh century, it was celebrated with "": greater solemnity. The solemnity of the feast spread to Rome in the seventh century, and in following centuries it spread throughout the whole Western Church. In the eighth century, at the time of St Andrew of Crete (+740), the feast of Mary's nativity was already observed and celebrated in the same way as that of other major liturgical feasts of the Byzantine Church. The feast was established on September 8 because it was on that day that St. Helen, Emperor Constantine's mother, dedicated the basilica she built in Jerusalem to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tradition

The *Protoevangelium (Protevangelion)* of St James, an early Christian manuscript dating from the middle of the second century, recounts the nativity and early life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to the story, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne (Anna), were righteous and devout servants of God. They experienced great sadness in their lives because they had not been blessed with children. Their prayers for a child remained unanswered for many years. One day, when Joachim brought his offering to the Temple, Reuben the High priest rejected Joachim's offering and turned him away because Joachim had no children. Greatly distressed by these' reproaches, Joachim "retired into the wilderness" to hide his shame. As Joachim opened his heart in prayer to God in the desert, it happened that his wife Anne was praying at the same moment in her garden at their home in Jerusalem. She prayed to the Lord, saying: O God of my fathers, bless me and regard my prayer as you did bless the womb of Sarah, and gave her a son, Isaac ... what womb did bear me, that I should thus be accursed before the children of Israel, and that they should reproach and deride me in the temple of my God? While Joachim and Anne were praying at their respective places, an angel of the Lord appeared to both of them and announced that Anne shall conceive and give birth to a child whose name will "be spoken of in all the world." Joachim hurried home with the joyous news and when Anne saw him coming, she too rushed to meet him to share with him the joyous news. As time went on, Joachim and Anne had a baby daughter, whom they called Mary.

“By Your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin, / Joachim and Anna are freed from the reproach/disgrace of barrenness (ὄνειδισμού ἀτεκνίας); / Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. / And we, your people, freed from subjection to sin (ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων), celebrate and sing to you: / The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!” (Byzantine Kontakion-hymn of the Nativity of the Theotokos)

The services of the great feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos are full of difficult theological concepts, like “corruption of death” and “subjection to (liability for) sin,” referring to our human state before Christ. Even more perplexing, perhaps, is the mention of Christ annulling our “curse” in another well-known hymn of the feast: “By annulling the curse (καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν) He bestowed a blessing, by destroying death, He gave us eternal life,” it says in the Troparion-hymn. What does it all mean?

am given to understand the meaning of these terms first and foremost through a story. It is the personal story of Saints Joachim and Anna, and their “disgrace of barrenness” or “childlessness.” Before God intervened and stepped into our picture, they, like me, were unable to “live” to their full potential. Without the Source of Life stepping into our nature, separated from Him through “sin” (a loss of focus), we are cut off from His creative energies, which allow us to become truly productive and truly human. He becomes human, through His Most-Pure Mother, so that I can become my true self, freed from paralyzing “barrenness” and capable of giving birth to His word in my world. So today “the barren woman gives birth,” as He bestows His same blessing on an ever God-Bearing Church. Let me embrace this blessing, by the intercessions of the Blessed Among Women, amen! (By Sister Vassa)

Ask A Priest is for high school students in Grades 9 - 12, and usually meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm for pizza and presentations or discussions with Fr. Chris. Contact Father Chris or Jana Brewer for details. On most nights students can submit anonymous questions on any Catholic topic. We also focus on learning and defending a specific doctrine or historical event.

