

May 22, 2022 / Festal T one / Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Christ is Risen! / Indeed He is Risen



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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!

Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38

- 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 after Liturgy
- May 23 Mon** ***Michael of Synnada Bishop Confessor / Acts 17:1-15; Jn 11:47-56***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Tom and Cathy Sullivan
- May 24 Tue** ***Simeon Venerable / Acts 17:19-28; Jn 12:19-36***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Matt and Mary Blain
- May 25 Wed** ***3rd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist / 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15***
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Litija / Thanksgiving Liturgy by Svenssons
- May 26 Thu** ***Ascension of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation
Acts 1:1-12; Lk 24:36-53***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy/For Parish Families, Benefactors & Friends/ Myrovanije
6:45 pm THEOSIS Bible Study (zoom)
- May 27 Fri** ***Post-festive of Ascension/Therapont Bishop-Martyr/Acts19:1-8;Jn14:1-11***
 9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mater/Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Priscilla Hughes
- May 28 Sat** ***Post-festive of Ascension/Nicetas Bishop / Acts 20:7-12; Jn 14:10-21***
- May 29 Sun** ***Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council /
Post-festive of Ascension / Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36; Jn 17:1-13***
4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Helga Dzek
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17;
Deuteronomy 10:14-21
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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 glo-

Sharif Rabadi	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Soriah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Abraham Haddad	Christopher Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Tracy McTernan
Brent Dodson- Sands	Lori Medina	Scott Fafrak
Lara Davis	Michael Baron	Jordan Smith
Fr Chris Zugger	Gabriel Preisler	Janet Worthington
Marcie Dark	Todd Bailey	Patti Klinkovsky
Philip Leahy	Jessica Pieniadz	Matt Williamson
	Rhonda Glasscock	James Epstein
	Amber Roybal	Katy Ford
	Stephen Plante	

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 for May / *For faith-filled young people*

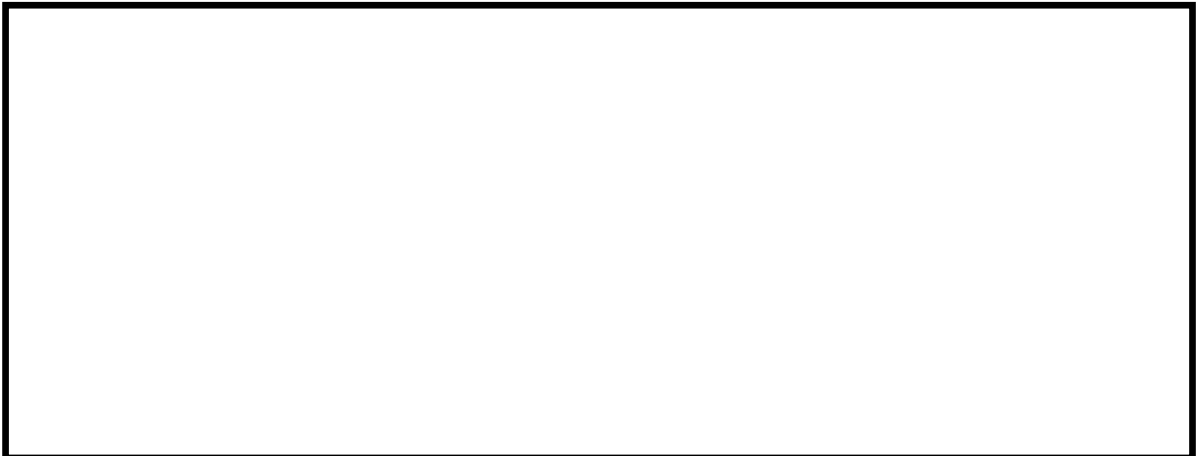
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



Vocation Icon

Today: Wells Family
Next Sunday: Carol Donlin

“One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see!” The healing love of Christ gave sight to the man born blind. Have you received the eyes to spiritually see your calling in life? Is he calling you to help the world see Him more clearly by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic or religious life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



May 29 2022

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Michael Wells
Altar Server: Michael Grega
Trojca: Alaina & Nicky Riley
Counters: Miles Gloetzner &
Rita Montano

Propers for 5/29/2022
Sunday of the Fathers at the First
Nicean Council
Postfestive day of Ascension

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn - 196-7
Troparion (Tone 6) - 197
Troparion (Ascension) - 198
Troparion (Fathers) - 198
v. Glory...
Kontakion (Fathers) - 199
v. Now & Ever...
Kontakion (Ascension)- 199
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 200
Our Father- 74
Instead of 'It Is Truly Proper' - 200
Communion Hymn - 79 & 201 [D]

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)!

Barbara's Hall Report

Taylor & Alicia made pizza with
some ingredients brought by Holly.
Foggs brought some delicious
Cajun rice with beans and sausage.
Everything was yummy!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tue May 31	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Sat June 4	5th ALL SOULS Saturday 9 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Mon June 6	Pentecost Monday/Simple Holy Day 8:00 am Liturgy/Procession around the church with reading of the Gospels
June 13-28	Apostles Fast
June 6-10	Clergy Conference in Phoenix AZ
Fri June 24	Birth of John the Baptist Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed June 29	St Peter & Paul / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Sun June 26	OLPH Patronal Feast Day
Wed July 20	Elijah Great Prophet / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Cars
Mon Aug 1	Beginning of Dormition Fast
Fri Aug 5	Transfiguration of Our Lord Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of Fruit / Myrovanije
Sat Aug 6	9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Fruit Myrovanije
Mon Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud / Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Flowers
Mon Aug 29	Beheading of John the Baptist Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Thu Sept 1	Beginning of the Church Year

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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EPARCHIAL APPEAL —Bishop's Appeal 2022: Collected to date: \$8,170.00. Our parish goal this year is \$22,054.74. Participation: registered OLPF Families 60; paid pledges by 19 families (34.78%) Thank you to: Pettit & Bonham Families If we reach our goal, our parish will receive a 10% rebate which is \$2,205.00! **Kindly give what you can to help our Eparchy and our Church. Thank you!** 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.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind / Meditation by Fr. Chris

Today the Church continues the baptismal theme and the use of water, but here spiritual blindness is removed as well as physical. In fact, icons of the miracle show the pool of Siloam in the shape of a baptismal font. It is important to note that the man "was born blind" as this emphasizes the power of the miracle. This is not removal of cataracts but the giving of sight for the first time, to someone born without vision.

The Byzantine Catholic Church also continues the Pentecostal theme, because the later history of Jewish Christians being expelled from synagogues is put into this story from Jesus' lifetime. The Holy Spirit strengthens us in persecution: this newly cured man loses everything because he defends both Jesus and the miraculous cure. His parents are afraid to back him up, he can't go into the synagogue, and his very identity is challenged! When he hears the voice of Jesus, he worships Him, recognizing that this is the Man who not only gave him physical sight, but also that He must be divine. He had been sent to Siloam, and now he has a double gift, of seeing physically and spiritually, and being sent onto a new journey of life.

John's Gospel story of the cure of the man born blind reflects the later tension that arose as Jews were divided over whether to worship Christ as God or not. Christians of Jewish ancestry were expelled from the synagogues after the Roman destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD for these reasons:

1. Their belief that Jesus was God and Man, and the Messiah.
2. They saw the Old Testament books as predicting His virginal conception, Passion, and Resurrection
3. As seen in the Acts of the Apostles, the Christians abandoned the restrictions of the Mosaic law and incorporated Gentiles without mandating Jewish rituals of conversion.

4. Another point was that the Jewish Christians left Jerusalem for the Jordanian town of Pella in the year 70 AD, led by Bishop Simeon I, in response to prompting by the Holy Spirit, before the city was surrounded by the Romans' siege. That was a decisive blow to end unity between Jewish Christians and the Jewish people.

The story of the Man Born Blind contains all these elements of the schism between Judaism and Christianity. The question for us today is: how faithful would I be to Christ and His Church when faced with persecution?

When I am challenged about my faith, do I defend it, or just sit quietly?

Christ calls us all to Him, but we might have to pay a price to follow Him.

Holy Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Ascension Thursday comes at the end of the forty days of Pascha. On Wednesday morning, the Easter canon is sung for the last time, and then the Plaschanitsa is removed from the altar and can be laid in the tomb for the faithful to venerate one last time for the year, before it is put away.

This is a holy day of obligation. If you cannot attend services here, you should try to participate in Mass in a Roman rite parish, even though it will not be the Mass of the Ascension (the archdiocese has moved it to Sunday).

After forty days of different appearances and teaching, Jesus summons the apostles to a final meeting with him. The most detailed rendering is in St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. In all of the accounts, Our Lord takes the Eleven Apostles out to Mount Olivet, where He gives His last teaching: that they are to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes to them, the "power from on high"; that He will be with us always, until the end of time; and that they are to proclaim the gospel around the world. Then He ascends into heaven. In Luke, two men, who represent Moses and Elijah, tell the apostles to go back and wait for the Holy Spirit, just as the two angels had announced the resurrection to the myrrh-bearing women.

The Icons of the Ascension always show Our Lady in the center: she is there as His Mother but also as the first witness of the Good News of our salvation. She will be there again in both Pentecost icons and the account of Pentecost in Acts. In most of the icons, the apostles are shown in movement, but Mary is always shown standing still, her arms lifted up in the Orans position, in silent prayer.

All of them together represent the united Church, active and contemplative. Jesus is generally shown in a mandorla* of glory, His robes bright, and His hands raised up in blessing. Often angels are shown in the act of lifting Him up in a cloud toward heaven. It is worth noting that when the Jews spoke about divine glory, they would often say a radiant cloud, which was the Divine Presence, the Shekhina of YHWH. The mandorla is this Shekhina of God confirming Jesus' divinity.

Beginning on Friday, there are nine days of prayer to prepare for Pentecost: the first novena. In this nine-day octave, the ancient church gathered for daily prayer and "breaking of the bread" (the Holy Eucharist) in the upper room, the room of the Last Supper, while "they were continually in the Temple praising God."

*A mandorla is set around Jesus in an icon to demonstrate that what is happening is out of the worldly experience: it is used in the Transfiguration, Descent to Hades, and Ascension.

In His human body, the Lord returned to the glory He has at the right hand of the Father on high. In this way, He lifts our human nature to deification and is enthroned as the High Priest Who has suffered human death, yet is risen for the sake of His human life. We glorify the Lord and await His coming again in glory.

---- Fr. David Petras, in the Typikon of the Byzantine Catholic Church

God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family member Niccolo Teodoro Salazar!!!
Last Saturday, we formally welcomed little Niccolo into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as he received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-Holy Eucharist) at the 5pm Divine Liturgy. May the Lord grant to the God loving Salazar Family: Jose, Mia, Victorio, Karina, Stephania, Chiara and newly enlightened warrior of Christ Niccolo, peace health and happiness for many and blessed years!



Prayer of Exorcism over Catechumen

Traveling Vocation Icon