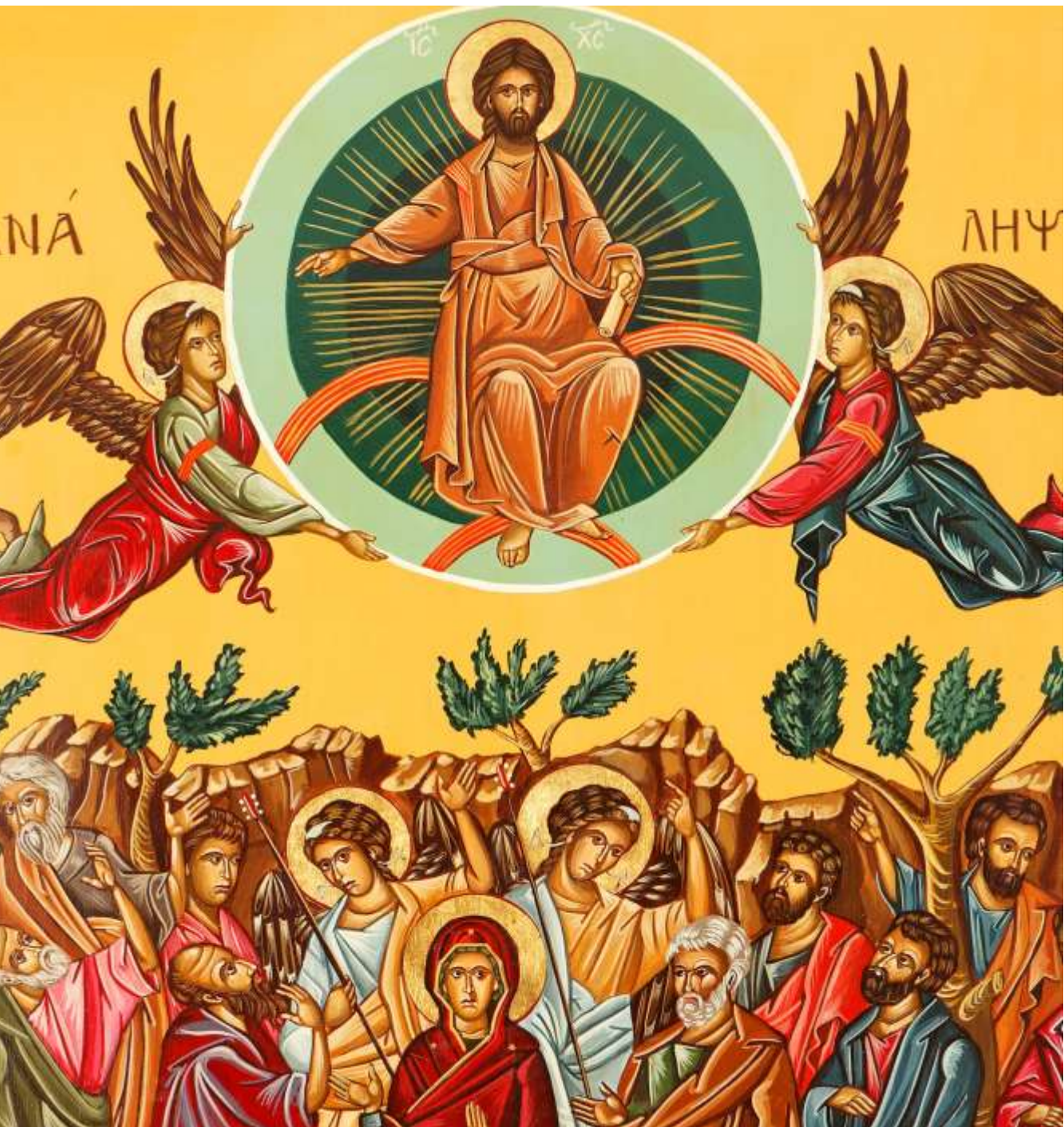


May 5, 2024 / Sunday of the Man Bon Blind/ Festal T one

Christ is Risen! / Indeed He is Risen



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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 appointment 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 receive 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 percentage 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!

Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-18

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / for the Parish Family/main celebrant Fr Tyler
- ECF Classes** Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- May 6 Mon** ***Job Venerable / Acts 17:1-15; Jn 11:47-56***
No Divine Liturgy
- May 7 Tue** ***Appearance of the Sign of the Cross / Acts 17:19-28; Jn 12:19-36***
No Divine Liturgy
- May 8 Wed** ***John Apostle and Evangelist / 1 Jn 1:1-7; Jn 19:25-27 & 21:24-25***
6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Holy Souls by Svenssons/main celebrant Fr Tyler
- May 9 Thu** ***Ascension of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation / Acts 1:1-12; Lk 24:36-53***
9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family/main celebrant Fr Tyler
- May 10 Fri** ***Simon the Zealot Apostle / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 13:54-58***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
No Divine Liturgy
- May 11 Sat** ***Cyril and Methodius Apostles to the Slavs / Heb 13:17-21; Jn 10:9-16***
10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorers Youth Group
- May 12 Sun** ***Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council / Mother's Day Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36; Jn 17:1-13***
4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live)
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
YouTube LIVE Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21
Deuteronomy 11:1-8; Wisdom 4:15-20; Zechariah 8:1-8
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Christopher Webb and his Family
(Erin, Jordyn, Christian, Ashtin) by Lara Davis/main celebrant Fr Chris Andrews
8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / for the Parish Family/main celebrant Fr Chris Andrews
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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	Christopher
Jenny Ford	Harry & Barbara	Barlow
Marilyn Fore	De Lap	Jordan Smith
Sven & Barbara	Irene Bradley	Janet Worthington
Svensson	Soriah Chavez	Patti Klinkovsky
Laurie Bienz	Abraham Haddad	Matt Williamson
Brent Dodson-	Marianne Gerace	James Epstein
Sands	Michael Baron	Katy Ford
Lara Davis	Gabriel Preisler	Alton & Barbara
Carol Donlin	Jessica Pieniadz	Bertschinger
Marcie Dark	Rhonda	Madalyn Davis
Jesse Hebert	Glasscock	Rebecca Russo
Fr Chris Zuggger	Amber Roybal	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Paola Terlaza
Fr Robert Rankin	Juanita Montoya	Vicki Frank
Fr. Steve Washko	Linda Granci	Jennifer Herring

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 / May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Grant us eyes to see the beauty of your face, so that we may see everything clearly. We humbly ask that you help your servants to see our vocation, to respond to it and follow it all the days of our lives, so that we may bring healing to this world, we pray you hear and have mercy.

“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



Vocation Icon

Today: Montano Family
Next Sunday:
Brewer Family

May 12, 2024

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Michael Wells

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: TBD

Counters: Mary Blain, Ann Rajala

Propers for 5/12/2024

**Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nic-
an 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 - 201

Be Exalted - 202

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 in-
formation, and/or would like for us to pray
for your intentions, please contact Patricia
at pcb@unm.edu

Alicia's Hall Report

Last Sunday we celebrated Fr. Tyler's and
Esther's birthdays with cakes and salads
of all sorts. God grant you many blessed
and happy years, Fr. Tyler! Thanks for
being our shepherd while Fr. Artur is
gone! Thanks to everyone who brought
salads- chicken salads, pasta salads,
steamed veggies, crackers, bread, straw-
berries, citrus fruits, and all the desserts
as well! The fellowship was wonderful, as
always! Next Sunday is Mothers' Day!!!
Call to DADS and KIDS: help make the
day special by making your Mom's/Wife's
favorite dish to share at the potluck and
help clean! :) Please sign up here: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/
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Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tue May 14	6:00 pm Father Chris' talk on the History of OLPH 1974—2024
Sat May 18	5th All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Liturgy followed by Panachida
Mon May 20	Pentecost Monday/ Holy Day 6:00 pm Liturgy/ Procession with reading of four Gospels
Tue May 21	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Mon May 27	Beginning of Apostles Fast
Jun 3 - Jun 7	Annual Clergy Conference in Albuquerque
Mon Jun 24	Birth of John the Baptist / Solemn Feast 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
June 27-30	ByzanTeen Youth Rally at the University of San Diego
June 29	Peter and Paul Preeminent Apostles Holy Day of Obligation
Fri June 28	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun July 7	50th Jubilee OLPH Patronal Feast
July 20 Fri July 19	Elijah Great Prophet / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy /Blessing of cars
Thurs Aug 1 Wed Jul 31	Beginning of Dormition Fast 6:00 pm Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
Mon Aug 5 Tue Aug 6	Transfiguration of Our Lord / Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Fruit 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Fruit
Wed Aug 14 Thurs Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud / Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Flowers 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Thu Aug 29 Wed Aug 28	Beheading of John the Baptist Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine liturgy
Tue Oct 15	Celebration of the OLPH 50th Jubilee 3:30 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Dinner at Sheraton 7:30 pm Dancing with a live band (Die Polka Schlingels)

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2024

The Annual Eparchial Appeal this year runs from **February 1st to August 31st**. The pledge form and information for the appeal was mailed directly from the Bishop's office to your home.

Collected to date: **\$7,412.00**. Thank you to the following individuals / families: Laurie Bienz. Our parish goal for this year is **\$17,860.00** which bring it down to **\$300.00 per family**. We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your support!

FNE Mother's Day Cards For Sale!

The Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) Sangre de Cristo Group are selling Mother's Day cards for \$5 each. There will be a rosary prayed for the intentions of the mothers who receive the cards. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the FNE group as they continue to grow. Contact Andrea Riley at andrea.riley@gmail.com or 505-220-9137 for more information.

May 5 – May 16 Fr Artur will be visiting his family in Hungary. Fr Christopher Andrews, Administrator of St Philip Byzantine Catholic Church in Sacramento CA will be the main celebrant for the Holy Services on weekend of May 11/12. Please, see the Liturgical schedule in the bulletin for more detailed info. In case of sacramental emergency please, call Fr Chris or Fr Tyler. Thank you!

Trust and Love by Laurie Bienz

One evening as Jesus and I settled down for our usual talk, He asked me, "How do you trust?" "With all my heart, all my mind, all my strength, my whole being," was my confident response. We sat quietly together as I considered what trust was when Jesus surprised me with another question. "How long do you trust?" "I trust until..." my voice trails off. That qualifier – until...-- I never wanted to think about what it meant, yet it spoke volumes. "Finish the thought," He urged me, "Until what?" With great reluctance I go on, "Until my trust is broken, until I am hurt, betrayed, abandoned," I could not go on. We sat quietly together for a while and thought about that qualifier – until. "What are you thinking?" Jesus asked. "That my trust is very weak," I answered. He asked another question, "How strong is your faith?" "What does faith have to do with trust?" I ask. "Think about it," He suggested. After a bit of thought, I begin, "Faith lets me hear you call my name. Hope allows me to reach out to You. Love keeps me beside You. In a quiet voice I say, "All three, faith, hope and love require trust." "Go on," He urged, "What does the qualifier do?" I answer, "It weakens faith and hope. It blocks love." I go on in a whisper, "there can be no love without trust and without trust faith and hope die." I turn to face Jesus, with outstretched hands and tear-filled eyes, I tell Him. "Take these qualifiers Lord, I want nothing between us!" "Yes," Jesus tells me and taking me in His arms, He gently holds me. There I rest securely in the love of Jesus.

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 Coordinator**

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Sunday of the Man Born Blind We continue the baptismal theme and the use of water, but here spiritual blindness is removed as well as physical. It is important to note that the man “was born blind” as this emphasizes the power of the miracle. And we continue the Pentecostal theme as well, because the later history of Jewish Christians being expelled from synagogues is moved into this story from Jesus’ lifetime. The Holy Spirit strengthens us in persecution: this newly cured man loses everything because he defends Jesus and the miraculous cure. But when he hears the voice of Jesus, he worships Him. When Jesus was alive, those who believed in Him were not thrown out of synagogues. That happened only in the 80s of the first century. John’s Gospel takes an incident of his church’s experience and puts it into the time of Jesus’ preaching, in order to make a point to his local church: this is how you should respond, with faith. The young man confesses that Jesus is the Son of God! He is one of the very first in the gospel to do so. He loses everything, but finds strength and peace alike in that profession of faith: would I be willing to do so?

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 of Santa Fe 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 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 angels, 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 the newly Baptized servant of God Nicholas Thornton

On Wednesday April 17th we formally welcomed newborn Nicholas into God's Family as he received the Holy Mystery of Baptism at the 6pm Divine Liturgy.

Gant, O Lord to the newly enlightened servant of God Nicholas and his family peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!



CHURCHING OF HEBERT TWINS: Aden and Noah