

May 7, 2023 / Festal T one / Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Christ is Risen! / Indeed He is Risen



Tomb of Saint Nicholas in Bari, Italy

May 9 is the feast of the two patron saints of travelers: Translation of the Relics of St Nicholas of Myra and St Christopher. After Myra was taken by the Turks, there was a very real danger that the church of Saint Nicholas would be turned into a mosque and his relics vandalized. Myra and Bari had a long history of mutual trade and devotion to Saint Nicholas, patron of sailors. In 1087 merchants from Bari removed the sacred relics and carried the body of the saint to Italy. There he reposes in a magnificent shrine built by the Greek and Latin Christians of the city, and there the relics still give off "myrrh", a clear liquid that is used to anoint the sick. Cures still take place at the tomb. In Myra, meanwhile, the Christians were indeed expelled and services forbidden in the original shrine, which is now a ruin.

St. Christopher - this popular saint has been acclaimed as the protector of travelers since ancient times. All we know for certain is that he was a soldier killed in Antioch circa 250 AD. He was a tall and strong man, a Canaanite who converted to Christianity. His legend says that while seeking to serve the greatest king on earth, a little boy asked the future saint to carry him on his shoulders across a river. As the saint did so, the little boy's weight got heavier and heavier, and the exhausted ferryman was happy to deposit his little charge on the opposite bank. At this, the boy revealed Himself to be Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, Who carried the sins of the world. Christ told him that now he would be named Christ-carrier, or Christopher. The divine Child told Christopher to thrust his traveler's staff into the ground, and it bloomed into a big tree, which is why his staff is always shown with green leaves on it. He is also shown with a cross, as a sign that he died as a martyr for the Christ whom he carried that day. The practice of painting St. Christopher and Jesus by the house or church door, or on the last house on the road leading out of a town are based on the saying that if you saw St. Christopher, all would be well. This was later translated into the practice of wearing or displaying medals of the saint as patron of travelers. While the Roman Church did drop his feast day along with many other ancient saints of whom little was known back in the 1960s, he remains a saint in good standing. Every baptized Christian should be a Christ-carrier, as people who reveal Jesus to the world.

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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):**

9:00—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)

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).

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!

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 11:19-26 & 29-30; Jn 4:5-42

- 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
- May 8 Mon** ***Post-festive of Mid-Pentecost / John Apostle & Evangelist***
1 John 1:1-7; John 19:25-27 & 21:24
9:00 am Pro-Life Liturgy by Svenssons
- May 9 Tue** ***Post-Festive of Mid-Pentecost / Isaiah Prophet / Acts 12:25-13:12; John 8:51-29***
9:00 am +Elsie Sanchez by Svenssons
- May 10 Wed** ***Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost / Simon the Zealot Apostle***
1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 13:54-58
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus: +Joe Donlin, +John Schuler, +Demetrius Yackanich and +George Saade by Svenssons
- May 11 Thu** ***Cyril & Methodius Apostles to the Slavs / Heb 13:17-21; Jn 10:9-16***
6:45 pm THEOSIS (zoom)
- May 12 Fri** ***Epiphanius & Germanus Bishops / Acts 15:5-34; Jn 10:17-28***
 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas
6:00 pm Healing and Salvation of Fr Robert Rankin
- May 13 Sat** ***Glyceria Martyr / Acts 15:35-41; Jn 10:27-38***
9:00 am (masks required) God's Blessing on OLPH Prayer Warriors Group by Svenssons
- May 14 Sun** ***Sunday of the Man Born Blind / Mother's Day / Acts 16:16-34; Jn 9:1-38***
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm +Dmytro Dzek by Helga Dzek
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
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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	Sorilah 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 Zuger	Amber Roybal	Katy Ford
Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Alton & Barbara
Fr. Robert Rankin	Juanita Montoya	Bertschinger
	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

“We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world, the Christ.” The saving love of Christ quenched the thirst of the Samaritan woman. He wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Are you open to bringing that saving love to the world by becoming a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Vocation Icon

Today: Carol Donlin
Next Sunday: Fr Artur



Holy Father's Intentions May

For church movements and groups.

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



May 14, 2023

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Michael Wells :
Altar Server: Michael Grega
Trojca: Yvonne Serna
Counters: Mary Blain &
Cindy Loescher

**Propers for 5/14/2023
Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

Troparion (Tone 5) - 189
v. Glory...

Kontakion (Blind Man) - 189
v. Now & Ever

Kontakion (Paschal) - 189
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 190
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!!

Gift Certificates are available to purchase at our Gift Shop. Sincere thank yous go to Dan Riley for helping with design and essential security features.

OASIS registration opens for classes: Fr Chris is teaching "The Catholic Church inside the Third Reich" - Catholic resistance to the Nazis in Germany and Austria, featuring the triumphs and errors of the leadership, underground aid given to Jews, and the brave struggles of ordinary people against Hitler and his crazed ideas. May 25, 10 am - 11:30 am, \$12. Register

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

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 May 29	Pentecost Monday / Holy Day 6:00pm Liturgy/Procession with reading of the 4 Gospels
Mon June 5	Start of the Apostles Fast 6:30 pm Advisory Board Meeting
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
Aug 7- Aug 11	Clergy Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada
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

Alicia's Hall Report

Last Sunday we had a feast with french toast casserole, yogurt from the Davidson-Talleys, milk from Weagle Family, granola and cereal from the kitchen pantry, cheese and other goodies from the Serna family, scrumptious homemade barbecued chicken from the Katy Ford and Matt and goat meat from the Gloetzner's freshly butchered goat! Thanks to all who brought food, set up, served and cleaned up!

Today after Divine Liturgy we'll clear out the kitchen completely for the renovations! Please come into the social hall to join in our last social before the remodel and help pack up the kitchen. We do need to thin out so there will be an opportunity to take some dishes and foods home. There are also dishes that have been left over the years- so please come take a look and collect what is yours!

Today is the last Sunday that Fr. Chris will be hearing confessions in the room in the hall. Due to the renovations taking place, he will return to the sanctuary and hear Confessions on Sunday mornings at the top of the ramp. You are also welcome to make an appointment for your confession to be heard during the week. Please remember that once we reach the "Holy God" in the Divine Liturgy he will stop hearing confessions and continue again after the Liturgy has concluded. Thank you!

+Rosemary Macken (Grammy) funeral information from Alicia:

OLPH Family, many of you knew and loved my Grammy Rosemary Macken and she loved you! We would be so happy for you who knew her to join us in praying for her soul and celebrating her life at Risen Savior Catholic Community. She will be buried in St. Louis with my Grandpa. Archbishop Wester will celebrate her funeral mass here, and she will be buried in St. Louis with my Grandpa.

Funeral will be celebrated at Risen Savior Catholic Church (Address: 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, Phone: (505) 821-1571)

On Wednesday, May 17th:

9:00 am Visitation, Rosary, Eulogy

10:00 am Holy Mass

11am Luncheon in the parish hall and sharing of memories and stories.

The main dish will be provided. You can sign up to bring side dishes and desserts here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aaaaa2aa4f94-grammy#/>

Thank you for being a beautiful part of her life in Albuquerque!

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2023: Collected to date: **\$6,085.00**. Thank you to: the Griffith Family
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 start this Monday May 8th. 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.

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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- or -

Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michael Hanafin

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

On this Sunday, our Church remembers the meeting of Jesus Christ with the Samaritan Woman. Jesus has stopped to rest from a long journey, and the woman comes to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. In the first century, Jewish men weren't supposed to speak to Samaritan women, and certainly not without their husbands present. Yet hers is the longest conversation that Jesus has with any one individual — male or female — in the entire Bible. Our tradition has named her Φωτεινή (Fotini), meaning the illuminated one. Jesus encountered Fotini at a well, where she was about to draw water. In their conversation, Jesus says that he could give her living water, to which she said, *"give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw again."*

Jesus and Fotini are using the same words to describe two different realities. To Fotini, living water meant running water, as from a stream or a river. Water in a container was not considered to be living water. She did not want to go to the well. To Jesus however, living water meant something far greater. As Church Fathers have pointed out, the living water that Christ offers is water that is filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. For us, our first encounter with living water is in the water of baptism, which is blessed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, through which we become illumined and given new life. The well where we draw that living water is the Church. She is overwhelmed by his compassion and acceptance of her, an outsider. Without being told, he already knows her life story and the struggles and stigma that she endures. He does not judge her. She instantly recognizes him as a prophet, a man of God, and goes on to evangelize her entire town.

Perhaps the Samaritan woman's greatest burden is shame. She comes to the well at the very odd hour of noon precisely to avoid all the other women who were there at dawn. Her relationships are in disorder. By refusing to be put off, Jesus shows her how important she is for Him. And she doesn't know what to do with that. Her undeniable interest in Jesus reveals her awareness that something is missing or out of order in her life but her responses to Him all seek to turn Him away. In the end, she surrenders, sheds her shame, reaches out to her neighbors, and brings a whole town to Christ. After five husbands and a live-in boyfriend, it is Christ the Bridegroom who enables her to become the mother of a new Church.

Why do our spiritual lives seem so barren? In today's Gospel the Samaritan Woman's experience points to some clue for us. It is a sacramental encounter with Risen Christ. The Lord knows the Woman at the Well is a sinful woman, but He does not judge or condemn her. He gently, compassionately and masterfully leads her in confession, modeling for her the truth of who He is and who she may become. The Lord speaks and then graciously awaits her response. She asks to receive the living water and the Lord desires to grant her request, but first He helps to pave the way by revealing the things that stand in the way. She must first confess and repent of her sins. Purification is the first step in the spiritual life because virtue is the necessary foundation. If we attempt to embark on the spiritual life without this, we will be as the foolish man who built his house on the sand. At the first appearance of temptation the house crumbles because its foundation is weak. But the house built on the firm foundation of virtue stands firm. Not even a legion of demons could bring it down.

Jesus helps the Woman at the Well prune away the things in her life that distract her from an intimate relationship with God based on "spirit and truth." This is what the sacrament of Confession is all about; not just the listing of sins, but the uprooting of the causes of sin. As we progress in the spiritual life what we confess becomes more and more subtle, as we begin to work with the thoughts, emotions and conditioning that give rise to our sin. Denied the living water of God, we search for other sources of water we hope will quench our thirst, but they produce only more thirst.

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