

December 11, 2022 / T one 2/ Sunday of the Forefathers  
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



Beautiful newly designed **Christmas Cards** to support our mother church in Mukachevo, Ukraine **are now on sale**. **This year the campaign will benefit the new grammar school** which has been opened by the Cathedral parish. There are 135 children in Grades K-12 with 22 teachers; 15 children are refugees. One building is complete. Despite the war, they are going ahead with putting up a second building. Parents are covering most ordinary costs, despite a 24% inflation rate. **Our support will pay for the refugee children's tuition and help get the next building done**. The indomitable spirit of the Ukrainian citizenry is summed up in this lyric from a popular song: *"They can bomb happiness, they can shoot the dream, but they can't kill the will."* Every dollar will go so very far over there.

If purchased at church a packet of 5 cards sells for \$10 including envelopes. We can also mail them to you at \$12 per packet. All orders by mail must be in by Thursday, December 15th to insure that you receive them in time for Christmas giving. If you would like to order by mail you can e-mail us at [admin@missionboronyavo.org](mailto:admin@missionboronyavo.org)

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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)

**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  
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!**

***Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-21***

- 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 Ukraine
- Dec 12 Mon** ***Our Lady of Guadalupe / Heb 9:1-8; Lk 1:39-56***
-  9:00 am God's Blessing on Dion Talamante Jr. by Mom  
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
- Dec 13 Tue** ***Eustratius and Others Martyrs / Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19***
- 9:00 am +Adrian Aragon by Debbie Sanchez / Panachida
- Dec 14 Wed** ***Thrysus and Others Martyrs / 2 Tim 4:9-22; Mk 7:14-24***
-  5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm God's Blessing on Paul Kartsub and his family by Maria Kartsub
- Dec 15 Thu** ***Eleutherius Bishop—Martyr; Titus 1:5-2:1; Mk 7:24-30***
- 6:45 pm THEOSIS Bible Study (zoom)
- Dec 16 Fri** ***Haggai Prophet / Titus 1:1-2:10; Mk 8:1-10***
-  9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm +Mary Washko by Thomas Donlin
- Dec 17 Sat** ***Daniel Great Prophet / Eph 1:16-23; Lk 14:1-11***
- 9:00 am Liturgy (masks required) +Marvin & +Nancy Moore by Lara Davis
- Dec 18 Sun** ***Sunday Before Christmas—of the Holy Ancestors  
Heb 11:9-10 & 17:23 & 32-40; Mt 1:1-25***
- 4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17;  
Deuteronomy 10:14-21  
5:00 pm +Mary Sanchez (1st anniversary of passing) by Debbie Sanchez
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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](mailto: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

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	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Svensson	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Lori Medina	Jordan Smith
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Janet Worthington
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Patti Klinkovsky
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Matt Williamson
Carol Donlin	Rhonda Glasscock	James Epstein
Marcie Dark	Amber Roybal	Katy Ford
Jesse Hebert	Eli Griegos	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Zuger	Philip Leahy	Juanita Montoya
Fr Chris Andrews		

### 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 Fathers Intentions – December Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international



Vocation Icon

Today: Carol Donlin  
Next Sunday: Brewer Family

### Sunday of the Forefathers

Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled." Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the

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

**December 18, 2022**

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Lucy & Daniel Brewer

Counters: Jana Brewer &  
Ann Rajala

**Propers for 12/18/2022**

**Sunday of the Ancestors**

**Tone 3**

**Troparion (Tone 3) - 135**

**Troparion (Ancestors) - 285**

*v. Glory...*

**Kontakion (Forefathers)- 281**

*v. Now & Ever...*

**Theotokion - 406**

**Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 287**

**Our Father- 68**

**Communion - 79 & 283 [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)!

Please join us!!

**Alicia's Hall Report**

Last Sunday the Jilek's brought Frito  
pie and cookies for all and the Bilichak  
family brought a beautiful and delicious  
green salad.

Thank you all! It was perfect for a fall  
day!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Fri Dec 23	10:00 am— <b>Royal Hours</b> <b>Day of Strict Abstinence</b>
Sat Dec 24	<b>Vigil of Christmas</b> 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 26	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos</b> <b>Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Thurs Jan 5	<b>Vigil of Theophany</b> Noon— carpool to Rio Grande (parking lot of the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Avenida Chavez) Procession to the River 1:00pm Great Vespers with the Great Blessing of the Rio Grande
Fri Jan 6	<b>Feast of Theophany</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water
Mon Jan 30	<b>Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/ Myrovanije
Wed Feb 1	<b>Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon and Anna</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of Candles
Sat Feb 11	<b>1st All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Mon Feb 20	<b>Start of the Great Fast</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified with anointing on the forehead
Sat Mar 4	<b>2nd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sat Mar 11	<b>3rd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sat. Mar 18	<b>4th All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine liturgy

**St. Nicholas Award 2022** This year the icon of  
St Nicholas was given to our beloved Michael &  
Alicia Wells. Grant O Lord to your servants  
Michael & Alicia exemplifying the virtues of St  
Nicholas, peace, health and happiness for many  
and blessed years!!!

## **Today is the Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

Help aging religious. Senior sister, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Sincere GRATITUDE to all parishioners who responded generously with their time, talent and treasure and helped much in making the Feast of Saint Nicholas very special for our children and our beloved OLPH family!!! God Bless You Always!!!

### **Here are the Angel Tree results for 2022:**

Korolevo Orphanage - \$2,405.00

Seminarian Gift Cards - \$635 (24 gift cards of \$25 each; 6 gift cards of \$10 each were donated to the seminary along with other personal notes) St Nicholas is very pleased!!! Thank you.

### **Holy Supper 2022 Potluck SIGN UP**

Dear Parish Family! Christmas Eve is coming soon. OLPH will be hosting a Holy Supper potluck in the hall with singing of traditional Christmas Carols beginning at 4:30 PM with Vigil Liturgy of St Basil starting at 7:00 PM. The sitting is limited to 35 people (children age 13 and under do not count against the limit). If you would like to attend, please sign up using the form on the greeting table by the Holy Water or contact Alicia Wells (aliciawellspt@gmail.com 720-280-0710). **When signing up, please note which meatless and dairy-free dish** you will be bringing and the number of adults and children in your group. Drinks will be provided.

**Year End Finances—** For those parishioners who use their tithe as a part of their income tax charitable deductions for 2022, all contributions must be received at the church by December 31.

**ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY TITHING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2022 WITH YOUR NAME ON IT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON THE FRONT PEW AT THE ENTRANCE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR NAME PLEASE SEE ANN**

**!!WE NEED GREETERS!!** With the moving of our friends the Domsteads, we have a glaring hole in our schedule of greeters. If you would like to meet everyone in the parish, introduce newcomers to the beauty of the liturgy, and start everyone's Sunday with a warm welcome, then greeting might be the perfect way for you to serve the parish. If you're interested in being a greeter for one Sunday each month, please contact Dan Riley in person or email at Riley.Dan@gmail.com.

**The Holy Protection Eparchy of Phoenix office for Youth & Young Adults is coordinating a pilgrimage to Lisbon for the next World Youth Day, held in the summer of 2023.** The flyer and brochure with itinerary, cost and other important info are on the greeting table or bulletin board in the hall. For questions and inquiries, please, email Fr Artur at abbaolph@gmail.com. The deadline for registration is January 30, 2023.

World Youth Day is the largest international Catholic youth (ages 18-35) gathering scheduled to take place Aug. 1–6. St. John Paul II established the weeklong youth gathering in 1985. Lisbon, the Portuguese capital set to host World Youth Day 2023, is just 75 miles from Fatima, one of the most visited Marian pilgrimage sites in the world. The theme of Lisbon's World Youth Day is "Mary arose and went with haste." In his message for the event, Pope Francis urged young people to "not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you." "Now is the time to arise! Like Mary, let us 'arise and go in haste.' Let us carry Jesus within our hearts and bring him to all those whom we meet."

## **Today is the Sunday of the Forefathers –Fr. Chris**

All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are called to mind this weekend including such figures as the Holy Prophets Elias and Daniel. The Office of today concludes with the parents of the Forerunner of Christ, SS. Zechariah (Zachary) and his wife Elizabeth and the parents of the Virgin SS. Joachim and Ann. These are the faithful generations who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed"(Gen12:3, 22:18).

What connection is there between them and us? In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – their belief in the promise given by God to Adam during his expulsion from the Garden of Eden that in the end a Savior will come into the world and will redeem mankind from original sin. All the forefathers of the Jewish people – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished. They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the Incarnation of our Lord. Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He would come into the world, while we know that He did come into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified in Jesus!

Icons of this Sunday include: -the "Root" or Kursk icon, which depicts Our Lady of the Sign flanked by Kings David and Solomon and several prophets; - Daniel and the Three Youths in the furnace, who were protected from burning by an angel who prefigures Christ; - Our Lady and the Prophets of Israel.

### **FIFTH WEEK OF THE PHILIP'S FAST: SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

December 13th is the feast day of St. Lucy. St. Lucy was a virgin martyr during the earliest centuries of Christianity under its worst persecution at the hands of the Roman Empire, therefore making her one of the most glorious saints in heaven. Lucia means "light," a fitting name for a young woman who was known to visibly glow and radiate in her love for her spouse, Jesus Christ. Falling during the long, dark winter, there are many beautiful traditions associating this saint with the meaning of her name, the story of her life, and her glorious position in heaven. Her feast day is celebrated with candles, torches, and even bonfires.

Legends say that St. Lucy would wear a wreath of candles on her head so she could see better, her arms full of supplies, as she served the poor Christians hiding from persecution in the dark underground catacombs. This is the source of the custom in Scandinavia where to this day young girls wear a crown of lit candles in the pre-dawn darkness and deliver a plate of baked sweets to their family.

This week we celebrate the feast of the Prophet Daniel, and the Three Holy Youths. The name Daniel is translated as "God is my Judge" and this book passes on God's judgment against the Gentile nations who persecuted Judaism. Daniel's writings are used in the divine offices of the Byzantine Rite, especially on Holy Saturday for the baptism of catechumens. During the Vespers, the story of the Three Holy Youths is read. These are three Jewish men who were among those deported from Jerusalem after it fell to the Babylonian army in 605 BC. They were enlisted as servants in the royal court. Ironically, their Jewish names are taken from them – Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah – and they were named after Babylonian gods – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – in order to wean them away from their faith. But the True God of Israel will show His power in a dramatic way using these three.

They and Daniel were allowed to keep kosher diets, and rose in the ranks due to their diligence and hard work. But they are endangered when Nebuchadnezzar orders everyone to worship statues of him. They refused and the three youths were thrown into a fiery furnace as punishment. But an angel of the Lord descends and the raging fire becomes like cool dew to the Jews, while those standing nearby are burned alive by its heat. The Angel is traditionally interpreted as the Word of God, the Logos Who became Jesus Christ in the Incarnation, hence the placement of this feast near Christmas.

Daniel was known for his skill in the interpretation of dreams (Daniel 1:17 and 2:14) and of mysterious handwritings on the wall done by the Divine Hand itself. He is included among the prophets and was referred to by Christ as a prophet in Mark 13:14 and in Matthew 24:15. The time and circumstances of Daniel's death are not recorded. By tradition his age at death was near 100 years. A number of places have claimed to be his place of burial, including Susa in present day Iran, and Daniel's Tomb in Kirkuk, the Kurdish capital in Iraq.

Daniel also includes the prophet's interpretation of dreams sent by God to the king, the vision of the Ancient of Days (the source of portraying God the Father as an elderly man dressed in shining white), and the triumph of the worship of the True God, thanks to the intervention of Cyrus who defeated Babylon in 539 BC.



St Nicholas Award Winners



Prayer Warriors at St. James Tea Room



St. Nicholas Play

