

February 5, 2023 / T one 2 / S unday of the Prodigal S on

### **The first of the All Souls Saturdays for us is this Saturday.**

There are four more All Souls Saturdays: Saturday before Meat-Fare Sunday; Three Saturdays of Lent before the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays; Saturday before Pentecost Sunday.

A book called "Hramoty" is kept in every Byzantine Catholic parish. In this, the names of the dead are kept, listed family groups. These names are sung in the Litany for the Deceased on the All Souls Saturdays. "We seem to give them back to you, O God, who gave them first to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving, so we do not lose them by their return. Not as the world gives do you give. What you give you do not take away. For what is yours is also ours. We are yours and life is eternal. And love is immortal, and death is only a horizon, and a horizon is but the limit of our sight." VenBede

**All Souls Saturday:** Father reads the names of the deceased at the special 9 am All Souls Saturdays Liturgies. New parishioners: please write the names of your dead whom you wish to have Father pray for in the All Souls Liturgy and he can add your family to the Hramoty, or Book of the Deceased.

Praying for the dead reminds us of our own destiny: everyone will die. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the fleeting nature of earthly life, and should increase our desire to join God in the glory of Heaven, and thus to repent of our sins here on earth. That is why the All Souls Sundays are generally tied to Lent. The one before Pentecost serves as a reminder, that while the Church prays for the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to pray for the enlightenment of the souls of the deceased.

### **Why do Catholics pray for the dead?** [quietmoment.wordpress.com](http://quietmoment.wordpress.com)

The earliest Scriptural reference to prayers for the dead comes in the second book of Maccabees. The books of Maccabees recount the struggle of the Jewish people for freedom against the Seleucid Empire, around 100-200 years before the birth of Christ. They were written from an Orthodox Jewish point of view. In the second book of Maccabees, the Jewish leader, led his troops into battle in 163 BC. When the battle ended, he directed that the bodies of those Jews who had died be buried. As soldiers prepared their slain comrades for burial, they discovered that each was wearing an amulet taken as a booty from a pagan Temple. This violated the law of Deuteronomy and so Judas and his soldiers prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (2 Mac 12:39-45).

This is the first indication in the Bible that prayers offered by the living can help free the dead from any sin that would separate them from God in the life to come. It is echoed in the New Testament when Paul offers a prayer for a man named Onesiphorus who had died: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" (2 Timothy 1:18). The Catacombs of Rome bear evidence that members of the Roman Christian community gathered there to pray for their fellow followers of Christ who lay buried there. The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in the Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and fore-shadowed by his disciples' experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death. Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the Communion of Saints. Members of this community who are living, often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs. Our prayers for the dead express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us – a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God.

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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 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 percent-  
age 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!**

***1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32***

**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  
ECF Classes

**Feb 6 Mon** ***Bucolus Bishop / 1 Jn 2:18-3:10; Mk 11:1-11***

9:00 am +Joseph Richard Santo

**Feb 7 Tue** ***Parthenius Bishop / 1 Jn 3:10-20; Mk 14:10-42***

9:00 am God's Blessing on Scott Cooper by Mary Alice Cooper  
6:00 pm CAFE Meeting at UNM

**Feb 8 Wed** ***Theodore Great-Martyr / 1 Jn 3:21-4:6; Mk 14:43-15:1***

6:00 pm **NO LITURGY**

**Feb 9 Thu** ***Leave taking of the Feast of Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna Nicephor Martyr / 1 Jn 4:20-5:21; Mk 15:1-15***

6:45 pm THEOSIS Bible Study (zoom)

**Feb 10 Fri** ***Charalampus Martyr / 2 Jn 1-13; Mk 15:22.25 & 33-41***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm God's Blessing on Eleonora Shanta by Debbie Sanchez

**Feb 11 Sat** ***1st All Souls Saturday / 1 Cor 10:23-28; Lk 21:8-9.25.31-36***

9:00 am All Souls Liturgy / Panachida / YouTube Live  
10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorers Meeting

**Feb 12 Sun** ***Sunday of Meat-fare / 1 Cor 8:8-9:2 / Mt 25.31-46***

4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:  
1 Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ezechial 37:1-14  
5:00 pm God's Blessing on Cooper and Ryan Families by Wells Family

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8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions  
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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 may glorify your might divine

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 Worthing-
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	ton
Lara Davis	Jessica Pieniadz	Patti Klinkovsky
Carol Donlin	Rhonda Glasscock	Matt Williamson
Marcie Dark	Amber Roybal	James Epstein
Jesse Hebert	Philip Leahy	Katy Ford
Fr. Chris Zegger	Juanita Montoya	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Andrews		



Vocation Icon

Today: Carol Donlin  
Next Sunday:  
Fedorowich Family

### ***SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON***

“All that is mine is yours.” The merciful Father welcomed the Prodigal Son and showed love to his brother when he questioned that profound love which gave all that was his to his children. Are you open to share that love of the Father by a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or monastic life? If so, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### **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 February For parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



**February 12, 2023**

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Trojca: Lucy Wells & Raven Grega

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Counters: Mary Blain &

Cindy Loescher

**Propers for 2/12/2023**

**Meatfare Sunday**

**Resurrection Tone 3**

**Troparion (Tone 3) - 135**

*v. Glory...*

**Kontakion (Meatfare) - 217**

*v. Now & Ever...*

**Theotokion - 406**

**Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 217-8**

**Our Father - 68**

**Communion - 78 & 213 [A]**

**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 Laura and Julia set up. Julia brought beef & bean stew and Laura brought cheese, crackers, & nuts. Yummy! Dominique brought chili that I heard was muy delicioso.

And Mary Alice brought bread & doughnuts from Sergio's. You ladies rock! Thank you to all who brought food, set up and cleaned!!! Go team! Please sign up here to host or co-host a Sunday social:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aaaaa2aa4f94-olph>

God bless you all

## **Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Mon Feb 13	6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Mon Feb 20	<b>Start of the Great Fast / Strict Abstinence</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with anointing on the forehead
Sat Mar 4	<b>2nd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panahida
Sat Mar 11	<b>3rd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panahida
Wed Mar 15	<b>Mid-Lent</b> 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Sat. Mar 18	<b>4th All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panahida
Thurs March 23	<b>7:00 pm Matins with Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete / Reading Life story of St Mary of Egypt</b>
Sat Mar 25	<b>Annunciation of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day / No Fasting</b> 9:00pm - Festive Liturgy of St John Chrysostom / Myrovanije
Sat Apr 1	<b>Saturday of Lazarus (End of 40 day Lent)</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

### **Holy Week / Pascha April 9**

(All Services available — YouTube live)

Monday	6:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Holy Anointing
Thursday	7:00 pm	Vespers/ Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Friday	10:00 am	Passion Matins
	7:00 pm	Vespers & Procession With the Burial Shroud
Saturday	11:00 am	Akathist to the Life Bearing Tomb of Christ
	6:00 pm	Easter Vigil Liturgy Blessing of Baskets
Sunday	9:00 am	Resurrection Matins Liturgy Blessing of Baskets

## 2023 Pysanky Workshops

OLPH will again host workshops for anyone interested in creating pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs). The workshops are open to all skill levels (children do need a supervising adult) and will be held in February & March at the following dates and times: **2/18 11am-2pm, 2/27 6-9pm, 3/18 11am-2pm, 3/27 6-9pm**. Supplies are needed for all participants, so please RSVP with Andrea Riley at 505-220-9137 or [andrea.riley@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.riley@gmail.com). Due to the rising cost of supplies and eggs, a small fee or supply donation is requested.

**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:

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- Email: [sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org](mailto:sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org)

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### REMINDER ABOUT PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED.ORG

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This is the link to access the BECOMING BYZANTINE YOU TUBE CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzhBP62eRM1DurlY43SfJw>

The link to access the online version of the catechism CHRIST OUR PASCHA. <http://catechism.royaldoors.net>

Link to visit Fr. Deacon Anthony Dragani's website: <https://east2west.org>

### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON by Fr Chris

The first hidden message lies in the staging of the two protagonists: the repentant son, and the all-loving father. The second message is that of what the son is wearing: he is shown in plain brown clothing, colors of emptiness, of the desert wastes. Next, notice that he inclines his head forward, as is proper for the lesser to greet the greater.

The father's image is especially fascinating. First, he is shown in action: his robes are literally flying behind him because he has rushed to greet this son who wasted everything but has returned. Second, the father is shown as a venerable man, white-haired and bearded. This emphasizes the pain he suffered in waiting, and in having been rejected by the young man: how could a young man have so insulted an elderly father like that? See how the two faces blend together, in absolute tenderness. The full positioning of the faces tells us that the sinful son has been redeemed.

But the real message is in my last observation: iconographers usually depict the father wearing the divine colors of red and blue. He stands for God the Father, the Source of all life, the One Who Is for all time, with the white hair and beard of the Ancient of Days seen by St Daniel the Prophet in his vision. The iconographer does not want us to have any misconceptions at all – the sinner who can bring nothing to this scene except his besmirched soul and his sorrow, is being acknowledged, embraced, and forgiven, by a God Who rushes to love us. A God Who *rushes* to us when we make that first repentant step toward Him again. What other faith offers anything like this?

*What is in the Parable:*

The “prodigal son” does not mean the repentant son. “Prodigal” is a medieval word for someone who spends recklessly, without necessity, or is lavish in all purchases. Thus, the prodigal son has gone through his entire inheritance, has no money left, and has ended up caring for pigs which are impure to all Jews. In his decision to return home, he will lose “face” among everyone for having wasted the money, and putting himself as the least servant would be the most appropriate position for him. The least servant was responsible for garbage and for cleaning the feet of visitors after they walked through filthy streets.

It is the amazing decision of the father which reverses all of his plans. First, the father has been watching for him, a sign of his feeling of loss. Second, the father runs to him, in an extravagant gesture of love, and embarrassing himself among the people for doing so, especially to a sinful son! Finally, the father redeems this wastrel son with three gestures:

First, the fine robe - the son is restored to the family.

Second, the ring – the son is restored to his role as son and heir even though he has squandered his share.

Third, the sandals – the son had resigned himself to cleaning filthy feet, but now he is given footwear which only the rich could afford to wear daily.

In the father’s compassion, the son is not only redeemed, he is embraced with extravagant love, as the killing of the fatted calf and banquet show. He is welcomed back far beyond his expectations as a sinner – and the same extravagant love awaits us from God the Father when we repent and turn back to Him.

This parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God’s divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we live is not a normal world, but a wasteland. This is why in the Slavic tradition of the Byzantine Church the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service for this and the following two Sundays. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hung our harps, for how could we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land" (Psalm 137).

Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that can happen when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost. On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace (Source: <http://lent.goarch.org/prodigalson/learn/>)



The Timber Wolf winter camp, for me was pretty much amazing. Snow play, skits, exploring and more. I (and a lot of the other girls) did not get much sleep, but praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a sunrise walk, delicious breakfast, and Holy Mass made up for it in full. -Esther

**Explorer**  
**Youth Corner:**

With the Great Fast starting later this month, please consider making the Explorers the beneficiary of your prayers, alms, and fasting. Contact Miles Gloetzner for more information.

