

January 29, 2023 / T one 1 / Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Glory to Jesus Christ! / Glory to Him Forever!
¡Gloria a Cristo! / ¡Gloria a Él para siempre!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Church

PYSANKY WORKSHOPS

Saturday, February 18th 11am-2pm

Monday, February 27th 6-9pm

Saturday, March 18th 11am-2pm

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- Workshops will be held in OLPH Parish Hall-

Come learn how to make pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs) using a traditional wax resist method

Workshops are open to all skill levels.

One-time workshop fee of \$5 to cover supplies, additional \$5 for your own kistka & wax set

Please contact Andrea Riley at 505-220-9137 or andrea.riley@gmail.com if you have questions or to RSVP.

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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!

2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

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

THIS IS A FAST FREE WEEK

Jan 30 Mon *Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day / Heb 13:7-16; Mt 5:14-19*

YouTube LIVE 6:00 pm Festive Divine Liturgy / +Thomas Mounce by the Wells Family

Jan 31 Tue *Cyrus and John Unmercenaries / 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mk 13:14-23*

9:00 am +Kaine Nwosu by St. Anastasia

Feb 1 Wed *Tryphon Martyr / 34th Week after Pentecost / 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mk 13:24-31*

YouTube LIVE 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm / Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Candles / Myrovanije /
+Henry Padilla by Juanita Montoya

Feb 2 Thu *Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon and Anna / Solemn Holy Day
Heb 7:7-17; Lk 2:22-40*

Feb 3 Fri *Synaxis of the Holy Prophets Simeon and Anna / Heb 9:11-14; Lk 2:25-38*

FAST FREE WEEK 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas
6:00 pm Gift of the Holy Spirit for President Zelensky

Feb 4 Sat *Isidore Venerable / 2 Tim 3:1-9; Lk 20:46-21:4*

9:00 am (masks required) +Casmier and +Kaine Nwosu by Sr. Anastasia

Feb 5 Sun *Sunday of the Prodigal Son / 1 Cor 6:12-20; Lk 15:11-32*

4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Samuel 1:17-27; Job 14:1-12; Daniel 9:-11
5:00 pm +Mary Sanchez 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

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 Zugger	Juanita Montoya	Jacob McTernan
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 January For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Vocation Icon

Today: Gloetzner Family
Next Sunday: Carol Donlin

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE January 29, 2023

“O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” The Publican prayed simply for mercy, and our Byzantine prayer services begin with these simple words. Do you want to receive and share this mercy by giving your life to prayer as a religious, monastic, priest or deacon? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

February 5, 2023

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Michael Wells
Trojica: Maddy Riley &
Zachary Fedorowich
Altar Server: Michael Grega
Counters: Mary Roseman &
Michael Wells

Propers for 2/5/2023

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son;
Postfestive Day of the Meeting
Resurrection Tone 2**

Troparion (Tone 1) - 130

Troparion (Feast) - 321

v. Glory... Kontakion (Prodigal) - 216 *v.*

Now & Ever... Kontakion (Feast) - 321

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 132

Magnification & Irmos - 322

Our Father - 67

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Sunday (Zoom). Send your prayer
requests to

Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

THE PRAYER WARRIORS IS OPEN TO
EVERYONE--WOMEN, MEN, & CHIL-
DREN (children who have their parents'
permission)! Please join us!!

Alicia's Hall Report

Last Sunday the Jileks hosted the social in honor of Jerry's 17th birthday! Evie "threw some things together" and it turned into a really delicious gumbo served over rice. For dessert they brought cookies and muffins. Thank you Jileks and God grant Jerry many blessed and happy years! Next Sunday we're planning to do a New Mexican food potluck with enchiladas, beans, calabasitas, and anything else New Mexican themed that folks choose to bring. Natillas anyone? :) There are tortillas in the freezer for whoever can take them home and make an enchilada casserole for next week. Please sign up here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aaaaa2a4f94-olph#/Have a blessed week!)

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MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT ONLINE TRAINING FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Reminder: PLEASE, CHECK your Safe Environment Compliance Certificate Expiration date. No one - not members of the clergy, volunteers, educators, employees etc. - may serve for even one day when out of SEP compliance

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

Cell: (702) 498-5972 -- Office: (602) 861-9778
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Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Dcn Michael Hanafin

Cell: (480) 307-5182

Announcement from the Vatican:

Dear Parish Family, On Monday January 23 the Vatican Announced that Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Eparchy of Passaic is appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the *sede vacante* of our Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix. The letter from Bishop Kurt is on the back page of the bulletin. Grant O Lord to your servant Bishop Kurt many and blessed years!

Attention - 1st ALL SOULS Saturday is coming soon. Dear Parish Family, the 2023 Five Spiritually Very Powerful remembrances of "All Souls" will begin on **Saturday, February 11th**. Please, print clearly First names of your deceased loved-ones on the back of your "All Souls" envelope (see your envelope set) They will be prayed for in the petitions for the deceased during the 9AM All Souls Liturgy and Panachida on each of those All Souls Saturdays. Please, kindly submit your envelope to the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

Deadline is Sunday **February 5th**.

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee by Fr Chris

Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of Zacchaeus. This marked the start of the Pre-Lenten Season. Today is officially the first Pre-Lenten Sunday. Over the next weeks, we will be presented with different examples to follow during Great Lent. I think that this might be why some people say “Our Lent is so long!” We have six weeks of getting ready for it. **But this week is a great way to start: no fasting or abstinence!** This is so that we are not proud like the Pharisee. So, if you normally abstain on Wednesday and Friday, it is basically obligatory to eat meat on those days. Now is that a great way to start or what?

While eating the meat, we do well to ask ourselves all week, just how much do I recognize my sinfulness, weakness, and dependency on God? The publican was a tax collector for the Romans, hated by his own people and derided as a thief since they routinely charged more than what was owed and pocketed the difference. But because of his recognition of his sinfulness, God not only is pleased with him, but exalts him. This then is a week to get started in breaking free of the chains of minimizing my sins and exaggerating my goodness that I have wrapped around my heart and soul. It is also the chance to give thanks to God for His great goodness: He is always ready to accept us back into His loving embrace!

Feast of the (Encounter) Presentation of Our Lord Into the Temple

(taken from: <https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/resources/feast-day-information/feast-of-the-encounter-presentation-of-our-lord-into-the-temple/>)

On this Feast day, we see Jesus forty days old, carried into the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to be recognized as God’s Messiah by the aged Simeon and Anna.

In obedience to the Law of Moses, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Joseph and Mary brought the Child Jesus into the temple along with a humble sacrifice of young pigeons as a sign of thanksgiving.

In Jerusalem at that time there lived a man, Simeon, who was just and devout. According to tradition, Simeon had been visited by an angel of the Lord who foretold him that he would not see death before seeing the Messiah born of the Virgin. Led by the Holy Spirit into the temple on the day that the holy family brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the law, Simeon took the Child into his arms and blessed God by saying: “Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel!” (Luke 2:29-32). This is another ‘epiphany’ celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess who was also in the temple that day. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.

Simeon and Anna represent the true Israel of God. They have kept the law given through Moses. They have worshiped in the holy place, the Temple, and they are alive to the unexpectedness of God’s providence.

Simeon and Anna are inspired by the Holy Spirit to see in this child the Holy One of Israel, long awaited. They themselves are old and have grown old in the service of God. They have that widened perception which comes with continual praying.

DID YOU KNOW?

Phanuel means ‘face of God’ and he is Anna’s father. It is a play on words, that a prophetess recognizes the Messiah and her father’s name means ‘face of God’.

Simeon means ‘He who has seen God’.

In the halo of Jesus, there is always a cross which represents His destiny, to die for the salvation of humanity on the cross.

There are also three letters in the halo of Jesus – “O”, “W” and “H”. These are Greek letters which mean “The Being” or in Hebrew “I AM”, the name revealed to Moses by the Lord speaking from the Burning Bush.

The Feast Day of the Meeting is the meeting of the Old and New Covenants. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant and gives to us the New Covenant through the Eucharist.

In this Feast Day, each one of us ought to be a Temple of God to which Mary brings Jesus. And each should, like Simeon, take the Child in our arms and say to the Father: My eyes have seen Your salvation. And having seen and touched the Saviour, we are released from the hold that sin has on us and in peace we can leave the realm of evil.

The Readings:

VESPERS

At Vespers, there are three readings from the Old Covenant. The first is from Exodus 12:51-13:16, from the law given by God to Israel. Every first-born male is to be presented to the Lord. Every mother shall come after forty days to make offerings to God: a lamb or two-turtle doves or two pigeons. The child shall be presented; the mother shall be purified.

The second reading is from the prophet Isaiah, 6:1-12. He had a vision in the temple of God Himself visiting the place where His Name is kept holy. He saw the Cherubim and the Seraphim and he heard their song:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory.”

Isaiah felt his sinfulness in the presence of God, and he lamented his own sin, and the sin of his people. Then one of the Seraphim took a live coal from the altar and laid it on the mouth of the prophet, purging his sin. Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord asking for a messenger. He offered himself, “Here I am. Send me.” He was given the message for Israel, a message of desolation. Only a remnant would “see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, convert and be healed.” Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna were of the faithful remnant.

The third reading is from Isaiah 19:1, 3-5, 12. We read how even “the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day and shall do sacrifice and oblation.” For Jesus has come “to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,” as well as “the glory of His people Israel.” References of this reading are found in the Song of Simeon. This is the song of Simeon:

Now You shall dismiss Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word, in peace, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which You prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of Your people, Israel.

LITURGY

At the Liturgy, we read in Luke 2:22-40 about this meeting. Joseph and Mary marvelled to hear what Simeon said. Mary treasured this in her heart. Simeon prophesied to Mary:

“This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword.”

Mary was early made aware of the suffering which would come through being the mother of the Redeemer of the world. “The greater the love, the greater the suffering.” Anna, the prophetess, was about 84 years old. She served God in fasting and prayer, night and day, in the temple. When she saw the Child, she gave thanks to God, and spoke about Jesus to those others of the faithful remnant who lived in Jerusalem.

The Epistle is taken from Hebrews 7-17. The author writes about the greater one blessing the lesser one. Although we think that Simeon, who is older, is blessing the Child Jesus, it is actually Jesus, who is God before all ages, who blesses Simeon.

TROPAR (Tone 1)

Hail, Mother of God, Virgin full of grace. * From you has shown forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, * shining upon those who are in darkness. * Rejoice also, you just Elder Simeon, * for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls * who has given us Resurrection.

KONDAK (Tone 1)

O Christ our God, through Your birth You sanctified the Virgin’s womb, * and blessed, as it was proper, the hands of Simeon. * Today, You have come to bring us deliverance. * Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our civil authorities, * for You alone love us all.

WHAT CAN I DO TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST MORE MEANINGFULLY?

- . Make candles and take them to Church to be blessed.
- . Tell the story of the Meeting of our Lord and explain the Icon.
- . Learn the Tropar and Kondak for the Feast Day.
- . Attend Liturgy on the Feast Day.
- . Have a candlelight dinner to remind each other of the True Light in our lives.
- . Learn to sing the Hymn of Simeon and teach it to the children.
- . Pray for bishops, priests, sisters and brothers who have dedicated their lives to prayer and service.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Statement on the Appointment of Apostolic Administrator of Parma & Phoenix

In the scriptures yesterday, we heard how Zacchaeus, the tax collector, a man despised as a collaborator by his own people, found salvation when Jesus traveled through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. In his eagerness to see Jesus, he climbed a sycamore tree. He heard the sublime words, "Hurry down. I mean to eat at your house today."

In this first pre-Lenten Sunday, we also feel that eagerness as we prepare ourselves to travel with Jesus through the desert around Jericho, up the mountain passes, and into the holy city of Jerusalem to commemorate the sacred mysteries of the suffering, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and to be fed in the upper room with His own most pure body and life giving blood.

This morning, our Holy Father Pope Francis turned his gaze as a good shepherd on our Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church in the Americas, and asked me to assist him temporarily in caring for the good people of the Eparchy of Parma and the Eparchy of the Holy Protection in Phoenix. I look forward to sharing our Faith in God, "in Spirit and in truth". (John 4:23) I look forward, as St. Paul says, to walking "in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with humility and gentleness, bearing with one another in love, eager to preserve the unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is over all, and through all, and in all." (Eph 4:1-6)

The Sunday before last, we read St. Paul's very personal story of his own deliverance when he said, "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. For this reason, mercy was shown to me as the first so that in me, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life." Humbly praying with St. Paul, we also say, "To the King of ages, the immortal, the invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever. Amen" (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

May God bless every one of you abundantly, and may you find the same peace and healing as the Apostle Paul, and the same confidence in God's mercy and patience. I commend you to the prayers of St. Clement of Ancyra the Martyr, and especially to the care of the all holy Mother of God.

Your servant,

+ Kurt

Most Rev. Kurt Burnette
Bishop of Passaic
January 23, 2023

