

November 12, 2023 / T one 7

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



The **MISSION SOCIETY** is pleased to present our beautiful *NEW* 2023 Christmas card with the icon of the **Mother of God of Igor or Igorevskaya**. It takes its name from the Ukrainian prince Igor Olegovich. He was surprised by guards that kidnapped & jailed him. Before facing death, he prayed before the icon. The icon is once again the work of Iconographer Britta Prinzivalli. [brittworks.com](http://brittworks.com) 100% of your card purchases & donations go to **“UKRAINE RELIEF”**. The eparchy (diocese) of Mukachevo continues to serve thousands of refugees displaced by the fighting in the south and east who have sought food & shelter in the Transcarpathian Oblast of Ukraine. Your Christmas card purchases & donations helps refugees with these basic needs. The situation in Ukraine is dire – due to Russian land mines, the number of civilian & military amputees now exceed WWI levels.

**A packet of 5 cards sells for \$10** including envelopes. Each packet of cards includes a prayer list. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. This gives us time to scan and e-mail them to Ukraine. Bishop Nil will place all these names on the altar at Holy Cross Cathedral in Ukraine & pray for your intentions at the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. *In July 2023, Ukraine passed legislation moving its official Christmas holiday to December 25, further distancing itself from the traditions of the Putin-aligned Russian Orthodox Church, which celebrates the holiday on January 7.* Check out our website to see pictures of Bishop Nil praying for you & your loved ones during last Christmas & Easter liturgies!

To donate or learn more visit our **website** at [missionboronyavo.org](http://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

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**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  
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 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!**

***Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 10:25-37***

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festal Matins & Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends  
**ECF Classes** Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Nov 13 Mon** ***John Chrysostom Archbishop / Heb 7:26-8:2; Jn 10:9-16***  
9:00 am God's Blessing on newborn Vincent by Davidson-Talleys  
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
- Nov 14 Tue** ***Philip Apostle / Beginning of Philip's Fast / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Jn 1:43-51***  
9:00 am +Natalia Veresh
- Nov 15 Wed** ***Gurias, Samonas and Habib Martyrs / 2 Thess 2:1-12; Lk 15:1-10***  
 6:00 pm +David Quintana by Brook Jilek
- Nov 16 Thu** ***Matthew Apostle Evangelist / 1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt 9:9-13***
- Nov 17 Fri** ***Gregory Wonderworker Bishop / 2 Thess 3:6-18; Lk 16:15-18 & 17:1-4***  
 9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas  
6:00 pm God's Blessing on Paul Kartsb by Maria Kartsb
- Nov 18 Sat** ***Plato and Roman Martyrs / Gal 1:3-10; Lk 9:57-62***  
9:00 am (masks required) God's Blessing on OLPH Prayer Warriors group / followed by a social in the hall.
- Nov 19 Sun** ***25th Sunday After Pentecost / Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:16-23***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 15:1-18; Proverbs 1:1-19; Isaiah 66:12-24  
5:00 pm +Lori Medina by Svenssons
- YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary  
**ECF classes** 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

**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
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Sorilah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Laurie Bienz	Abraham Haddad	Christopher Barlow
Brent Dodson-Sands	Marianne Gerace	Jordan Smith
Lara Davis	Michael Baron	Janet Worthington
Carol Donlin	Gabriel Preisler	Patti Klinkovsky
Marcie Dark	Jessica Pieniadz	Matt Williamson
Jesse Hebert	Rhonda Glasscock	James Epstein
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Fr Chris Andrews	Philip Leahy	Alton & Barbara Bertschinger
Fr Robert Rankin	Juanita Montoya	
Fr. Steve Washko	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

### **Holy Father's Intentions November**

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

“Go and do likewise.” Our Lord teaches the rich young man that showing mercy to all is the way to best fulfill the two greatest commandments, of loving God and loving our neighbor. For each of us, to “go and do likewise” will look different based on our unique gifts from God. Some of us are called to show mercy by serving the Church as priests, deacons, sub-deacons, monks and nuns. If that may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today: M. Sena Family  
Next Sunday:  
Talamante Family

**November 19, 2023**

Cantor: Evie Jilek  
Reader: Brook Jilek  
Altar Server: Michael Grega  
Trojca: Alaina Riley  
Counters: Jana Brewer &  
Ann Rajala

**Propers for 11/19/23**

25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Tone 8

Troparion- 161  
*v. Glory...*

Kontakion - 162  
*v. Now & Ever...*  
Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162-3  
Our Father - 73

**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 information, and/or would like for us to pray for your intentions, please contact Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

**Alicia's Hall Report**

Last Sunday we had a successful soup and salad potluck! A big thanks to all who brought soup: Rita, Lo & Fiona, those who brought salad, veggies, and bread: Ashley, Laura, and Jennifer! Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Phillip's Fast, and we'll be having a vegetarian New Mexican Potluck. I will be out of town and will need someone to stand in to coordinate for the social. Please contact me with any questions and sign up here to help and bring food: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph#/> Have a blessed week!

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Tue Nov 21	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day</b>
Mon Nov 20	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Wed Dec 6	<b>Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day</b>
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 8	<b>Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day</b>
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri & Sat	<b>Women's Day of Reflection</b>
Fri Dec 22	9:00 am Royal Hours
Strict Fast	7:00 pm Great Compline
Mon Dec 25	<b>Christmas-Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</b>
	9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tue Dec 26,	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day</b>
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr Simple Holy Day</b>
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Jan 1 2024	<b>Circumcision / Solemn Holy Day</b>
	10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St Basil / Blessing of Litija / Myrovanije
Fri Jan 5	<b>Vigil of Theophany</b>
Day of Strict Fast	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
Sat Jan 6	<b>Theophany of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation</b>
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Great Blessing of Water / Myrovanije
Mon Jan 29	<b>Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day</b>
Tue Jan 30	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Fri Feb 2	<b>Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna / Solemn Holy Day</b>
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy Blessing of Candles / Myrovanije
Sat Feb 3	<b>1st All Souls Saturday</b>
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida

**Dear ladies of OLPH**, you are cordially invited to join us at the Norbertine Abbey on December 15-16, 2023 for our annual day of reflection. This year our reflection will be led by Susanna Van Vickle, mother of five, a Catholic school teacher, and former lay missionary of Family Missions company from Dallas, Texas. You may opt for an overnight (in a single or double room) or just join us for the day program on Saturday, December 16. Come reflect on the JOY of Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His birth! Registration/Information brochures are available online or in the back of the church. Please see Evie Jilek or Cathy Sullivan for more information.

**The day of reflection is coming soon!**

**Please turn in your registration no later than November 30th.**

**Annual OLPH Angel Tree is Here!!**

Dear Parish Family, in the spirit of St Nicholas let's open up our hearts again this Christmas season and participate in our annual Angel Tree. The display will be set up on November 15. We will then have through St. Nicholas Sunday December 10th to donate before the gifts are presented to St. Nicholas! The Angel Tree display has two boxes—one for the orphanage and one for the seminarians.

This year we are excited to collect monetary donations for the Korolevo orphanage in Ukraine. If you wish to donate to the orphanage, please make checks payable to the Mission Society with a note at the bottom.

We are collecting Amazon gift cards for the 10 seminarians at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius, where our beloved Deacon Thomas is diligently studying. We would like these Amazon gift cards to be in denominations of \$10 and \$25. We are also collecting Christmas cards and notes of encouragement for the seminarians. If you want to specifically address a card to Deacon Thomas, simply put his name on the front of the envelope.

**Byzantine Wall Calendars for 2024 are now available on a greeting table by the Holy Water font**

**Please, sign up TODAY for the Traveling Pilgrim Vocation Icon in 2024.**

Dear Parish Family, the Love of Christ presses us to respond generously to God's call in our lives. We are all called to pray for vocations to Sainly Christian Marriage, to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. Prayer is an invisible but essential ministry in the Church. This is an important way to be involved in vocation ministry. Sign up to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed.

**Birthright of Albuquerque** is in need of volunteers to help an increasing number of women seeking support during and after their pregnancies. Even a few hours of your time each week would be very beneficial. Birthright, an international, inter-denominational, non-political, non-profit organization, offers free pregnancy tests and practical necessities, all in a loving, non-judgemental environment. Training is provided for the all-volunteer staff. Call 505-262-2235 or stop by our office, at 3228 Candelaria NE (just west of Carlisle) to hear and see what we do and consider becoming a "neighbor" to these women and their babies (<https://birthright.org>)

**Priests' Medical Insurance Collection:** Dear Parish Family, thank you for your contribution to the special priests' medical insurance collection. We collected \$380.00. May you, and those close to you, enjoy every blessing in Christ Jesus for many years, in health and happiness!

**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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## **November 12: Holy Martyr Josaphat Archbishop of Polotsk**

Josaphat, an Eastern Rite bishop, is held up as a martyr to church unity because he died trying to bring part of the Orthodox Church into union with Rome. In 1054, a formal split called a schism took place between the Eastern Church centered in Constantinople and the Western Church centered in Rome. Trouble between the two had been brewing for centuries because of cultural, political, and theological differences. In 1054 Cardinal Humbert was sent to Constantinople to try and reconcile the latest flare up and wound up excommunicating the patriarch. The immediate problems included an insistence on the Byzantine rite, married clergy, and the disagreement on whether the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. The split only grew worse from there, centering mostly on whether to except the authority of the Pope and Rome. More than five centuries later, in what is now known as Byelorussia and the Ukraine but what was then part of Poland-Lithuania kingdom, an Orthodox metropolitan of Kiev and five Orthodox bishops decided to commit the millions of Christians under their pastoral care to reunion with Rome. Josaphat Kunsevich who was born in 1580 or 1584 was still a young boy when the Union of Brest Litovsk took place in 1595-96, but he was witness to the results both positive and negative. Many of the millions of Christians did not agree with the bishops decision to return to communion with the Catholic Church and both sides tried to resolve this disagreement unfortunately not only with words but with violence. Martyrs died on both sides.

Josaphat was a voice of Christian peace in this dissent. After an apprenticeship to a merchant, Josaphat turned down a partnership in the business and a marriage to enter the monastery of the Holy Trinity at Vilna in 1604. As a teenager he had found encouragement in his vocation from two Jesuits and a rector who understood his heart. And in the monastery he found another soulmate in Joseph Benjamin Rutsky. Rutsky who had joined the Byzantine Rite under orders of Pope Clement VIII after converting from Calvinism shared the young Josaphat's passion to work for reunion with Rome. The two friends spent long hours making plans on how they could bring about that communion and reform monastic life. The careers of the two friends parted physically when Josaphat was sent to found new houses in Rome and Rutsky was first made abbot at Vilna. Josaphat replaced Rutsky as abbot when Rutsky became metropolitan of Kiev.

Josaphat immediately put into practice his early plans of reform. Because his plans tended to reflect his own extremely austere ascetic tendencies, he was not always met with joy. One community threatened to throw him into the river until his general compassion and his convincing words won them over to a few changes. Josaphat faced even more problems when he became first bishop of Vitebsk and then Polotsk in 1617. The church there was literally and figuratively in ruins with buildings falling apart, clergy marrying two or three times, and monks and clergy everywhere not really interested in pastoral care or model Christian living. Within three years, Josaphat had rebuilt the church by holding synods, publishing a catechism to be used all over, and enforcing rules of conduct for clergy. But his most compelling argument was his own life which he spent preaching, instructing others in the faith, visiting the needy of the towns. But despite all his work and the respect he had, the Orthodox separatists found fertile ground with they set up their own bishops in the exact same area. Meletius Smotritsky was named his rival archbishop of Polotsk. It must have hurt Josaphat to see the people he had served so faithfully break into riots when the King of Poland declared Josaphat the only legitimate archbishop. His former diocese of Vitebsk turned completely against the reunion and him along with two other cities. But what probably hurt even more was that the very Catholics he looked to for communion opposed him as well. Catholics who should have been his support didn't like the way he insisted on the use of the Byzantine rite instead of the Roman rite. Out of fear or ignorance, Leo Sapiah, chancellor of Lithuania, chose to believe stories that Josaphat was inciting the people to violence and instead of coming to his aid, condemned him. Actually his only act of force was when the separatists took over the church at Mogilev and he asked the civil power to help him return it to his authority. In October 1623, Josaphat decided to return to Vitebsk to try to calm the troubles himself.

He was completely aware of the danger but said, "If I am counted worthy of martyrdom, then I am not afraid to die." The separatists saw their chance to get rid of Josaphat and discredit him if they could only stir Josaphat's party to strike the first blow. Then they would have an excuse to strike back. Their threats were so public that Josaphat preached on the gospel verse John 16:2, "Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God." He told the people, "You people want to kill me. You wait in ambush for me in the streets, on the bridges, on the highways, in the marketplace, everywhere. Here I am; I came to you as a shepherd.

You know I would be happy to give my life for you. I am ready to die for union of the Church under St. Peter and his successor the Pope." But aside from words, Josaphat insisted that his party not react in anyway that did not show patience and forbearance. When the separatists saw that they were not getting the violent response they had hoped for they decided to wear Josaphat and the others down as they plotted more direct action. A priest named Elias went to the house where everyone was staying and shouted insults and threats to everyone he saw, focusing on calumniating Josaphat and the Church of Rome. Josaphat knew of the plot against him and spent his day in prayer. In the evening he had a long conversation with a beggar he had invited in off the streets. When Elias was back the next morning of November 12, the servants were at their wits' ends and begged Josaphat's permission to do something. Before he went off to say his office he told them they could lock Elias away if he caused trouble again. When he returned to the house he found that the servants had done just that and Josaphat let Elias out of the room. But it was too late. The mistake had been made. Elias had not been hurt in anyway but as soon as the mob saw that Elias had been locked up they rejoiced in the excuse they had been waiting for. Bells were rung and mobs descended on the house. By the time they reached the house, Elias had been released but the mob didn't care; they wanted the blood they had been denied for so long. Josaphat came out in the courtyard to see the mob beating and trampling his friends and servants. He cried out, "My children what are you doing with my servants? If you have anything against me, here I am, but leave them alone!" With shouts of "Kill the papist" Josaphat was hit with a stick, then an axe, and finally shot through the head. His bloody body was dragged to the river and thrown in, along with the body of a dog who had tried to protect him. The unsung heroes of this horrible terrorism were the Jewish people of Vitebsk. Some of the Jewish people risked their own lives to rush into the courtyard and rescue Josaphat's friends and servants from the bloodthirsty mobs. Through their courage, lives were saved. These same Jewish people were the only ones to publicly accuse the killers and mourn the death of Josaphat while the Catholics of the city hid in fear of their lives. As usual violence had the opposite affect from that intended. Regret and horror at how far the violence had gone and the loss of their archbishop swung public opinion over toward the Catholics and unity. Eventually even Archbishop Meletius Smotritsky, Josaphat's rival, was reconciled with Rome. And in 1867 Josaphat became the first saint of the Eastern church to be formally canonized by Rome.

#### **November 14: Saint Philip/ Filipovka**

The Pre-Christmas Fast, or Saint Philip's Fast (Filipovka) is connected to Saint Philip the Apostle because his feast day is forty days before Christmas, and forty days has an obvious biblical significance. Philip is a perfect choice for meditating on Christmas. He asks Jesus to help the apostles see God the Father, which gives Jesus the opportunity to explain His relationship with the Father during the Last Discourse in John's Gospel. He brings Greek pilgrims, who wish to see Jesus, to Andrew, and together they bring them to the Lord (John 12:21-23). At his calling, when Jesus says "Follow Me", Philip not only follows Him immediately, but also brings along Nathaniel/ Bartholomew. So, he fits in quite well for starting our meditation as to who Jesus is to us, do we wish to see Him, do we truly want to be His disciples, and are we willing to bring others to our Church and the Faith?

St Philip – What we do know for certain is that he came from Bethsaida, and had been a disciple of St John the Baptist (John 1:44). He is always listed fifth in the apostles, after the sets of brothers Peter and Andrew, James and John. We know that he was married, and had children, due to the ancient testimony of Clement of Alexandria. It is presumed that he spoke Greek, since he brings Greeks to Jesus in John 12. Various non-canonical gospels and legends present him as an evangelist in Greece and the Near East, usually with Nathaniel, and ending with martyrdom in Hierapolis. The ancient church still stands among the ruins of Hierapolis, complete with the first-century tomb of the apostle and the original martyr's shrine dedicated to him.

**The Christmas Fast on Nov. 15.** In America, the regulations of this Fast are not strict, as it falls during the winter. Abstinence remains in force for Friday, and is recommended for Wednesday and if possible, also Monday. Christmas Eve remains a day of strict fast: no meat, no dairy, one main meal, which is the Holy Supper in the evening.