

January 15, 2023 T one 7  
32nd Sunday After Pentecost

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

2023 THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS: Fr. Artur would like to come and visit with you, pray with you and ask God to bless your home. It would help in setting up his schedule if you would kindly FILL OUT the House Blessing Scheduling Form on a greeting table or send an email to [abbaolph@gmail.com](mailto:abbaolph@gmail.com) indicating best days and time. The deadline for Theophany House Blessings is February 9th.



“For the great and powerful of this world, there are only two places in which their courage fails them, of which they are afraid deep down in their souls, from which they shy away. These are the manger and the cross of Jesus Christ. No powerful person dares to approach the manger, and this even includes King Herod. For this is where thrones shake, the mighty fall, the prominent perish, because God is with the lowly. Here the rich come to nothing, because God is with the poor and hungry, but the rich and satisfied he sends away empty. Before Mary, the maid before the manger of Christ, before God in lowliness, the powerful come to naught; they have not right, no hope; they are judged.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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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 Timothy 1:15-17; Matthew 15:21-28***

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Festal Matins, Confessions  
10:00 am / Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends  
Eternal Lamp: Birthday Blessings for Sven Svensson's 78th Birthday
- Jan 16 Mon** ***Veneration of the Chains of Peter / Martin L. King Day***  
***James 2:14-26; Mk 10:46-52***  
9:00 am God's Blessing on Summer, Valentina, Versace Martinez by Gloetzners  
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
- Jan 17 Tue** ***Anthony the Great Venerable / Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23***  
9:00 am God's Blessing on Ron and Carol Gloetzner by Gloetzners  
6:00 pm CAFÉ Meeting at UNM
- Jan 18 Wed** ***Athanasius & Cyril Archishops / James 3:11-4:6; Mk 11:23-26***  
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm God's Blessing on Sven Svensson by Svenssons
- Jan 19 Thu** ***Macarius Venerable / James 4:7-5:9; Mk 11:27-33***
- Jan 20 Fri** ***Euthymius the Great Venerable / 2 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:17-23***  
  
9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mater/Lomas  
6:00 pm Gifts of the Holy Spirit for President Zelensky by Debbie Sanchez
- Jan 21 Sat** ***Maximus the Confessor Venerable / 1 Thess 5:14-23; Lk 17:3-10***  
9:00 am (masks required) +Margie Rivera by Svenssons
- Jan 22 Sun** ***Sunday of Zaccheus / 1 Tim 4:9-15; Lk 19:1-10***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers YouTube LIVE  
5:00 pm +Michael Dzek by Helga Dzek  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17; Joshua 7:10-25; Jeremiah 47:2-7
- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends  
ECF Classes  
5:30 pm Ask A Priest  
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
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 Zigger	Juanita Montoya	Jacob McTernan
Fr Chris Andrews		



Vocation Icon

Today: Wells Family  
Next Sunday: Michael Grega

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group.

#### **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.

**January 22, 2023**

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Michael Wells

Trojica: Alaina & Nicky Riley

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Counters: Rita Montano &  
Miles Gloetzner

**Proppers for 1/22/2023**

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Sunday of Zaccheus

Resurrection Tone 8

Troparion - 161

*v. Glory...*

Kontakion - 162

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162-3

Our Father- 73

**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 we had a great turn out and  
our first baked potato bar with beef chili  
beans and toppings galore. Thanks to  
Ashley Garcia for bringing delicious chili  
beans, Mary Rose Sena and Rita Montañó  
for the freshly baked potatoes, and the  
Serna family and Julia for the toppings!

Thanks to everyone who brought a  
mountain of tasty treats! A big thanks to  
Katy Ford, who brought homemade King  
cakes in honor of the Roman rite Epiphany  
feast. Carol Donlin, Grace Brewer, and  
Ximena Serna each found a baby Jesus, so  
next year ladies- you get to host the  
social ;) Please bring any extra metal  
utensils to contribute to our growing eclectic  
family style kitchen. And as always, please  
sign up to host or co-host a social here or in  
the hall: [https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10c054aaaaa2aa4f94-olph#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aaaaa2aa4f94-olph#/)

**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.

**Sanctity of Life Awareness and  
Unity Day in Santa Fe**

Annual March for Life in Santa Fe this year is  
on Wednesday January 25. Let's meet at the  
church parking lot 10am to carpool for the  
noon Mass at St Francis Cathedral. For the  
procession from the cathedral to the Round-  
house, we will be taking the Icon of Our Lady  
Helper of Mothers and church banners.

**The Eparchy**, within all its parishes, institutions,  
and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe  
Environment in ministry for its children and vul-  
nerable 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  
ext. 203 -- Email: [sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org](mailto:sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org)

Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Dcn Michael Hanafin Cell: (480) 307-5182

**ALL SOULS SATURDAYS 2023:** Following the Byzantine Catholic tradition, five Saturdays are set aside for the remembrance of the departed members of our families and of our friends. This year, the first All Souls Saturday is February 11th. Using the envelope provided in your packet or on a sheet of paper, please submit the names of those you wish to have remembered at the Divine Liturgy / Panachida on these five Saturdays. Only write the first names of the individuals to be commemorated; if the list of names is the same as last year, simply write “same as last year,” or write “add the following names to my list.” Return your requests to the parish office by mail or by placing them in the collection basket. Deadline for returns is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless you!

**ATTENTION!** We are updating Parish Directory for 2023. If there have been any changes to your address / phone/ email and if you have not yet submitted the changes, please, do so at your earliest convenience by phone: 505-256-1539 or by email: [olphsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:olphsecretary@gmail.com) Thank you!

**!!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](mailto:Riley.Dan@gmail.com).

### **St. Anthony of the Desert and the Three Divine Paradoxes**

COMMENTARY: The life of St. Anthony of the Desert illustrates the great Christian paradox that God magnifies his glory not by diminishing his creatures, but by exalting them.

I suspect we celebrate saints' birthdays to suppress our shock that the saints actually have them. A great gulf seems to exist between the lives of saints like St. Francis of Assisi and our own; and it is comforting to remember that at least we share with them the bizarre experience of birth, too easily forgotten if we but glance at their seemingly angelic existences.

St. Anthony of Egypt, whose memorial the Church celebrates Jan. 17, is another of the super saints, a man so holy as to seem almost inhuman. Alternately known as St. Anthony the Great, St. Anthony Abbot, St. Anthony of the Desert, St. Anthony the Anchorite and St. Anthony of Thebes, the saint's most remarkable aspect of his feast day is not *that* it happened, but *when* it happened.

The Christian world in the third century was passing from the age of the martyrs to the age of the theologians. Witness was giving way to wonder. The pagans, who very much enjoyed slaying Christians, also enjoyed a rich theology and mythology concerning their gods. The Christian God, however, remained something of an enigma — so much so that even the early Christians weren't quite sure what sort of enigma he was.

Into this age of speculation entered Anthony, who provided an answer in living long before Anselm would finally provide it in writing. St. Anthony of Egypt's life explains what sort of god God is. And while St. Anthony of Padua is very popular today for helping us to find our car keys, I hope to make St. Anthony of Egypt equally popular for helping us to find God.

Not having space to provide a full biography, I restrain myself to the three paradoxes of his asceticism. First, Anthony “ate but once a day,” as told by his biographer, St. Athanasius. These meals consisted of only bread and water, amounting to little more than a dinner roll and a few fluid ounces.

Second, Anthony lived in extreme isolation; he once had himself sealed in a tomb to pray in total silence. His later years found him in a hermitage, a solid week's walk from the nearest town.

Third, he was humorously undereducated. Having been converted to his vocation as a boy, he did not finish enough school to learn even reading. As concerns education, Anthony is the photo-negative of Augustine. Anthony was a man who chose to live in dire poverty, but from this poverty arose his three divine paradoxes. He was extremely underfed, yet appeared in perfect health. Anthony stood a solid six-feet tall, his frame rippling with muscle. He maintained the appearance of youth throughout his 105 years. He was extremely isolated, yet he suffered the agony of popularity. His doors were “torn down by force.” The crowds gathered as they had before Christ. He was extremely ignorant, yet outsmarted the cream of Greece's intelligentsia. Two Greek philosophers came to meet Anthony, and he asked why they wished to meet with a fool.

When they replied that he was no fool, but wise and prudent, Anthony told them this: “If you think me prudent, become as I am, for we ought to imitate what is good. And if I had come to you, I should have imitated you; but if you to me, become as I am, for I am a Christian.” Having no desire to be converted, the philosophers departed in silence.

These paradoxes point, as do most paradoxes, straight back to the nature of God. Consider, for a moment, the life of the ascetic pagans. Siddhartha, on his way to becoming Buddha, ate but once a day and nearly died. St. Anthony ate but once a day and vigorously lived. Chris McCandless flew into the woods and was later found rotting and rather still. St. Anthony flew into the woods and was later found laughing and rather alive. Peter Abelard was known to be the smartest theologian of his age, yet he died a disgraced eunuch. St. Anthony was thought to be quite dim, yet he defeated the Platonic philosophers.

History is dotted with the drab, hunched figures of would-be mystics. History is also seasoned with the sharpness and sweetness of the saints.

What St. Anthony the Hermit reveals about the nature of God is that God is the sort of being who will create a St. Anthony. It has been said truly that: “There is a great man who makes every man feel small. But the real great man is the man who makes every man feel great.”

It is equally true that there is a great god who asks all men to be small. But the real great God asks all men to be great.

Chris McCandless had a god. It was a very small god, perhaps even a little devil, which called him out to the wilderness and killed him. St. Anthony had God, who called him out to the wilderness to live anew. He ate “but once a day,” yet he did not starve.

The world Anthony left was obsessed with prestige, power and influence. Yet, no matter how much he strived to avoid them, prestige, power and influence still found him out. The man who desired only God’s company had to endure the company of thousands: There is nothing so attractive as the man who does not wish to attract. Just as Anthony and Siddhartha both ate hardly anything but only the latter starved, so too did Anthony and Siddhartha both gain a following as spiritual leaders. However, while Siddhartha had to walk from town to town telling people he was enlightened; Anthony had the towns walk to him, for they knew he was a saint.

God, by whose grace Anthony flourished, is not a God challenged by his creatures. He is not a being like us, playing a zero-sum game. The whole of Christian metaphysics rests on a distinction so simple as to be understood by a child.

Every word written about God draws its energy from the erasing of a single letter. Jupiter was a being; Mars was a being; Aphrodite was a being. What the Church was discovering in the year 251 was that the Christian God is *Being* itself. By dropping “a,” the theologians found God. It was in giving up that they received.

It is impressive that N.T. Wright, with his years of study, has memorized the New Testament. It is more impressive that St. Anthony, with no study at all, memorized the whole Bible. It is impressive that T.E. Lawrence could brave the Arabian Desert for a few years of worldly war. It is more impressive that St. Anthony could brave the Egyptian desert for a lifetime of spiritual combat.

The enigma of St. Anthony is the end result of Christian theology. God is not *a being* in the world and can, thus, afford to see the world increase without losing any of his glory. He can delight in a man who increases in being, for God himself is *being*. To be more a man is to grow closer to God: “In him, we live and move and have our being.” St. Anthony simply lived and moved and had more being than most. The pagan gods, being mere beings who nevertheless strive for equality with God, are on the same metaphysical shelf as man and must elbow and shove to make room. If a pagan decreases in glory, the gods increase in glory.

If a Christian increases in glory, God doesn’t lose any glory. After all: “Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:6). The Roman who castrated himself was honorable. The Christian who castrated himself was a heretic. What Origen couldn’t explain in writing, St. Anthony explained in living.

(Article by John Goerke taken from <https://www.ncregister.com/news/st-anthony-of-the-desert-and-the-three-divine-paradoxes>)



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