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Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!

The Icon Corner

Today we commemorate the Seventh Ecumenical Council – its teachers and its teachings. Particularly, at this Council, the use of holy icons was defended.

Icons should be used regularly in our prayer life. The icon corner should be part of every Byzantine Christian home in order to enhance daily prayer.

It is customary to have a God-shelf or an icon corner located in a special place. It is a graphic proclamation that the family is committed to the Christian life and the life in the heavenly kingdom. This is the place where the family icon is enshrined and where the family gathers for prayer. This is a reminder that the home is a domestic church.

Usually, the icon corner faces East so that when we pray facing the icons, we are facing East, the direction of the rising sun – the direction of Christ's Light. Prominent are the icons of Christ and the Theotokos. These are sometimes surrounded by

icons of the patron saints of the parents and of the children.

Since icons are sacred images revealing the special presence of the holy ones depicted in them, a votive lamp, traditionally suspended from the ceiling, or a candle placed on a shelf before the icon is usually burning before the icon, especially during prayer. The face of a true icon is written in such a way as to reflect the light of the candle or lamp and remind us of the way the person depicted reflected the grace of the Holy Spirit within them (Bishop elect Robert Pipta)



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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!

Gal 1:11-19; Lk 8:5-15 or Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festal Matins & Confessions
ECF Classes 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors & Friends
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

Oct 16 Mon ***Longinus Martyr / Phil 4:10-23; Lk 9:18-22***

8:00 am +Mary Marlene & +Joseph Richerd by Shari
Annual Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ

Oct 17 Tue ***Hosea Prophet / Col 1:1-2 & 7-11; Lk 9:23-27***

Clergy Retreat / No Liturgy
6:00 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM

Oct 18 Wed ***Luke Apostle—Evangelist / Col 4:5-9.14.18***

Clergy Retreat / No Liturgy

Oct 19 Thu ***Joel Prophet / Col 1:24-29; Lk 9:49-56***

Annual Clergy Retreat in Carefree AZ

Oct 20 Fri ***Artemius Great Martyr / Col 2:1-7; Lk 10:1-15***



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo/Lomas
Clergy Retreat / No Liturgy

Oct 21 Sat ***Hilary the Great Venerable / 2 Cor 3:12-18; Lk 7:1-10***

9:00 am (masks required) +Priest Francis Vivona by Shari

Oct 22 Sun ***21st Sunday After Pentecost / Gal 2:16-20; Lk 16:19-31***

4:00 pm Great Vespers / YouTube LIVE
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Deuteronomy 21:14-19.22-23; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Sirach 45:1-11
5:00 pm +Virginia Arinze by Alison McShane

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: Ivan Strutynskyi by Strutynskyi Family
5:30pm Ask a Priest highschool teens group meeting

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

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| Sharif Rabadi | Buster Miscusi | Paola Terlaza |
| Jenny Ford | Barbara De Lap | Ruth Sousa |
| Marilyn Fore | Irene Bradley | Linda Granci |
| Sven & Barbara | Sorilah Chavez | Vicki Frank |
| Svensson | Abraham Haddad | Christopher Barlow |
| Laurie Bienz | Marianne Gerace | Jordan Smith |
| Brent Dodson- | Michael Baron | Janet Worthington |
| Sands | Gabriel Preisler | Patti Klinkovsky |
| Lara Davis | Jessica Pieniadz | Matt Williamson |
| Carol Donlin | Rhonda | James Epstein |
| Marcie Dark | Glasscock | Katy Ford |
| Jesse Hebert | Amber Roybal | Alton & Barbara |
| Fr Chris Zugger | Philip Leahy | Bertschinger |
| Fr Chris Andrews | Juanita Montoya | |
| Fr Robert Rankin | Jacob McTernan | |
| Fr. Steve Washko | | |



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 October / For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. .

“Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” Our Lord teaches us the truth of our hearts and his word in today’s parable. Are we ready to have ears to hear his word with an honest and good heart, to retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance? This is the calling for all of us, and for some of us that includes a special dedication through the ordained, religious or monastic life. If this may be for you to discern, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today: Sullivan Family
Pam Pettit
Next Sunday:
Talamante Family
Pam Pettit

October 22, 2023

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojica: Lucy Wells

Counters: Laura Serna & Miles
Gloetzner

Propers for 10/22/23

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 4

Troparion- 141
v. Glory...

Kontakion - 141
v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 142
Our Father - 69

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 Glory to Jesus Christ! It was a happy birthday celebration for Brook Jilek and Josh Montaño!

The Jileks brought mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, and kielbasa, Kathy Sullivan bought gluten free cupcakes, the Montaños brought doughnuts, and there was even a salad from Ashley - everything was so yummy! Of course the hall was cleaned up faster than Mary Poppins with the Jileks and Kathy in charge and everyone had a great time. Thanks y'all!

God grant the birthday people many blessed and happy years! Please signup to host or help with a social here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph>

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

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| Nov 2-5 | Assembly of the Byzantine Church 2023 in Hillsborough, NJ https://form.jotform.com/230514012134134 |
| Wed Nov 8 | Archangel Michael and All Angels Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy |
| Mon Nov 13 | 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting |
| Tue, Nov 14 | Beginning of Phillip's Fast |
| Tue Nov 21 | Entrance of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day |
| Mon Nov 20 | 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy |
| Wed Dec 6 | Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy |
| Fri Dec 8 | Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy |
| Fri & Sat Dec 15 & 16 | Women's Day of Reflection |
| Fri Dec 22 | 9:00 am Royal Hours |
| Strict Fast | 7:00 pm Great Compline |
| Mon Dec 25 | Christmas-Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy |
| Tue Dec 26, | Synaxis of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy |
| Wed Dec 27 | Stephen Protomartyr Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy |
| Mon Jan 1 2024 | Circumcision / Solemn Holy Day 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St Basil / Blessing of Litija / Myrovaniye |
| Fri Jan 5 | Vigil of Theophany 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 | Theophany of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Great Blessing of Water / Myrovaniye |

ETERNAL MEMORY!!! Lori Medina, daughter of our beloved parishioner Irene Bradley fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday night, October 11th, after the long battle with brain cancer. We offer Irene our heartfelt condolences and promise of prayers for Lori's eternal repose. May God grant His servant Lori blessed repose and remember her forever! Вічна пам'ять, Блажений упокой, Вічная ёй пам'ять!

Today is Eparchial Priests Health Insurance Collection Sunday. This collection is taken in the Eparchy to assist in the cost of funding health insurance for priests in the Eparchy of Phoenix. 100% of proceeds go to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Program Coordinator

Cell: (480) 745-0316 -- **Office:** (602) 861-9778 ext. 204 -- **Email:** sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org

- or -

Victim Assistance Coordinator, Michael Hanafin

Cell: (480) 307-5182 -- **Email:** vac@ephx.org

Dear Parish Family, next fall we will celebrate the 50 year anniversary of OLPH.

We have begun planning already and will be making announcements shortly.

One of the most important mementos from this wonderful anniversary will be a 50th Anniversary Booklet with short articles about our history, photographs, letters of congratulations, and other things of the sort.

The advisory board will be busy planning other aspects of the anniversary, and are looking for a committee of parishioners who can generate ideas, write articles, ask others to write articles, look through pictures and select the best, etc.

We plan to have a professional company create the layout, so the members would mostly be generating content, not creating the booklet itself (e.g. with design software).

This is a great opportunity to serve and create a memorable keepsake for our parish family, even for newer members of the parish.

Please see one of the advisory board members (Fr Chris, Rafael Plut, Alicia Wells, Jeff Brewer, Mike Grega) if you'd like to help. Thank you.

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.

Please tell your friends!

Today we remember the **Fathers of Nicaea II, or the Seventh Ecumenical Council** in 787. Called to gather at the site of the first council, which had determined who Christ was, these Fathers had to grapple with the heresy of iconoclasm. The location was an appropriate choice, for the iconoclasts were close to denying the human nature of the divine person, Jesus Christ. His humanity and divinity had been affirmed at Nicaea back in 325. The key declaration of this council is still true for Protestant iconoclasts of our time:

*“As the sacred and life-giving cross is everywhere set up as a symbol, so also should the images of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, the holy angels, as well as those of the saints and other pious and holy men be embodied in the manufacture of sacred vessels, tapestries, vestments, etc., and exhibited on the walls of churches, in the homes, and in all conspicuous places, by the roadside and everywhere, to be revered by all who might see them. **For the more they are contemplated, the more they move to fervent memory of their prototypes. Therefore, it is proper to accord to them a fervent and reverent adoration, not, however, the veritable worship which, according to our faith, belongs to the Divine Being alone — for the honor accorded to the image passes over to its prototype, and whoever adores the image adores in it the reality of what is there represented.**”* When debating a radical Christian (sometimes a fellow Catholic!) who thinks our use of icons is wrong, this is the argument to take.

October 16th: Saint Longinus

Longinus is the name given to the Roman centurion in charge of the soldiers who crucified Jesus, and who pierced the side of Jesus with his lance. In the Gospel of John, this centurion cries out, “Truly this was the Son of God!” and is brought to faith through Jesus’ death. According to a later medieval legend, he was blind in one eye, but when the blood and water gushed forth from the pierced side of Jesus, he was cured. As a result, he is the patron saint for those suffering blindness or eye diseases.

Longinus is a model for those struggling to believe, since like the Good Thief, he comes to faith in Jesus at the worst moment of Jesus’ life. He is not converted by Jesus’ miracles or sermons, but by the preaching of Christ in His Seven Last Words from the Cross and His peaceful acceptance of the Passion. A statue of Longinus stands in a place of honor under the dome of Saint Peter’s basilica in Rome, along with Saints Andrew, Helena, and Veronica.

October 18th: Saint Luke

St Luke (Oct 18) is the author of both his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, which should be read as one unit. A Greek physician from Antioch, he was converted by the preaching of Paul. The Acts are dedicated to a governor of the province of Antioch. He is also said to have been the companion of Cleophas on the road to Emmaus (as is related in the Travelers’ Blessing). Another tradition claims that he was among the Seventy Disciples who followed Christ during his preaching. His detailed Infancy narrative in chapters 1 - 2 of his Gospel, is believed to have been collected through interviews he conducted with Our Lady and members of the extended family of Christ in Nazareth. As a result, Luke is also credited with creating the first icons of Mary and the Christ Child. Numerous icons, from the Middle East to Poland, are claimed as having come from his hand, however this means only that they are ancient and have a Marian theme. Various tests show that not only do the icons come from a wide range of different schools, but can be anywhere from the 10th to the 13th centuries. Luke's gospel is also called the Gospel of mercy, because Luke is compassionate towards many sinful figures in his writing.

Saint Luke is often shown with an ox. This is because his gospel begins and ends in the temple, and the ox represents the many animals sacrificed there, whereas Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross supersedes those old rituals. This scheme is drawn from the work of St. Jerome, who in turn used the four images depicted in Ezekiel 1 and Revelation 4. He assigned the animals shown there to the four Evangelists, with John represented by the eagle, Matthew by the man, and Mark by the lion.

“Ask a priest” questions by Fr Chris

What does the Church teach about pre-destination?

Known as Calvin’s “dreadful doctrine” this claims that God sends people to hell and eternal damnation. It completely negates free will, since Calvin taught that those who are damned cannot change their fate. It is a serious distortion of Saint Augustine, who affirmed free will as a gift from God. Augustine wrote *“God created us without us, but He did not will to save us without us.”* It is up to us to accept or reject salvation! God desires the salvation of all humanity (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9) and the Church teaches that those who go to hell choose to do so, by excluding themselves from God’s love and mercy (Matthew 7:13-14 and 25:31-46; Catechism nos. 1033-37).

Does God make people gay?

Many people who are attracted to those of the same sex will honestly state that they have had those feelings for many years, and feel that they have no choice other than to live accordingly. What does the Church say on this?

To date, we have not found a genetic origin to same-sex attraction. It seems rather to be a complicated mix of factors, usually summarized as nature and nurture.

Absolutely, people with this attraction are to be treated with compassion and respect, since they are made in the image and likeness of God. The Church is very clear on this, and favors legal protections for all



**Annual Blessing of
Animals**