

December 8, 2024

29th Sunday After Pentecost / Maternity of the Holy Anna / Tone 4

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



Holy Maternity of St. Anna/ Conception of St. Anne Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8- We keep **the feast of the Conception of Saint Anne/** Conception of the Theotokos, known in the West as **the Immaculate Conception**. Declared a dogma in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, the Immaculate Conception was taught by many Church Fathers and spiritual writers for centuries. In the Eastern Churches, this is normally kept on December 9, in order to emphasize that though sinless, **Our Lady is still inferior to Christ**, Who alone has a perfect pregnancy (March 25-December 25). However, the Latin Church preferred the date of December 8, giving Our Lady a perfect pregnancy (December 8 – September 8). Because **the United States is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception**, our Byzantine Catholic Church has accepted the December 8th date in America.

The dogma teaches this: the Blessed Virgin Mary "**in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.**" (Pope Pius IX)."

What does this mean? The *Catholic Encyclopedia* tells us: **Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul.**

The formal active essence of original sin was not removed from her soul, as it is removed from others by baptism; it was excluded, it never was in her soul. Simultaneously with the exclusion of sin, the state of original sanctity, innocence, and justice, as opposed to original sin, was conferred upon her, by which gift every stain and fault, all depraved emotions, passions, and debilities, essentially pertaining to original sin, were excluded. But she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam — from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death. The immunity from original sin was given to Mary by a singular exemption from a universal law through the same merits of Christ, by which other men are cleansed from sin by baptism. Mary needed the redeeming Savior to obtain this exemption, and to be delivered from the universal necessity and debt of being subject to original sin. The person of Mary, in consequence of her origin from Adam, should have been subject to sin, but, being the new Eve who was to be the mother of the new Adam, she was, by the eternal counsel of God and by the merits of Christ, withdrawn from the general law of original sin. Her redemption was the very masterpiece of Christ's redeeming wisdom. He is a greater redeemer who pays the debt that it may not be incurred than he who pays after it has fallen on the debtor.

The feast of the Conception of Saint Anne originates in the monasteries of Palestine in the late 600s; it spread through the Syriac and Byzantine Churches so that by 1166 it was a holy day of obligation in the Byzantine Empire with no work allowed. **In the texts of this feast, Mary is acclaimed as all-holy, immaculate, sinless, and most pure.** Icons of "The Conception of St. Anne" shows SS. Joachim and Anne embracing at the Golden Gate after being told by angels that they would conceive a daughter who would become the mother of the Messiah.

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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 conven-
ient, 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 immedi-
ately after donating. The software takes a very
small percentage 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!

Colossians 3:12-16; Galatians 4:22-31 / Luke 17:12-19; Luke 8:16-21

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Matins & Confessions

St Nicholas Award

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Mystery of Chrismation and First Holy Communion to Andrew Bockemeier / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH/St Nicholas Play
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine

Dec 9 Mon

Patapius Venerable / Heb 8:7-13; Mk 8:11-21



9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Albert & +Agnes Adamsko by Pam Pettit
6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting

Dec 10 Tue

Means and Others Martyrs / Heb 9:8-10 & 15-23; Mk 8:2-26

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Mykola Kozub

Dec 11 Wed

Daniel the Stylite Venerable / Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34



5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy for Our Lady of Guadalupe / +Darlene Riley

Dec 12 Thu

Our Lady of Guadalupe / Heb 9:1-7; Lk 1:39-56

Dec 13 Fri

Eustratius and Others Martyrs / Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19



9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Mary Sanchez by Debbie Sanchez

Dec 14 Sat

Thyrsus and Others Martyrs / Eph 6:10-17; Lk 21:12-19

Dec 15 Sun

Sunday of the Forefathers / Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 9:18-29; 2 Samuel 22:2-51; Isaiah 56:1-7

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Tom & Rafael Plut by Svenssons

YouTube LIVE 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions

ECF Classes

10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH

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/olphtmedia>. 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	Harry & Barbara	Jordan Smith
Jenny Ford	De Lap	Janet Worthington
Marilyn Fore	Irene Bradley	Patti Klinkovsky
Sven & Barbara	Sorlah Chavez	Matt Williamson
Svensson	Abraham Haddad	James Epstein
Laurie Bienz	Marianne Gerace	Katy Ford
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Madalyn Davis
Sands	Jessica Pieniadz	Rebecca Russo
Lara Davis	Rhonda Glasscock	Jacob McTernan
Carol Donlin	Amber Roybal	Paola Terlaza
Marcie Dark	Philip Leahy	Vicki Frank
Fr Chris Zugger	Juanita Montoya	Emily
Fr Chris Andrews	Linda Granci	Wojciechowski
Fr Robert Rankin	Christopher	Fr Joel Barstad
Fr. Steve Washko	Barlow	Fr. Joseph Wargaki
Buster Miscusi	Joel Ford	Fr James Bankston
Richard Jacobs	Andrew Martinez	Killian Parker
Lourdes Lasin		



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 / December For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

“Get up and go your way. Your faith has healed you!” The faith of the healed Samaritan leper who returned to thank Jesus is a model of thanksgiving and love for God. Our Lord works through the faith of those who love him and serve His body, the Church. Is a life of service and faithfulness to God and His Church as a priest, deacon, monk or nun something that may be for you or someone you know? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon
Today:
Brewer Family
Next Sunday:
Davidson-Talley Family

December 15, 2024

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Kendrick Sena

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojica: Yvonne Serna

Counters: Jana Brewer & Laura Serna

Propers for 12/15/24

Sunday of Forefathers

Tone 5

Troparion (Tone 5)- 146

Troparion (Forefathers) – 281

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Forefathers) - 281

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion – 406

Prokemenon & Alleluia – 282

Our Father – 70

Communion - 79 & 283 [D]

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

Lara Davis at crow-hopdavis@yahoo.com

Alicia's Hall Report

Sunday's New Mexican Feast was fantastic! Thanks to all who contributed. Congratulations to the Padilla Family on the baptism of their son, Rafael and God grant him many blessed and happy years! **Please sign up for Holy Supper on the greeting table as you enter the church** and to host a social on the online signup. Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tue Dec 24	Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast 10:00 am Royal Hours 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil
Wed Dec 25	Christmas Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy
Thu Dec 26	Synaxis of the Theotokos / Solemn Feast 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 27	Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Jan 1	Circumcision of Our Lord / St Basil the Great / Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Jan 3	Vigil of Theophany (day of strict Fast) 6:00 pm Great Compline / Blessing of Litija
Mon Jan 6	Theophany / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil / Great Blessing of Water / Myrovanije
Mon Jan 27	Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim, CA 7:00 pm Vespers with Profession of Faith bishop-elect Artur Bubnevych
Tue Jan 28	Annunciation Church in Anaheim, CA 1:00 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with episcopal ordination and enthronement of Fr Artur Bubnevych
Sat Feb 22	1st All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Mon Mar 3	Beginning of Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 15	2nd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Sat Mar 22	3rd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida

Year End Finances For those parishioners who use their tithe as a part of their income tax charitable deductions for 2024, all contributions must be received at the church by Dec 31.

ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY TITHING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2024 WITH YOUR NAME ON IT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON THE FRONT PEW AT THE ENTRANCE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR NAME PLEASE SEE ANN.

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

As we prepare for Fr. Artur's departure to lead the eparchy, we need to come together as a parish to ensure that OLPH is cleaned, cared for and running smoothly. This work is extremely important to the operation of the parish that we all love. To organize this effort we are calling an all-parish meeting after liturgy on December 22 at approximately 12:30 in the parish hall. This is a very important meeting to the continued operation of the parish and we encourage everyone to stay a little after liturgy to attend. For anyone who cannot be present in person, there will be a Zoom teleconference available with meeting ID 821 483 1987 or via the following link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8214831987?omn=81498121422>) or by calling in at (669) 444-9171.

Save the Date!

With Kyr Artur's blessing, the 2025 Alive in Christ Camp will be held July 10-13 at Palomar Christian Conference Center in San Diego County, California. This ascetical boot camp is for boys aged 7-17 and for dads/guardians, with an emphasis on vocational discernment and growth in the life in Christ. More details to come.

ETERNAL MEMORY!!! Alton Bertschinger, beloved father of Terri McNeil fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday November 27th. We offer Terry our heartfelt condolences and promise of prayers for Alton's eternal repose and family consolation. May God grant His servant Alton blessed repose and remember him forever! Вічна пам'ять, Блажений упокой, Вічна йому пам'ять!

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously

MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONMENT ONLINE TRAINING FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

Reminder: PLEASE, CHECK your Safe Environment Compliance Certificate Expiration date. Please note that Online Virtus training for many will be expiring within August-Sept-October. The Eparchy's revised Safe Environment Policy no longer allows for lapses in compliance - either in Virtus training or in background screenings - for ALL OLPH VOLUNTEERS AND EXPLORER YOUTH GROUP LEADERS. Anyone falling out of compliance at any point must immediately cease from their designated area of service at OLPH until such time as they are in compliance once again. No one - not members of the clergy, volunteers, educators, employees etc. - may serve for even one day when out of SEP compliance. Thank you for your vigilance in this matter.

**“Am I not here, who is your mother?
Do not be disturbed.”**

In 1523, just two years after the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan (Mexico City) fell to Hernán Cortés and his Conquistadors, the first Roman Catholic missionaries arrived to begin the religious conquest of Mexico.

Among their first converts was Cuauhtlatoatzin (The Talking Eagle) baptized with the Christian name Juan Diego. On the chilly morning of December 9, 1531, Juan Diego crossed the barren hill called Tepeyac to attend Mass. He was brought to a sudden halt by a blinding light and the sound of beautiful music. **Before him appeared an astounding vision--a beautiful dark-skinned woman who, calling the Indian "my son", declared herself to be the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. She told Juan Diego it was her desire to have a church built on Tepeyac hill, and asked him to relay that message to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga.** The purpose of Juan Diego's original name was now revealed, as he had to speak on behalf of Our Lady to the Spanish bishop.



It was no easy task for the humble Indian to be granted an audience with the top prelate, but the persistent Juan Diego was finally admitted. The incredulous Bishop demanded that he be provided with some proof of the unlikely encounter. On December 12, while rushing to find a priest to attend his dying uncle, he took a short cut across the hill. The Virgin once again appeared and Juan Diego told her of the Bishop's request. The Virgin instructed him to pick roses from the usually barren and desolate hill and deliver them to Zumarraga as the sign.

Juan Diego gathered up the miraculous blossoms in his mantle and hurried off to complete his mission. Once again before the Bishop, he let the roses spill out before him. Not only were the roses from the Spaniards' native Castile, but to their astonishment **a perfect image of the Blessed Mother was revealed emblazoned on Juan Diego's cloak. Juan Diego's mantle, carefully preserved in the new Basilica, has been subjected to extensive analysis over the years. Experts have authenticated the fabric as dating to the 16th century, but have been unable to determine the type of pigment from which the image was rendered.**

To this day, no one has been able to replicate the image, and the humble cactus cloth has survived pollution, acid, a bomb attack, and has not deteriorated at all, even though such cloaks usually collapse within two decades! Skeptics are quick to denounce the Virgin's appearance on Tepeyac, the very site of an Aztec temple dedicated to Tonatzin (earth goddess, mother of the gods and protectress of humanity) which had been devastated by order of Bishop Zumarraga. But **Our Lady came to Tepeyac to conquer the old religion, while sanctifying a traditional place of prayer. Aztec religion believed in a cosmos that was frightening, which needed human blood from the sacrifice of tens of thousands of people every year in order to keep the universe in its proper balance. When the Spaniards toppled the Aztec altars, the Mexican nations awaited their destruction: but it did not come. Yet they could not relate to the new Spanish religion either, and the people were living in despair, confusion and anxiety. Now, this new Mother of God came to them. She wore their clothing, her skin was their color, she spoke in their Nahuatl language, she was pregnant with a new life, and she called the people her children and little ones. She encouraged them to worship her Son, the true God, and within a few years eight million people converted to Catholicism.**



God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family member Rafael Padilla!
Last Sunday, we formally welcomed little Rafael into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as he received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Christmation-Holy Eucharist) at the 10 am Divine Liturgy. May the Lord grant to the God loving Padilla Family and newly enlightened warrior of Christ Rafael, peace health and happiness