

January 5, 2025 / Sunday Before Theophany / T one 8
CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM / HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The season of the HOUSE BLESSINGS HAS BEGUN. Fr. Vasyl 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 the greeting table or send an email to transcarpatian@yahoo.com indicating best days and time.



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Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS : 2nd & 4th Thursday
Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

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Parish Membership

From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure (financial support); Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:
 1. Being registered
 2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
 3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes! Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on “Membership in a Parish”

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 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8

YouTube Live 8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Matins & Confessions

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

Fr. Chris / Barbara DeLap by Dianna Ceballo

2:30 pm Great Blessing of the Rio Grande River

(meet at 2:00 pm at the National Hispanic Cultural Center parking lot))

Jan 6 Mon ***Theophany of Our Lord / Holy Day of Obligation***

Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7; Mt 3:13-17

6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil the Great followed by the Great Blessing of Water For Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends

Jan 7 Tue ***Synaxis of John the Baptist / Acts 19:1-8; Jn 1:29-34***

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Diego Sanchez by Talamante Family

6:00—7:30 pm Lord Teach Me To Pray meeting for women

Jan 8 Wed ***George, Dominica & Emilian Venerables / Heb 5:11-6:8; Lk 21:5-7.10-11.20-24***

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Katie Joyce by Talamante Family

Jan 9 Thu ***Polyeuct Martyr / Heb 7:1-6; Lk 21:28-33***

Jan 10 Fri ***Gregory of Nyssa Bishop / Heb 7:18-25; Lk 21:37-22:8***

9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Michael Padilla by Talamante Family

Jan 11 Sat ***Saturday after Theophany Theodosius Venerable***
Eph 6:10-17 & 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 4:1-11 & Mt 11:27-30

Jan 12 Sun ***Sunday After Theophany / Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17***

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Exodus 13:17-14:4; Sirach 7:29-36; Isaiah 1: 16-20

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Fr. Artur by Talamante Family

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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 /

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	Soriah 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
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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 / January For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.” Answering God’s call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon
Today:
Montano Family
Next Sunday:
Wells Family

January 12, 2025

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojica: Eva Riley

Counters: Jana Brewer &

Laura Serna

Propers for 1/12/25

Sunday After Theophany

Tone 1

Antiphons & Entrance Hymn - 316-7

Troparion (Tone 1) - 125

Troparion (Theophany) - 317

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Theophany) - 317

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 317-8

Instead of 'It is Truly Proper' - 315

Our Father- 66

Communion Hymn - 316 & 305

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 the 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

crowhopdavis@yahoo.com

May the Lord Bless your kindness and generosity to His House!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

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 / Panachida
Mon Mar 3	Beginning of Great Fast 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 15	2nd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida
Sat Mar 22	3rd All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panachida

Alicia's Hall Report

Christ is born! What a great send off for Bishop Elect Artur at Annunciation on Sunday- the visiting, the food, the dancing was wonderful! A big thanks to Monsignor Voorhies for lending us the hall- we definitely needed the space! Thanks to Kai Kang, who was a fantastic DJ, and graciously donated his DJ services. Thanks to all who attended, brought food, and participated by sending prayers for Father's Spiritual Bouquet! It was a fabulous send off and I am sure

Father will take all our love with him to Phoenix.

God grant you many blessed and happy years, Bishop Elect Artur!

Note from Fr Artur: My dearest Parish Family, Thank you so much for showering me with your love, prayers & gifts at the Farewell Party last Sunday! Thank you to those who organized this wonderful evening of fellowship and fun.
OLPH is an amazing icon of God's LOVE! THANK YOU!

Theophany River Blessing We will be having the Great Blessing of the Rio Grande River on Sunday, January 5th at 2:30pm. We will meet in the northwest corner of the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) parking lot at 2:00 pm and have a procession to the river. The NHCC is located at 1701 4th Street SW and we recommend entering the parking lot from Avenida Cesar Chavez.

2025 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 January-March at the following dates from **12-3pm** in the parish hall: **January 20, February 17 & 22, March 17 & 22. All OLPH Parishioners receive a 50% discount of workshop participation fee.** Workshop space is limited, so please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/olph-pysanky> or by contacting Andrea Riley at 505-220-9137 or andrea.riley@gmail.com

Employment Opportunity: Director, Mary Undoer of Knots Byzantine Catholic Shrine, Mt. Lemmon AZ Do you want to be at the service of Mary the Theotokos? We are looking for a mature Catholic with passion for evangelization and a desire to share God's love as the Director of Mary Undoer of Knots Byzantine Catholic Shrine located atop the forested mountains of the Coronado National Forest overlooking Tucson, Arizona.

The Director of the Byzantine Catholic Shrine is responsible for the overall management, strategic direction, and operational success of the Shrine. This includes collaborating with the Shrine's Board, the Eparchy of Phoenix, staff, volunteers, and the broader community to uphold the Shrine's mission, promote its spiritual and cultural significance, and ensure its long-term sustainability. If this sounds like you, then answer the call and apply today!

Full details can be found on the website of the Eparchy of Phoenix. In your browser, simply type: *Eparchy of Phoenix*. Then choose to view the website and you'll see the announcement under Eparchial Announcements. Choose the 'Apply Today' blue link which will take you to the job description.

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.

The **paradox** that Jesus Christ might be revealed as God through an act of submittal to a mere man, John, is shown well in the Icon. Though **John is baptizing Christ, it is John who is shown bent over** in reverence to Christ; in some icons, John is shown with his face turned toward heaven and beholding the miracle of the Theophany. Either way, despite being the baptizer, he is not central to the scene. **Near to John is a tree with an axe laid at the root, recalling John's own preaching** to those who came to him: "And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore, every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire." (Matt 3:10). On the opposite bank to John the Baptist, **angels wait** invisibly to receive the newly baptized Christ and clothe Him. On one side is the forerunner, on the other side the messengers of heaven, and in the center the Holy Trinity is revealed with the Spirit descending from the Father upon the Son.

In icons Christ's hands are not shown in prayer, but in a sign of blessing. Rather than the waters of Jordan cleansing Christ, it is **Christ Who cleans the waters**. Fish swim in two directions, to show the river parting for Jesus. This is a reflection of the words of the Psalmist regarding the Messiah (Christ): "the sea saw and fled, the Jordan turned back" (Psalm 114:3).. The small man in the water personifies the Jordan, a sea dragon represents the oceans, and the serpents those who are crushed by the redeemer (Genesis 3:15).

Theophany

The great feast of the Theophany takes place on January 6. In the ancient Church, this was a triple feast: The Nativity of Christ (Christmas), the Adoration of the Magi (Theophany to the Gentiles) and the Baptism of Christ (Theophany to the world). In this feast, Jesus is shown standing in the waters of the river Jordan. He consents to be baptized by His cousin John, despite John's refusal, and at that moment, God the Father speaks, calling Him "My beloved Son" and the Holy Spirit descends, in the form of a dove. This is a public manifestation of the Holy Trinity, and so a manifestation of God or Theophany.

Holy Water is sanctified at the Liturgy when the Holy Spirit descends in response to the prayer of the priest. Holy Water should be taken home and used frequently. **Holy Water can be used by any Christian to bless a room, children, animals, or plants**. It is especially used against the presence of the devil, to dispel bad dreams, and for sickness in addition to medicines. If you have Holy Water from last year, pour it out against a wall where no animal can walk on it, and bring your containers to church for the Great Sanctification of Water. It is an old custom to have a holy water font by the door, so as to bless oneself when going out of the house.

Why bless the house every year with holy water?

The house is the center for the family, where individuals spend a lot of their time, and the place of the Domestic Church. This is where we pray, work, love, build our lives. It is THE place to claim for the Kingdom of God, where the Lord wants to be fully present.

Every home suffers spiritually during the year – fights, bad dreams, illness, miscommunication. Blessing the house at the start of the New Year is a wonderful way to heal the house, to bring in the blessing of the Holy Trinity as we move from Christmas to the preparation for Lent.

We have to be vigilant at driving out the evil one and his minions, at getting rid of bad influences by bringing in sanctified water to purify our hearts, and to distribute God's holiness through the sprinkling of the holy water into our homes!



Holy Supper
2024

