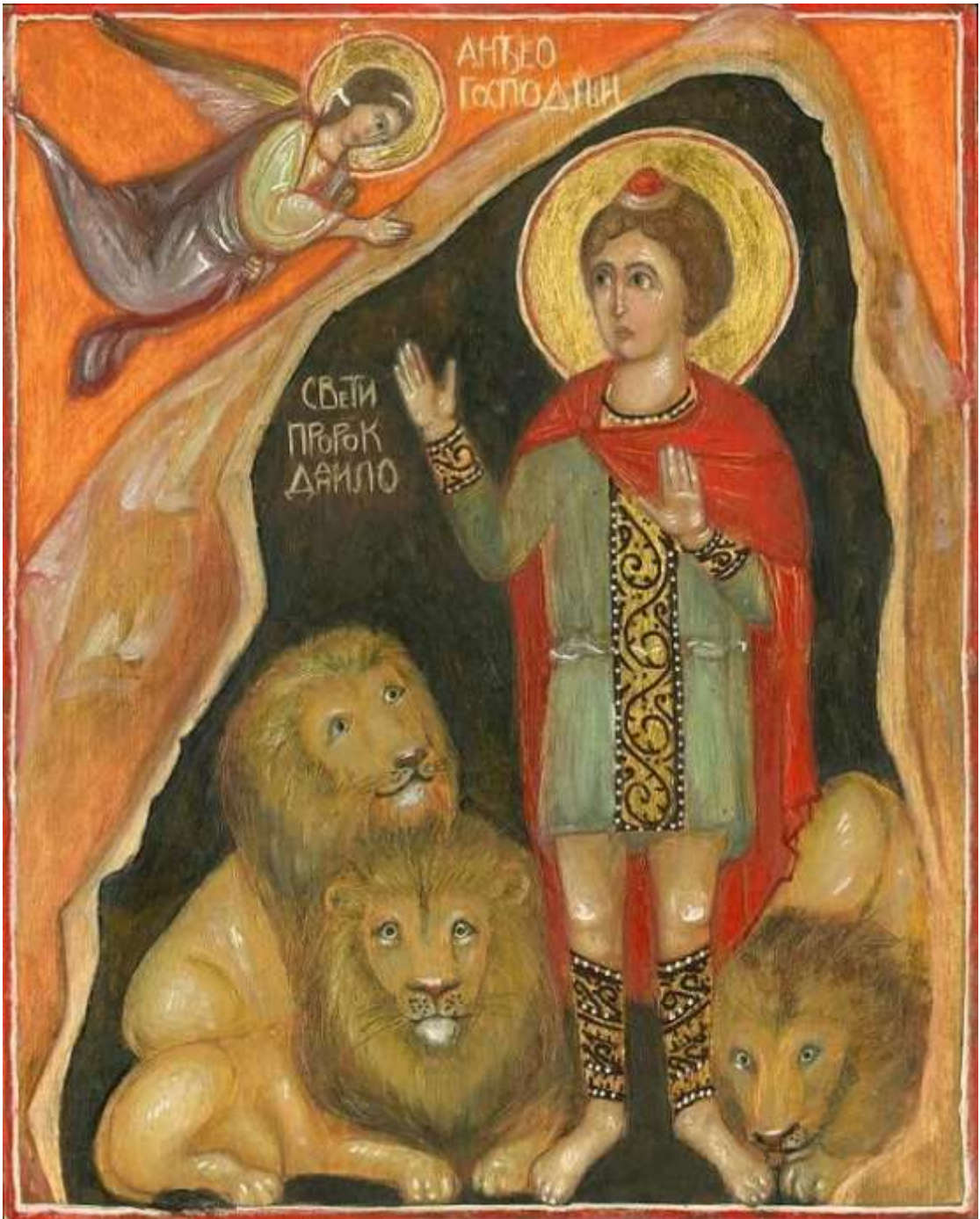


December 15 2024
Sunday of the Forefathers / T one 5

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



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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)

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 trav-
eling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set
up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or deb-
it 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 percentage of the donation, but its worth it for
the ease of the system. You can donate using your com-
puter / smartphone at [ps://www.olphnm.org/giving](https://www.olphnm.org/giving).

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!

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 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

- YouTube Live**
ECF Classes
- 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
- Dec 16 Mon** ***Haggai Prophet / Heb 11:17-23 & 27-31; Mk 9:42-10:1***
-  9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Health and Salvation of Sven Svensson by Barbara Svenssons
- Dec 17 Tue** ***Daniel Great Prophet / Heb 12:25-26 & 13:22-25; Mk 10:2-12***
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Mykola Kozub
- Dec 18 Wed** ***Sebastian and Others Martyrs / Sebastian and Others Martyrs
James 1:1-18; Mk 10:11-16***
-  5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Mary Sanchez by Debbie Sanchez
- Dec 19 Thu** ***Boniface Martyr / James 1:19-27; Mk 10:17-27***
- Dec 20 Fri** ***Ignatius Bishop Martyr / James 2:1-13; Mik 10:23-32***
-  9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Health and Salvation of Sven Svensson
- Dec 21 Sat** ***Saturday Before Christmas / Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29***
- Dec 22 Sun** ***Sunday Before Christmas—Of the Ancestors
Heb 11:9-10 & 17-23 & 32-40; Mt 1:1-25***
- 4:00 pm Great Vespers
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:
Genesis 14:14-20; Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17; Deuteronomy 10:14-21
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Tom and Rafael Plut by Lara Davis
- 8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins & Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH
12:30 pm All-Parish meeting in the Hall
5—8 pm "Ask A Priest" High-school teens Pre-Christmas gathering at Brewers
Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
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ECF Classes

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

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
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.

“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon

Today:

Davidson-Talley Family
Next Sunday: Hebert Family

December 22, 2024

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Kendrick Sena

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Lucy Brewer

Counters: Rita Montano &
Miles Gloetzner

Propers for 12/22/24

**Sunday of the Ancestors
Tone 6**

Troparion (Tone 6)- 152

Troparion (Ancestors) - 285
v. Glory...

Kontakion (Ancestors) - 286
v. Now & Ever...

Kontakion (Pre-feast)- 284
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 287
Our Father - 71

Communion Hymn - 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 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

Alicia's Hall Report

What a party for St. Nicholas Feast Day! A big thanks to all St. Nicholas' helpers, who provided the delicious lasagna, homemade chocolates and goodie bags! And to everyone who contributed to the feast and helped run the social! God grant you many blessed and happy years! Sign up to host/co-host our last meatless Sunday social before the Nativity on the signup genius. And if you haven't signed up for Holy Supper there are just a couple spots left, so sign up now! Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Sun Dec 22	12:30 pm All-Parish meeting in the Hall
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

THANK YOU NOTE: Sincere GRATITUDE to Carol, Harry and Michael who prepared a wonderful St Nicholas Play this year for our children and our beloved OLPH family!!!

Here are the Angel Tree results for 2024: Korolevo Orphanage - \$775.00; and Nine Seminarian Gift Cards totaling \$225.00. St Nicholas is very pleased!!! Thank you.

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.

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 2025 are now available on the greeting table by the Holy Water font.

Women and men religious offer gratitude. "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servant of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donations helps, visit retiredreligious.org. **Total collected for the Retirement Fund: \$80.00**

'Lord Teach Me To Pray' is a three part Teaching series on prayer and discernment that has been adapted from St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. Lord Teach Me To Pray has been approved by the USCCB for teaching in small, lay groups. The first of the three series, a once a week teaching for twelve weeks, will start here at OLPH on Tuesday January 7th 6:00 pm and ending by 7:30 pm. There are two facilitators that guide the group through the process, but the Holy Spirit is actual prayer teacher. This class will be for women. Please sign up at the greeting table. Questions may be directed to Cathy Sullivan.

A \$20.00 fee will cover materials.

Father Chris' NEW book, *Looking to Tomorrow: The History and Mission of the Byzantine Catholic Church* is in our bookstore. This is an 800 page, two volume set, with professionally made maps, covering the entire history of our Church from the mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius in the 9th century to today, in Central Europe and North America. It is a limited edition, and there is no other book like it, and nothing on the internet that matches the details, sources from multiple languages, and comprehensive overview of our Church's life.

Cost is \$80 per set.

Today is the Sunday of the Forefathers –Fr. Chris

All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are called to mind this weekend including such figures as the Holy Prophets Elias and Daniel. The Office of today concludes with the parents of the Forerunner of Christ, SS. Zechariah (Zachary) and his wife Elizabeth and the parents of the Virgin SS. Joachim and Ann. These are the faithful generations who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed"(Gen12:3, 22:18). What connection is there between them and us? In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – their belief in the promise given by God to Adam during his expulsion from the Garden of Eden that in the end a Savior will come into the world and will redeem mankind from original sin. All the forefathers of the Jewish people – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished. They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the Incarnation of our Lord. Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He would come into the world, while we know that He did come into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified in Jesus! Icons of this Sunday include: -the "Root" or Kursk icon, which depicts Our Lady of the Sign flanked by Kings David and Solomon and several prophets; - Daniel and the Three Youths in the furnace, who were protected from burning by an angel who prefigures Christ; - Our Lady and the Prophets of Israel.

FIFTH WEEK OF THE PHILIP'S FAST: SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 16: Prophet Haggai wrote about the situation in Judah within the Persian Empire, under the emperor Darius (522-486 BC). The governor, Zerubbabel, was a descendant of King David and with the high priest Joshua provided both political and religious leadership for the Jewish remnant and those who returned from the Babylonian Exile. Another element was the reconstruction of the Temple, which was linked to the spiritual restoration of the Jewish people and the Presence of the Lord on Mount Zion once again. His feast is during the preparation for Christmas as a reminder to be ready for the Lord and to have confidence in His promises, as written in chapter 2 of Haggai's book.

December 17 - the feast of SS. Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: The book of Daniel is set in Babylon, and is a book of consolation written in an apocalyptic style. Daniel contains a series of vision which promise deliverance to the Jewish exiles and that the Kingdom of God will triumph over the nations. In chapter 7, Daniel writes of the "Son of Man", a title which Jesus applied to Himself in His preaching. Daniel also contains the story of the Three Holy Youths – Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael – who refused to worship the idol of King Nebuchadnezzar and are thrown into a furnace of fire. They are not harmed by the fire, and an angelic figure appears to protect them. This incident is seen as prefiguring the Incarnation, where Mary is not harmed by the divine fire of God within her, and the angel is seen as the Second Person of the Trinity, the eternal Logos, Who will take flesh in the womb of our Lady.

In chapter 6, Daniel was thrown into a den of hungry lions as punishment for his faith in the True God. But, as would later happen with many Christian martyrs, the animals would not harm him. Those who conspired against the prophet were then themselves thrown to the lions, and they were promptly killed. This is another sign of God's protecting providence, as Daniel reported that an angel came to him in the cave to close the lion's mouths, and rabbis' commentaries mention that the lions reacted to Daniel's presence as dogs and cats would, licking him and wagging their tails. In both of these accounts, God's power is made manifest to the pagan nations.

December 20: St Ignatius the God-bearer A God-bearer? How does this elderly bishop-martyr deserve such an auspicious title, given to no other saint? While he himself took on the spiritual name of Godbearer, or Theophorus, he earned it by his life. He was a disciple of both the Apostles Peter and John, and was the third bishop of Antioch, following St Peter himself, then St. Euodias who was one of the Seventy Apostles (January 4) and was martyred in 66 AD by Emperor Nero. Ignatius came to this see already revered as a priest and teacher. His fame was assured by the letters he wrote to six Churches in Asia Minor and the seventh to Rome's Church while he was being transported to die in the arena of Rome around the year 107 AD, having served as bishop for nearly 40 years. As Orthodoxwiki writes of him: These letters proved to be influential in the development of Christian theology, since the number of extant writings from this period of Church history is very small. They bear signs of being written in great haste and without a proper plan, such as run-on sentences and an unsystematic succession of thought. Ignatius is the first known Christian writer to put great stress on loyalty to a single bishop in each city, who is assisted by both presbyters (priests) and deacons. Earlier writings only mention either bishops or presbyters, and give the impression that there was usually more than one bishop per congregation. Ignatius also stresses the value of the Eucharist, calling it "a medicine to immortality." The very strong desire for bloody martyrdom in the arena, which Ignatius expresses rather graphically in places, may seem quite odd to the modern reader, but an examination of his theology of soteriology* shows that he regarded salvation as being free from the power and fear of death. So, for him, to try to escape his martyrdom would be to fear death and place himself back under its power. *soteriology is the science of the doctrine of salvation. Ignatius is often depicted with lions, the animals who killed him in the arena and fulfilled his hope to die for Christ and thus to see God.



St. Nicholas Award 2024: This year we have two icons of St Nicholas given to our beloved Pam Pettit and Maria Alden. Grant O Lord to your servants Pam and Maria, exemplifying the virtues of St Nicholas, peace, health and happiness for many and blessed years!!!