## November 17, 2024 26th S unday A fter Pentecost / T one 1

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



The MISSION SOCIETY is pleased to present our beautiful NEW 2024 Christmas card with the icon of our Mother of Tenderness. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love. The icon is from the hand of iconographer Britta Prinzivalli brittworks.com As has been the case since 2022, 100% of your card purchases & donations go to "UKRAINE RELIEF". The eparchy (diocese) of Mukachevo will use it to help over 400,000 refugees from eastern Ukraine with housing; clothing; school supplies for children; psychological support for refugee children & adults; food parcels and expenses for heating with firewood.

A packet of 5 cards sells for \$15 including envelopes. Each packet of cards includes a prayer list. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office no later than Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. This gives us time to scan and e-mail them to Ukraine. Bishop Teodor will place all these names on the altar at Holy Cross Cathedral in Ukraine & pray for your intentions at the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. This year's card has a beautiful picture of the Bishop praying for our intentions last Christmas!

## Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Apostolic Administrator

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church 1837 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 Parish office: (505) 256-1539 www.olphnm.org

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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

## **Advisory Board**

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## Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:00—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by appointment 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 receive 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 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.

# 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!

Ephesians 5:9-19; Luke 12:16-21

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

Nov 18 Mon Plato and Roman Martyrs / 1 Tim 5:1-10; Lk 17:20-25

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Nataliya, +Anna-Natalka, +Stepan, +Mychailo

by Vitaliya Petko

Nov 19 Tue Obadiah Prophet / 1 Tim 5:11-21; Lk 17:26-37

9:00 am Divine Liturgy / +Priest Francis Vivona by Sbdcn David Vonderohe

Nov 20 Wed Gregory the Decapolite Venerable / 1 Tim 5:22-6:11; Lk 18:15-17 & 26-30

5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Pro-Life Liturgy by Svenssons

Nov 21 Thu Entrance of the Theotokos / Solemn Holy Day

Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

Nov 22 Fri Philemon and Others Apostles / 2 Tim 1:1-2 & 8-18; Lk 19:12-28

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

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Holy Souls by Svenssons

Nov 23 Sat Amphilochius and Gregory Bishops / Gal 5:22-6:2; Lk 10:19-21

Nov 24 Sun 27th Sunday After Pentecost / Eph 6:10-17; Lk 13:10-17

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:

Genesis 3:1-19; Isaiah 7:10-17; Isaiah 8:1-4; 9:1-2

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Emily Wojciechowski by Pam Pettit

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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <a href="https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia">https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia</a>. 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 Jordan Smith Harry & Barbara Janet Worthington Jenny Ford De Lap Marilyn Fore Irene Bradley Patti Klinkovsky Sven & Barbara Soriah Chavez Matt Williamson Abraham Haddad James Epstein Svensson Laurie Bienz Marianne Gerace Katy Ford Michael Baron Brent Dodson-Alton Bertschinger Jessica Pieniadz Sands Madalyn Davis Rhonda Rebecca Russo Lara Davis Carol Donlin Glasscock Jacob McTernan Marcie Dark Amber Roybal Paola Terlaza Fr Chris Zugger Philip Leahy Vicki Frank Fr Chris Andrews Juanita Montoya **Emily** Fr Robert Rankin Linda Granci Wojciechowski Fr. Steve Washko Christopher Fr Joel Barstad Buster Miscusi Barlow Fr. Joseph Wargaki Fr James Bankston Richard Jacobs Joel Ford Lourdes Lasin Andrew Martinez Killian Parker

## 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 / November For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

"...Tonight your soul is demanded of you." We are not our own, and this is equally true of the blessings in our lives.

Jesus speaks sternly of the need to understand this so that we can be "rich toward God". If you are blessed with the richness of a calling from God to be a priest, deacon, subdeacon, monk or nun, will you answer it with the same yes that we see in the saints? To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org



Vocation Icon
Today: Riley Family
Next Sunday: Lipke Family

## November 24, 2024

Cantor: Andrea Riley
Reader: Dylan Davidson-Talley
Altar Server: Michael Grega
Troijca: Emilia Wells
Counters: Miles Gloetzner &
Rita Montano

## Propers for 11/24/2024 27th Sunday after Pentecost & Postfeast of Entrance of Theotokos / Tone 2

Troparion (Tone 2) – 130 Troparion (Feast)- 268 v: Glory...

Kontakion (Feast)- 268 v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion – 406
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 132 & 269
Instead of 'It is Truly Proper' – 269
Our Father- 67

Communion - 81 &355 [F]

# 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 crowhopdavis@yahoo.com

## Alicia's Hall Report

Oh Father Artur, we sure are going to miss you! We have been blessed by you for 10 years! You'll be in our daily prayers! Thank you Emily Kosty for the homemade Swedish Meatballs- they were SO delicious! Thanks also for serving and cleaning- you make it look easy! Thanks to Rita Montaño for bringing the green beans and half and half, and to all those who brought rice and bread and helped set up and clean up! Please sign up to host a meatless meal during Philip's Fast: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAAA2AA4F94-olph.

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Thu Nov 28	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 6	Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
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 Feas 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
Sun Jan 5	Great Blessing of Rio Grande 1:30 pm—carpool to the parking lot of the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Avenida Chavez 2:00 pm Procession to the River / Vespers with the Great Blessing of the River
Mon Jan 6	Theophany / Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil / Great Blessing of Water / Myrovanije
Thu Jan 30 Wed Jan 29	Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
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

## Please, sign up TODAY for the Traveling Pilgrim Vocation Icon in 2025.

Dear Parish Family, the Love of Christ presses us to respond generously to God's call in our lives. We are all called to pray for vocations to Saintly Christian Marriage, to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. Prayer is an invisible but essential ministry in the Church. This is an important way to be involved in vocation ministry. Sign up to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. The sign-up sheet is on the greeting table by the Holy Water Font. You will be greatly blessed.

## Comfort, Hope and Healing Suicide Support Group

In honor of the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, the Office of Family Life will host a special Mass of Remembrance of those who lost their lives to suicide. Join us at Risen Savior Catholic Community Parish located at 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 4:00 pm. All those who attend are invited to bring a tabletop framed photo of their loved one to the Mass so it can be displayed in the lobby. For more information, call the Family Life Office at 505-831-8117.

## **Annual OLPH Angel Tree is Here!!**

The parishioners of OLPH are being asked by St.Nicholas to open up their hearts again this Christmas season and participate in our annual Angel Tree. We have through St. Nicholas Sunday—Sunday, December 8th—to bring our checks and cards.

The Angel Tree display has two boxes—one for the orphanage and one for the seminarians. This year we are excited to collect monetary donations for the Korolevo orphanage in Ukraine. If you wish to donate to the orphanage, please make checks payable to the Mission Society with a note at the bottom.

We are collecting Amazon gift cards for the seminarians at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius. We would like these Amazon gift cards to be in denominations of \$10 and \$25 (\$25 is about what it costs for our seminarians to buy a book). These gift cards can be found at Smith's grocery stores (either in store or on-line), Wal-Mart, Albertsons and anywhere other gift cards are sold. We are also collecting Christmas cards and notes of encouragement for the seminarians.

Please prayerfully consider helping St. Nicholas spread joy this Christmas season

"Christ Our Pascha" Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church is available in our Gift Store. The catechism relies on two key sources—the Nicene Creed, and the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil—for both its structure and its content. The Creed, or Symbol of Faith, is recited at every Divine Liturgy and is familiar to Catholics in both the East and West. As such, it not only reveals God to us, it is the source of Christian unity. The Anaphora of St. Basil describes the entire history of salvation. As we liturgically recall the events of the Passion and Resurrection we become witnesses to those events and share in the new life of Christ. "[Historical] truth and the solemnity [celebration of it] are not at variance," expressed St. Augustine. Christ Our Pascha is divided into three main parts—The Faith of the Church, The Prayers of the Church, and the Life of the Church. These three themes reflect the very essence of Christian Salvation - we are all called to know, love, and serve God. Christ Our Pascha presents the teachings of the Church Fathers and how those teachings fit in with Eastern spirituality. It's a good overview of Eastern Catholicism in general, and it makes an excellent companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### MANDATORY SAFE ENVIRONEMT 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.

# November 21<sup>st</sup> FEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

November has as its principal feast the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. One of the earliest sources of this feast is the non- canonical Protoevangelium of James, also called the Infancy Gospel of James, composed in Syria around 150 AD. In the story, Mary was solemnly received in the Temple by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led inside, accompanied by virgins, to live inside the Holy of Holies, to prepare her to become the living sanctuary of God when she would conceive the Divine Child. She was fed by the angels, until the age of twelve when she was betrothed to Joseph, who was an old man. This so-called gospel was written with scant knowledge of Judaism and its practices, and often incorporated pagan practices such as temple virgins, into the stories.

So why commemorate liturgically something which we know, through biblical archaeology and Jewish studies, to have never taken place? Here is the primary meaning: the symbolism of today links the Holy-of-Holies in the Temple with the womb of Mary which will become the living chamber of the Most High God. Secondary is the specialness of Mary as a person: she is indeed an all-pure and all-holy virgin.

St. Gregory Palamas preached: God is born of the spotless and Holy Virgin, or better to say, of the Most Pure and All-Holy Virgin. She is above every fleshly defilement, and even above every impure thought. Her conceiving resulted not from fleshly lust, but by the overshadowing of the Most Holy Spirit. Such desire being utterly alien to her, it is through prayer and spiritual readiness that She declared to the angel: "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it done unto Me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38), and that She conceived and gave birth. So, in order to render the Virgin worthy of this sublime purpose, God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us, from before the ages, and from eternity, choosing Her from out of His elect. Thus, we solemnly commemorate the fact that Mary was a pure and sinless person all her life; was a virgin at the time of the Annunciation to her; and that she remains a virgin today.

This feast is a forerunner of the Savior's Nativity, and this point is not only re-reiterated time and again in the hymns chanted at the Vigil, but is emphasized by the fact that during the Canon in Matins from this day we chant the Christmas katavsias.

According to our tradition children are given a special blessing at the church on this feast day. The prayer used is from the Book of Numbers, chapter 6, vv 24-26, the blessing which God tells Aaron and his successor priests to use on children. Thus, this is one of the most ancient rituals done from the Bible, and it finds a comfortable home in our Byzantine Catholic Church which is filled with Scripture and rites which are often rooted in Judaism. The fact that the giving of this blessing is restricted to only priests – and not parents - continues the Jewish tradition of it being a part of the Temple ritual celebrated by the priests. At the ambon prayer of the Liturgy, the priest reads this blessing, and blesses the children with holy water: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace."



