

November 24, 2024  
27th Sunday After Pentecost / T one 2

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



### SECOND WEEK OF THE FILIPOVKA FAST

**Platytera Icon/ Znamenie Icon - Our Lady of the Sign, feast day on Nov. 27.**

**The Sign Icon has two different connotations.** One is from the old Roman imperial court. It was the custom that those who served in the palace in the imperial household wore an **emblem of the emperor** on their outermost robe. Thus, Our Lady serves God the Word in a unique way as the God-Bearer (Theotokos) and she therefore has the emblem of the Christ Child, our true King, on her robe.

However, the more obvious way is in **her role as the Mother - Jesus is shown inside her virginal womb, as a small Man (to show His Divine Nature is present from conception) and holding a rolled-up scroll in His left hand, to show that He is the Word "through Whom all things were made."** He blesses with His right hand. The sacred letters of His Name, IC XC, Jesus Christ, tell us Who He is and His role as the Messiah (Christos). In His halo is the abbreviation for **"He Is Who Is", or "I AM WHO AM"**, the Name which God gives to Himself at the Bush that would not burn on Mt. Sinai, in answer to Moses' question.

Our Lady is standing, with her hands raised up, in the **orans position. This is how the early Christians prayed, especially when facing East**, to show their readiness to accept the Second Coming of the Lord. She is usually found in this style on the apse wall, immediately behind the holy altar. Thus, above the tabernacle in which Our Lord is present in the Most Holy Eucharist, Mary rises above it as the original tabernacle of God.

Mary is the only human person who can be show in the colors of blue (humanity) and red (divinity) because of her unique status as Theotokos. Her robes are usually marked by three stars: on her right and left shoulders, and above her face. These proclaim that **she is ever-virgin: before, during and after the Incarnation of Christ.** Thus, no human being was involved in conceiving Jesus on March 25, and no other children were ever carried in her womb, which had contained the Most High God. As the living Ark of the Covenant, Saint Joseph would never have considered having intimate relations with her, and like her, he remains virginal and celibate.

The **Root of Jesse icon** shows Mary and Jesus enthroned in a tree that has sprouted from the ancestor of Christ's human nature, Jesse, in fulfillment of the prophecy found in Isaiah 11:1: *"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."* In the Kursk version of the **Root of Jesse icon**, Our Lady and Jesus are in a square surrounded by Old Testament prophets who foretold the virginal conception or the coming of the Messiah. Going clockwise from the top right, they are: **King Solomon, King David**, and the following Old Testament Prophets: **Daniel, Jeremiah, Elijah, Habakkuk, Gideon the Judge, Isaiah and Moses.**

**As we enter the second week of St. Philip's Fast, and everyone is thinking about gift-buying, baking, traveling, and parties, it is a good idea for us to slow down and think about what can we give to Jesus?** Is there a behavior or attitude that needs changing, so as to bring God joy instead of sadness? Is there something we already do that is good but can be better, for example, increasing the time spent in daily prayer or meditation, adding Scripture readings. The prophets warned the People of Israel of their need for reform and change - the same holds true for the People of God today.

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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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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>.

**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!

**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 6:10-17; Luke 13:10-17***

- 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: Abraham, Isaac, Thomas & Family by Mary Dean
- Nov 25 Mon** ***Clement and Peter Pope and Bishop / 2 Tim 2:0-26; Lk 19:37-44***  
 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's blessing on Sven and Barbara on their 35th Wedding Anniversary by Svenssons
- Nov 26 Tue** ***Alypius the Stylite Venerable / 2 Tim 3:16-4:4; Lk 19:45-48***  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Holy Souls by Svenssons
- Nov 27 Wed** ***James the Persian Martyr / 2 Tim 4:9-22; Lk 20:1-8***  
 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy/God's blessing on Pam Pettit and her Family by Lara Davis
- Nov 28 Thu** ***Thanksgiving Day/ Stephen Venerable Martyr / Titus 1:4-2:1 Lk 20:9-18***  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on nurses and tech of the 5th floor of the Rust Presbyterian Hospital by Svenssons
- Nov 29 Fri** ***Paramon and Philemon Martyrs / Titus 1:15-2:10; Lk 20:19-26***  
 NO LITURGY
- Nov 30 Sat** ***Andrew Apostle / 1 Cor 4:9-16;p Jn 1:35-51***
- Dec 1 Sun** ***28th Sunday After Pentecost / Col 1:12-18; Lk 18:18-26***  
4:00 pm Great Vespers  
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday:  
Exodus 19:1-13; Isaiah 6:1-12; Jeremiah 11:1-8  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Andrew Sousa by Lara Davis
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**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](mailto: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	Alton Bertschinger
Sands	Jessica Pieniadz	Madalyn Davis
Lara Davis	Rhonda	Rebecca Russo
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
Richard Jacobs	Joel Ford	Fr James Bankston
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.

**“Woman, you are freed from your infirmity!”** As the Physician of souls and bodies, our Lord shows mercy to the woman who had an infirmity for eighteen years. His healing can restore any brokenness, and the life in Christ allows us to bring his healing to the world. Are you being called to do so through the priestly, diaconal, monastic or religious life?

Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or  
email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



Vocation Icon

Today: Lipke Family  
Next Sunday:  
Sullivan Family

**December 1, 2024**

Cantor: Andrea Riley

Reader: Dave Dark

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Liliana Sena

Counters: Michael Wells &

Michael Fedorowich

**Propers for 12/1/2024  
28th Sunday after Pentecost  
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Troparion – 135

*v. Glory*

Kontakion- 136

*v. Now & Ever...*

Theotokion – 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 137

Our Father- 68

**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](mailto:crow-hopdavis@yahoo.com)

**Alicia's Hall Report**

Sounds like another Souper Sunday social and feast! Thanks to Savanna, Rita, Ashley, and the young ladies of the parish for bringing soup, rice, and running the social! God bless our community! We have the main dishes next week and the Sunday after St. Nicholas feast day covered! Please sign up to bring sides or co/host in the last Sundays of December and in the new year. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAAA2AA4F94-olph#/> Have a blessed week!

**Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now**

Fri Dec 6	<b>Nicholas of Myra Archbishop Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Mon Dec 9	<b>6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting</b>
Tue Dec 24	<b>Vigil of Christmas / Strict Fast</b> 10:00 am Royal Hours 4:30 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil
Wed Dec 25	<b>Christmas Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</b> 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Festive Liturgy
Thu Dec 26	<b>Synaxis of the Theotokos / Solemn Feast</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 27	<b>Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Wed Jan 1	<b>Circumcision of Our Lord / St Basil the Great / Solemn Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Fri Jan 3	<b>Vigil of Theophany (day of strict Fast)</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline / Blessing of Litiya
Sun Jan 5	<b>Great Blessing of Rio Grande</b> 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	<b>Theophany / Holy Day of Obligation</b> 6:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil / Great Blessing of Water / Myrovaniye
Thu Jan 30 Wed Jan 29	<b>Three Holy Hierarchs / Simple Holy Day</b> 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy
Sat Feb 22	<b>1st All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Mon Mar 3	<b>Beginning of Great Fast</b> 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Sat Mar 15	<b>2nd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida
Sat Mar 22	<b>3rd All Souls Saturday</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Panichida

**Bishop Kurt** granted dispensation to the faithful of our Eparchy of Phoenix from the usual Friday abstinence from meat on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

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

**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.

**"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.

**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*

**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 Pilgrims' Thanksgiving, Squanto and the Pope**

**The Pilgrims were Separatists, strict Calvinist Protestants who separated out of the Church of England because it still retained some elements of Catholic ritual and belief.** They also despised Catholic Spain and the priesthood. All this is important for our story. The Pilgrims were supposed to land in Virginia, but ended up in Massachusetts, too late to plant anything. Half of the 102 settlers died. In desperation, scouts stole ten bushels of maize from a Native American cache. The local tribes were not happy to see Europeans, as they had already suffered greatly from diseases brought to the New World. **In 1621, a man named Squanto walked into Plymouth, speaking excellent English.** He taught them how to plant the stolen maize and raise corn, to trade with the Wampanoag tribes and so atone for the stolen corn, how to fish for the local menhaden, and how to fertilize the soil with the remains of the fish they caught. Most importantly, Squanto served as an advocate and interpreter for the Pilgrims with Chief Massasoit, averting almost certain annihilation of the weakened and distrusted foreigners. **The Pilgrims thanked God for Squanto - but they were beholden to the despised Catholic Church for his presence!**

**Squanto was one of many Natives kidnapped in 1614 by a Virginian and taken to Europe. The survivors were sold as slaves in Spain's Malaga, but Pope Paul III had issued an edict recognizing Indians as "true men" and forbidding their slavery.** While in the Spanish Empire this edict was often ignored, not so in Spain itself, and **two Jesuits rescued Squanto and the others using this decree. While they instructed him in the Faith, he emphasized that he wanted to go home. They arranged for his safe transfer to London to be sent back as a free man.** He spent three years in London, learning English and European customs. He finally was taken to Newfoundland, and there an English fisherman, Thomas Dermer, set sail for the south to return him to Patuxet, his home. **He arrived to find his entire people wiped out by disease: Squanto was the sole survivor. He and Dermer were in turn taken captive by the chief Massasoit, whose nation of Massachuset and Wampanoag had been reduced from over 20,000 to a mere 1,000 or so by 1620 due to those European diseases.** Squanto set aside his anger and grief and became the interpreter and unexpected savior for the Pilgrims. **No Pope Paul III, no Spanish Jesuits, no Squanto, and there'd be no Thanksgiving this Thursday!**

**When was the first Thanksgiving in the United States?** Spanish explorer Juan de Oñate had a solemn service of thanksgiving with a Sung Mass and huge feast for the 500 colonists headed to New Mexico. This was held on **April 30, 1598, on the banks of the Rio Grande in Texas. This is reenacted annually in El Paso.** The English colonists in Jamestown held services of thanksgiving as early as 1607 in their Anglican chapel. Annual observance of Thanksgiving began in Connecticut in 1639 and Massachusetts in 1660. **The entire United States began a national observance in November in 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln. It was settled on the fourth Thursday in 1941.**

## **St Andrew the Apostle – November 30**

The feast of Saint Andrew honors St. Peter's brother. He was also a fisherman, and shared Peter's house in Capernaum. He had been a disciple of St. John the Baptist, until John sent his followers to join up with Our Lord. Andrew realized that Jesus was the Savior, the long-awaited Messiah, and brings Peter to Jesus. Like the other apostles, Andrew left Jerusalem after Pentecost to undertake missionary work. Early Church history has him preaching in Achaia and Thrace in Greece and along the northern Black Sea coast. Legends say that he preached at the little town of Byzantium, which later became Constantinople and the heart of the Byzantine Empire, and that he predicted the rise of a Christian nation along the Dnieper river, a foreshadowing of Kiev. In the Latin Church, the Sunday closest to this feast day begins Advent, the four week penitential season for Christmas. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Greece, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Ukraine, and the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. There is a legend that St. Andrew was crucified at Patras in northern Greece, on an – X – cross, instead of the Latin one on which Jesus died.



**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](http://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!



# Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his  
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

