

August 25, 2019, Tone 2
11th Sunday After Pentecost

Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall I Be!
¡Cristo está entre nosotros! ¡Está y estará!



August 29 / Beheading of St. John the Baptist

An evil birthday and lustful banquet is celebrated by Herod today; for having delighted in adultery and being driven by lustful desires, he beheaded the Baptist. But he could not stop the tongue of the Prophet which condemned his foolishness. He spilled innocent blood to cover up his unlawful deeds, but he could not cover the voice who called the world to repentance. And if he took pleasure in the murder, we celebrate with all our heart the death of John the Baptist. For he preceded the Life of all into Hades to announce to those in darkness and the shadow of death the coming of Christ our God, the Orient from on high, whose mercy is beyond measure.
(From the Litija of the Feast)



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Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):
9:15—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-Canan 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!

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Daily Liturgy : Schedule of Services, page 3

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

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


THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 6:45 pm

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Sun. Sept. 1	Beginning of the New Liturgical Year
Fri. Sept. 13 Sat. Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sun. Sept. 15	45th OLPH Anniversary Celebration / Parish Picnic at Alvarado Park
Mon. Sept. 30 Tue. Oct. 1	Holy Protection of the Theotokos Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Nov. 1, 2	Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

**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!**

- Today** **1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35**
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Main Celebrant: Msgr. Kevin McAuliffe, JCL
Fr. Chris: Health of Michael Dzek
Eternal Lamp: Doherty Family
- August 26 Mon.** ***Adrian & Natalie Martyrs / 2 Corinthians 5:10-15; Mark 1:9-15***
No Liturgy
- August 27 Tue.** ***Poemen Venerable / 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Mark 1:16-22***
No Liturgy
6:30 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
- August 28 Wed.** ***Moses the Ethiopian Venerable / 2 Corinthians 6:11-16; Mark 1:23-28***
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
No Liturgy
- August 29 Thu.** ***Beheading of John the Baptist / Simple Holy Day***
- August 30 Fri.** ***Alexander, John & Paul Patriarchs***
2 Corinthians 7:10-16; Mark 2:18-22

9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo
No Liturgy
- August 31 Sat.** ***Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos***
Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
- September 1 Sun.** ***Beginning of Church Year & Commemoration of Our Venerable***
Father Simeon the Stylite / 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 4:16-22
12th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26
4:00 pm Great Vespers
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- Canned goods &
clothing collection
for Friars**

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	Fr. Julian Gnall	Mary Nell Preisler
Abraham Haddad	John & Margie	Mike Harahuc
Jenny Ford	Disque	Lorraine Hubbell
Priscilla Hughes	Phillip Fall	Heather Mattax
Steve Jakymiw	Laura Dominquez	Larry Bennett
Marilyn Fore	Olga Bodnar	Paola Terlaza
Sven & Barbara	Frances Brannan	Ruth Sousa
Svensson	John Deflice	Linda Granci
Laurie Bienz	Jordan Smith	Kris Nelson
Brent & Nicole	Rich & Jean Pesce	Scott Fafrak
Dodson-Sands	Tracy McTernan	Dana Papaj
Eva Schuler	Terry Rains	Vicki Frank
Marianne Gerace	Eli Griego	Christopher Barlow
Lori Medina	Brother Vittorio	Parthy Patrick
Paula Amrein	Charlie & Maggie	Philip Leahy
Midge McCarragher	Batsel	Michael Dzek



Vocation Icon

Today: Jilek Family

Next Sunday: Brewer Family

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group.

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 for August Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth.

Today we welcome Reverend Monsignor Kevin McAuliffe, JCL, who graciously agreed to substitute for Fr Artur being on vacation. May the Lord grant His servant Msgr Kevin many and blessed years!!!

Note from USCCB: This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 15, 2019**, under the theme of "Stay with Us." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Prophet Malachi 3:10)

September 1, 2019

Cantor	Evie Jilek
Reader	Gabriel Garcia
Trojca	Lucy Wells
Greeter	Dorothy Curl
Usher	Dan Riley Jeff Brewer
Counter	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl
Host	Open
Church Cleaner	Tom Plut
Altar Servers	Thomas Donlin Michael Grega Jeremiah Jilek Elijah Jilek Caden Dodson-Sands Cyrus Dodson-Sands Daniel Fogg

Friar's Needs for collection next Sunday:

bulk coffee, beans or ground

Clothing Bank & Hygiene Needs:

Requested Men's Clothing

T-shirts, plain without words or images (sizes L and XL; new or used if clean and in good condition)

Underwear, *new only* (size L & XL)

Socks, crew (size 6-12)

Requested Women's Clothing

Socks, crew (no ankle socks)

T-shirts; sizes L & XL (new or used if clean and in good condition)

Underwear; *new only* (sizes 5 and 7)

Requested Toiletries

Toothpaste, travel-size (we're almost out)

Barbara's Hall Report

Michael and Alicia Wells had a lot of celebrating to do. It was their 12th Wedding Anniversary, plus Alicia's and Lucy's birthdays. They brought yummy chicken enchiladas, beans, salad, cake and ice cream. What a feast! Congratulations to you all!

Mary Alice Cooper also brought some of those delicious Costco blueberry muffins.

Don't forget to sign up for future socials! It will be a chilly fall and winter if no one brings food!

**HAPPY 45th ANNIVERSARY OLPH Parish & 5th
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY, FR. ARTUR!**

LET'S CELEBRATE!

When: Sunday, September 15th after Divine Liturgy
until 5pm

Where: Alvarado Park

What: Parish Photo, Picnic, Water gun fight, & Games
all sorts, including Bingo with excellent prizes! We will
provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Bring: Folding chairs/ picnic blankets, play clothing, a
side dish to share, & muscles ready to help with set up/
clean up & squirting Father Artur for his anniversary!

Email to follow with potluck & set up/clean up sign ups

Trent Horn from Catholic Answers will be speaking from
1-3 PM on Sunday September 8th at Prince of Peace Catho-
lic Church, 12500 Carmel NE 87122. His topic will be, "**Pro-
Life: Pro-Woman**". For more info see flyer on bulletin board
in the hall.

A pro-family conference will be held 21 September. For
more information go to [https://www.familystrongnm.org/
presell-page](https://www.familystrongnm.org/presell-page) Child care and lunch provided for those who
register. Lots of good topics. It is co-sponsored by the archdi-
ocese and the Mormons. There will be no proselytizing
allowed, and the speakers are professionals.

Things to do in Farmers' Market in Alvarado Park after
church: check out the Farmers' Market in Alvarado Park:
they have watermelon, beets, carrots, pinto beans, tomatoes,
squash, eggplant, eggs, carvings, jewelry, lace, bakery
goods, pottery, plants, homemade pasta, jerky and the free
table to name a few. Open until 1 pm.

Knights of Columbus are willing to help parishioners who
don't have anyone to help with yard work or basic repairs.

Please contact Grand Knight Sebastian Martinez. The
Knights are men of Fraternity, Faith, and Service and open to
all Catholic men 18 and up, Thank you!

Liturgical Propers for 9/1/19
12th Sunday After
Pentecost /
Church New Year
Resurrection Tone 3

Troparion (Tone 3)- DL
135

Troparion (New Year) -
Cantors

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Tone 3)- DL
136

v. Now & Ever...

Kontakion (New Year)- DL
Cantors

Prokeimenon & Alleluia -
DL 137

Our Father - DL 68

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Sunday 9:30 am in the con-
ference room Send your
prayer requests to Patricia at
pocb@unm.edu
Sept. 1—Peace

CAFE will resume this week
on Tuesday, August 27, at
6:30 pm, in the Santa Ana
Room of the Student Union
Building at UNM. Since 2010
over 300 students have par-
ticipated in these meetings
designed to strengthen them
in the Catholic Faith. We
have been blessed to see
conversions to the Byzantine
and Roman Catholic Church-
es, marriages, and one voca-
tion to the priesthood for the
Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
Please pray for the success
of the program!

THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING to accept in Christianity? Is it the doctrine of the Trinity? The idea that God became man? Or that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ? While these teachings may meet with obstacles in our minds, the hardest thing for us to accept in practice is the absolute need to forgive others. In our broken humanity we are much more at home with seeking vengeance. We are often more comfortable with the pre-Christian vision of a vengeful God: "And the LORD said to him, 'Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold'" (Gen 4:15). The Torah enshrined the concept of vengeance in its laws concerning violence: "But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe" (Ex 21:23-25). While modern law is not as demanding, it still endorses the idea of vengeance, clothed in modern dress as "Justice" and "Closure" (which often comes down to a question of money). Perhaps the best comment on this principle is by the Lebanese author Kahlil Gibran, "An eye for an eye, and the whole world would be blind."

Forgiveness: the Heart of the Gospel Contemporary Catholic writer Scott Hurd describes the Gospel ideal of forgiveness as "...both the central idea of Christianity, and an assault on the conventional human understanding of justice." It is an "assault" because it challenges the very nature of the world's way of handling things. It is the heart of our faith because it is the basic attitude of God toward us and the model of how we can act as the images of God. "Yours it is to show mercy..." we say to God in many prayers, because He is by nature the forgiving Father, the One who runs to welcome home His prodigal children after they stray. God incarnate in Jesus Christ expresses this forgiveness in His humanity when He prayed for His killers, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Lk 23:34). And so it is in imitation of God that His disciple, the Protomartyr St Stephen, prayed for those who delivered him to death: "And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not charge them with this sin.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:59-60). That **forgiveness** is required, not an option, in the Christian life we see from the Lord's words in the Sermon on the Mount. Christ would come back to this theme again and again, doubtlessly more often than the Gospels record: - "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Lk 6:37-38). - "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him" (Lk 17:3-4).

Forgiveness is particularly necessary when we presume to pray: "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mk 11:25-26). **Forgiveness** is indispensable when we look to make an oblation: "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:23-24). The kiss of peace at the Eucharist of all the historic Churches is a rite based on this requirement of the Lord.

The Parable of the Unjust Debtor In story form, this passage – unique to Matthew – repeats the Lord’s fundamental teaching that forgiving others is a prerequisite for being forgiven by God. The call for the godly-minded to forgive others was already common in late Judaism, but in a limited way. Thus the second century rabbinic scholar Issi ben Judah wrote, “If a man commits an offence once, they forgive him; if he commits an offence a second time, they forgive him; if he commits an offence a third time, they forgive him; the fourth time they do not forgive.” Rabbi Yossi bar Hanina, writing in the second half of the third century AD counsels, “He who begs forgiveness from his neighbor must not do so more than three times.” By this standard, Peter was being downright generous when he suggested forgiving seven times as the new standard. Christ replies by turning around Lamech’s rule of vengeance (“If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold” – Gen 4:24). Now, Christ says, consider forgiving others seventy times seven, a number meaning “without limit.” St John Chrysostom saw a particularly damning indictment of the tendency to hold grudges or seek vengeance in this parable. Pointing to the fate of the unforgiving servant, Christ says, “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses” (Mt 18:35). Chrysostom offers this interpretation: “Note that He did not say ‘your Father’ but ‘my Father’ for it is not proper for God to be called the Father of one who is so wicked and malicious” (Homily on Matthew 61, 4). These harsh words go unheard by many in the Church who hold grudges, often for many years. People often feel that broken relationships have nothing to do with our faith. In reality our unwillingness to forgive says that we think God is a sucker for being so compassionate: we know better. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, the rift is with more than our relative or neighbor. “For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

A Russian Tale St. Titus the Presbyter was a twelfth century priest in the monastery of the Kiev Caves who fell into a hateful relationship with a deacon named Evagrius. So spiteful was their relationship that whenever one of them used the censer in church, the other would turn and leave. They were blinded by hatred to such an extent, that they dared to take Holy Communion without asking for forgiveness and reconciliation. One day, Titus became so ill that everyone thought he was going to die. Titus begged that Evagrius be brought to his bedside so that they might reconcile. Evagrius was finally taken there by force but said that he would not forgive his brother, neither in this world nor in the next. Suddenly Evagrius died and Titus got up from his bed healed. Titus revealed that he saw demons flying about his bed until he resolved to forgive Evagrius. The demons then fled and attacked Evagrius while the angels of God surrounded Titus. You be careful as well, brother, and do not let the demon of anger corrupt you. One, who listens to him at least once, will be enslaved by him.