

# HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

January 26, 2025

36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Our Venerable Father Xenophon of Constantinople, Mary, his wife,  
and their sons, Arcadius and John*

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## Schedule of services for the week of January 27 – February 2

**Thursday, January 30** – *The Three Holy Fathers, The Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; The Holy Hieromartyr Hippolytus, pope of Rome*

6:00 PM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishops ARTUR and TEODOR.

**Saturday, February 1** – *Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople*

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy & Panahida; + Diana Maria, req: Irina Bilohorka

4:00 PM – Confessions

5:00 PM – Great Vespers with Litija

**Sunday, February 2** – *Sunday of Zacchaeus; The Meeting of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ with the Righteous Simeon and Anna*

7:30 AM – Matins

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy For all parishioners

There is a current listing of registered parishioners available in the Narthex and the Church Hall. Please check your family entry in the directory and make any updates to your information.

Please mark your entry with a ✓ if there are no changes. There is also a selection regarding envelopes. Please mark Yes or No. If you are not listed, please see Fr. James for a parish registration form.

### **O Physician of Souls and Bodies, we pray for:**

Pope Francis, Barbara Alexander, Maria Amaro, Fr. Deacon Craig Anderson, Janice Andre, Peter Andre, Fr. Christopher Andrews, Harry and Virginia Bowden, Kim Camplisson, Patrick Carmack, Noah Chase, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, Julia Camberos, Dennis Cline, Amy Cohn, Vivian Corr, Maria Cruz, Joe Danscuk, Fr. Daniel Dozier, Gabriel Espedal, Ana Fandrey, Karen Foto, Christine Galgano, Janet Greenwell, Deborah Harris, Michael Havens, Martha Hill, Doris Huber, Rebecca Huber, Gavin Hudspeth, Melissa Hunter, Taylor Kessler, Jacob, Jamie Kohanyj, Juan Lopez, Pauli Martin, Mila Mina, Linda Moffit, Maryann Nagrant, Julia Ohnysty, Genevieve Paquette, Sylvia Pasnak, Fr. Lee Perry, Anthony Porrello, Nina Porrello, Peter Porrello, Fr. Robert Rankin, Margaret Raya, Michael Raya Jr. Maha Salazar, Gretchen Sharpe, Karen Simonich, Debbie Stark, Tava Tomc, Hong Truong, Pat Walsh, Maria Zhukova, Mark Zimmer, Gianna, Nicole, Subdcn Eddie and his wife Viane.

**“...even the little dogs eat the crumbs from their masters’ table.”** Today’s encounter between the Canaanite woman and our Lord shows us what hunger for salvation looks like. The entire world seeks fulfillment that comes to us through union with God. Is He calling you to serve and show this mystical reality by serving as a monk or nun, or through a life in the holy orders? Reach out to the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

### **Tax Letters...**

...are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your letter and save us the postage. Those that are not picked up today will be mailed this coming week.

### **House Blessings**

It is the custom among many Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on Theophany. If you would like your home blessed, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Mark you calendars! January 30**

Our new bishop,  
Kyr ARTUR (Bubnevych)  
will be visiting  
Holy Angels on January 30.  
Accompanying him will be  
Bishop Kyr TEODOR (Matsapula)  
of the Eparchy of Mukachevo!  
There will be a Hierarchical  
Divine Liturgy beginning at  
6:00PM with the  
vesting of our bishop followed  
by a festive meal.

**Final Day to R.S.V.P. is Tuesday!**

**Valentine's Fund for Seminarians**  
Between now and February 9<sup>th</sup> we  
continue to collect contributions to  
benefit our Seminarians. This is to  
help them cover various expenses  
such as personal care items and  
other items not covered by their  
Eparchies. You can use this QR  
code to make a donation.



**Congratulations to our  
new Catechumens!**

God grant many blessed years to our  
newest Catechumens, Marco, Paulina,  
and Angel. Please pray for them as they  
prepare for the Sacred Mysteries of Holy  
Initiation.

*"The longer we remain without confessing,  
the worse it is for us, the more entangled we  
become in the bonds of sin, and therefore the  
more difficult is to give and account."*

— St. John Kourios

*"He who busies himself with the sins of  
other, or judges his brother on suspicion, has  
not yet even begun to repent or to examine  
himself so as to discover his own sins."*

— St. Maximos the Confessor

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*The Original*  
**COFFEE  
WITH  
JESUS**

I Get Bored  
Reading The Bible



How do I put this, Jesus? I get  
*bored* reading the Bible. It's so  
long! It's so vast, so sprawling!  
No to mention daunting and  
confusing.



You read all the *Game of  
Thrones* books, Ann; just as  
vast, almost three times as  
long, yet you were riveted the  
entire time.



That's different, Jesus. It had  
lust for power, complex  
genealogies, swordplay,  
dragons, kings, queens,  
triumph and tragedy.



Check, check, check, check,  
check, check, check, and  
check, Ann.

Oh... plus redemption.

**AN ATTEMPT AT SEEING THE BIG PICTURE**

<b>FIVE SUNDAYS OF PRE-LENT PREPARATION FOR REPENTANCE</b>		The grace of Baptism is ineffective without true and simultaneous repentance that is open to acquiring some basic virtues	
Sunday of Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10	No repentance unless desire to overcome obstacles is greater than everything else. We cannot be wishy-washy or wimpy and be real Christians.	Be deeply desirous of Christ
Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican	Luke 18:10-14	No repentance unless you are humble. Christians do not boast of qualities they simply do not have, nor do they neglect to place the talents they do have at the service of the church.	Be humble
Sunday about the Generously Merciful Father and the Prodigiously Wasteful Son	Luke 15:11-32	No repentance unless you are merciful. Christians know that perfection lies in practicing the mercy of God Who is in control without being domineering and challenging without being cruel	Be merciful to all
Sunday of the Fearful Judgment	Matthew 25:31-46	No repentance unless you are willing to see Christ in everyone around you. Christians know that as you repent you begin to realize the difference between discernment and condemnation as two ways of judging: the first (discernment) is obligatory while the second (condemnation) belongs to God, one in the Holy Trinity, alone.	Be discerning of presence of Christ in everyone and treat them accordingly; let God be God
Saturday and Sunday of Forgiveness	Matthew 6:1-21	No repentance unless you pray, unless you fast, unless you give alms, unless you are willing to forgive. If we don't know how to forgive, we ask God to give us this gifts and act upon it.	Be forgiving of self and others, expressing it in a life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving

**On Hatred of Sin**

*"Who hated sin more than the saints? But they did not hate the sinners at the same time, nor condemn them, nor turn away from them. But they suffered with them, admonished them, comforted them, gave them remedies as sickly members, and did all they could to heal them."*

– St. Dorotheos of Gaza

**Recognizing Temptation**

*Money! Power! Honor! These are the temptations which, unfortunately, many people are unable to resist. This is the source of all the disputes, disagreements and divisions among Christians. This is the root of people's forgetting the "one thing needed" which is proposed to us by the true Christian faith and which consists of prayer, acts of repentance, and sincere, un-hypocritical charity to our neighbors.*

– Archbishop Averky of Syracuse



<b>FIVE SUNDAYS OF GREAT FAST (LENT): PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM</b>		In the early church if you were willing to accept and start practicing the things just listed above, they you were considered ready to take the leap and get specific training for baptism. Thus we have the Sundays of the Great Fast that build on this foundation.	Along with repentance there must follow five ways of being committed to: TRUTH; GROWTH; SACRIFICE; PATIENCE & HEALING; MORE REPENTANCE
Sunday of Orthodoxy	John 1:43-51	A love for and desire to sacrifice everything for the sake of Truth itself which is not a philosophy or a teaching but a person that we are supposed to learn to have a relationship with; the image or icon of Christ is placed on the tetrapod to remind us of this for the forty days of the Great Fast	Be committed to TRUTH
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	Mark 2:2-12	Holy apostle Peter teaches in his first epistle reading that we are supposed to become real “partakers of Divine Nature.” St. Gregory Palamas helps to explain how this can happen. God, like a light bulb, produces energy by his very nature. This energy (since it arises in God by the very fact of his nature) cannot be created. A human being can never know, nor share the uncreated nature (the light bulb), but can share the uncreated energies (the light, the heat). It is a little like putting something over a light bulb that eventually makes it hot: it share the energy but not the essence.	Be committed to GROWTH
Sunday of the Cross	Mark 8:34-9:1	It not enough to discover or see the cross, you have to be willing to live it out	Be committed to SACRIFICE because truth and growth do not come naturally to us fallen humans
Sunday of St. John of the Latter	Mark 9:17-31	As we grow and sacrifice for the sake of truth, we will discover that the process is healing and cleansing us. But it is a long process and full of little steps that must build on one another	Be committed to PATIENCE and HEALING
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	Mark 10:32-45	A steady commitment to acquiring the virtues eventually leads to dominion over capital sins and purity of life.	Be committed to MORE REPENTANCE that is ongoing; and expect it to be difficult.
Saturday of Lazarus and Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem	John 11:1-45 and John 12:1-18	We find it easier to see and acknowledge that Jesus indeed has power over life and death and that He is “Ruler of all”.	Be committed to living a “Life in Christ”: the true King, the greatest prophet, and the High-Priest

<p><b>EIGHT SUNDAYS OF PASCHA:</b> Preparation for receiving the Holy Spirit</p>		<p>Anyone who has tried to live out the meaning of either 5 Sundays of preparing for lent or 5 Sundays of lent on their own can easily say: unless I get outside help, this simply is not going to happen. So the eight Sundays of Pascha teach us about the need to learn how to look for and rely upon the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>We learn how to ask for, receive, and activate the visible &amp; tangible signs (gifts and fruits) of the Holy Spirit that, in fulfilling the will of the Father, Jesus sends us.</p>
<p>Pascha – Passover of Jesus Christ from death to Life</p>	<p>John 1:1-18 and Acts 1:1-8 Matthew 28:1-20 and Romans 6:3b-11</p>	<p>Jesus has done the major work; he has destroyed death. Fear of death should no longer distract or frighten us. We now have the freedom to carefully-vigilantly <b>stop, look and listen</b> to see how the Holy Spirit acts in our lives through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>Ask for: 7 Gifts of Holy Spirit: Isaiah 11:2-3  So that: 9 Fruits of Holy Spirit.: Galatians 5:22-23 May become real in us</p>
<p>Thomas Sunday</p>	<p>John 20:19-31; Acts 5:12-20</p>	<p>A spirit-filled person knows that their doubts can be replaced by ever-greater and ever-deeper faith</p>	<p>Ask for fear (deep reverence and awe) of God and about Divine things</p>
<p>Myrrh-bearing women and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus</p>	<p>Mark 15:43-16:9; Acts 6:1-7</p>	<p>A spirit-filled person knows that service – <i>diakonia</i> – to others can carry them through, when all else fails; the epistle for this Sunday reminds us that reading and studying the Catholic Church’s interpretation of the Bible (scriptures) must go hand-in-hand with service.</p>	<p>Ask for service (which is prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, piety and knowledge all put together)</p>
<p>Healing of Paralytic</p>	<p>John 5:1-15; Acts 9:32-42</p>	<p>A spirit-filled person knows that healing cannot exclude any part of our being; healing is holistic; it is not just our body, but our soul (thoughts and feelings), and our spirit (heart) that need healing.</p>	<p>Ask for understanding, which fosters a fuller healing of body, soul (thoughts-feelings) and spirit (heart).</p>
<p>Wednesday of Mid-Pentecost</p>	<p>John 7:14-30; Acts 14:6-18</p>	<p>In case we got distracted or forgot what Pascha was all about, Mid-Pentecost and Ascension remind us that (thanks to Jesus) we now have the freedom to <b>stop, look and listen...</b></p>	<p>The Wisdom of the Father and the Creator of all things, seated eternally at the Father’s right hand, wants to send His Holy Spirit upon you. Are you willing &amp; participating so as to receive?</p>
<p>Healing of Samaritan Woman</p>	<p>John 4:5-42; Acts 11:19-26, 29-30</p>	<p>A spirit-filled person knows that morality is neither relative nor optional. If truth, growth, sacrifice, patience &amp; healing and repentance leads you up against the wall of discovering certain sins in yourself, over which you have no power, guess what? You have to be willing to admit it and you have to be willing to put it all into God’s hands <b>completely</b>.</p>	<p>Ask for total surrender to God: fortitude</p>

Healing of Man Born Blind	John 9:1-38;  Acts 16:16-34	A spirit-filled person knows Christ because they know that faith can see things which others cannot see. Just as Jesus made eyeballs out of nothing for the blind man so – by the power of the Holy Spirit – He can take whatever is missing or empty in you and make something out of it.	Ask for fullness of life, which is the ability to know from inside of you: how to have faith, how to hope and how to love
Sunday of First Ecumenical Council	John 17:1-13  Acts 20:16-18, 28-36	A spirit-filled person is level-headed: they never fall into the trap of thinking that they will never be attacked by their own unredeemed self, by the devils' attempts to derail us, or by the world. They also know that in this spiritual warfare we are not on our own, we have the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, to help us.	Ask for counsel and wisdom
Pentecost Sunday is the Eighth Sunday of Pascha	John 7:37-53  Acts 2:1-11	In the Bible, eight stands for the last day, the day when the sun will rise but never set, the banquet in heaven will begin and never end, etc.. Maybe it's not by accident that some churches have eight domes, which is a very unique and uncommon feature.	Eight means that if we engage this whole process (5 Sundays of prep for lent, 5 Sundays of lent, 7 Sundays of Pascha,) with our whole being and to the best of our ability, then the joy and blessed happiness of the EIGHTH and FINAL DAY is what we have to look forward to.

## Return from Exile

Repentance is often simply identified as a cool and “objective” enumeration of sins and transgressions, as the act of “pleading guilty” to a legal indictment. Confession and absolution are seen as being of a juridical nature. But something very essential is overlooked – without which neither confession nor absolution have any real meaning or power. This “something” is precisely the feeling of alienation from God, from the joy of communion with Him, from the real life as created and given by God. It is easy indeed to confess that I have not fasted on prescribed day, or missed my prayers, or become angry. It is quite a different thing, however, **to suddenly realize that I have defiled and lost my spiritual beauty, that I am far away from my real home, the real life, and that something precious and pure and beautiful has been hopelessly broken in the very texture of my existence.** Yet this, and only this, is repentance, and therefore it is also a deep desire to return, to go back, to recover that lost home.

I received from God wonderful riches: first of all life and the possibility to enjoy it, to fill it with meaning, love, and knowledge; then – in Baptism – the new life of Christ Himself, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the peace and the joy of the eternal Kingdom. I received the knowledge of God, and in Him the knowledge of everything else and the power to be a son of God. And all this I have lost, all this I am losing all the time, not only in particular “sins and transgressions,” but in the sin of all sins: the deviation of my love from God, preferring the “far country” to the beautiful home of the Father. But the Church is here to remind me of what I have abandoned and lost.

– Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

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### Finance Council:

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### Bless, O Lord, the worship and Stewardship of your faithful servants:

Adult tithes: \$2520.00; ECF/CGS: \$100.00; Funeral Donation \$140.00; Theophany: \$50.00;  
Loose Change: \$42.00; Church Usage: \$400.00; Ethnic Foods: \$550.00; **Total: \$3802.00**

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**Vocation Icon:** This week: Bitsko Family  
Next week: Washicko Family

## THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

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*The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People.*

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