

HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



May 11, 2025

Sunday of the Paralytic

Our Holy Fathers, Equal to the Apostles, Cyril and Methodius,
teachers of the Slavs;
Commemoration of the Founding of Constantinople;
The Holy Hieromartyr Mocius

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Schedule of services for the week of May 12 - May 18

Saturday, May 17 – *The Holy Apostle Andronicus and his Companions; Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Ivan Ziatyk, Protohegumen of the Redemptorist and Martyr*

- 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy & Panahida; + Joseph Bankston, 38th anniversary
- 4:00 PM – Confessions
- 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, May 18– *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman; The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra; The Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul and Christina of Lampsacus; The Seven Holy Virgins: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaine, Euphrasia, Matrona and Julia*

- 7:30 AM – Matins
 - 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
- For all parishioners

O Physician of Souls and Bodies, we pray for:

Barbara Alexander, Maria Amaro, Fr. Dcn Craig Anderson, Janice Andre, Peter Andre, Fr. Christopher Andrews, Joann Bankston, Harry and Virginia Bowden, Julia Camberos, Kim Camplisson, Patrick Carmack, Fr. Andriy Chirovsky, 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, Kareen Ignacio, Taylor Kessler, Jacob, Jamie Kohanyj, Pauli Martin, Taleen Matrick, Mila Mina, Maryann Nagrant, Julia Ohnysty, Genevieve Paquette, Sylvia Pasnak, Emiliano Perez, Fr. Lee Perry, Anthony Porrello, Nina Porrello, Fr. Robert Rankin, Margaret Raya, Michael Raya Jr. Rosemary Raya, 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.

“Take up your mat and walk.” Our Lord can make us well, and it is always His will that we are able to walk, spiritually speaking. When we unite ourselves to His will we can bring healing to this world. Is He calling you or someone you know to do so by a vocation to the monastic life, the diaconate in Christ or the priesthood? Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

EPARCHIAL APPEAL

The goal for our parish is \$25,000. We ask all members of our parish to help contribute to the appeal. You will receive a large envelope with the Bishops letter and list of goals for the parishes of our Eparchy. If we make our goal 10% will come back to our parish and if we exceed our goal we will receive it back. Do whatever you can to help our Eparchy to do Christ's work!

We have 78 registered households so the average per household is \$321.00. If you cannot give the full amount, please give what you can so that we can have 100% participation.

Matching Challenge!

A parishioner has pledged to match up to \$10,000.00! Please be generous! Our current total is: \$5759.50 which is 23% of our goal.



THE ICON OF MID-PENTECOST

From the Incarnate God – Volume 2



The iconography adopted by the Church to illustrate Mid-Pentecost shows us Jesus Christ teaching in the Temple, just as in the Gospel. Christ is sitting at the center of a circle of Jewish scholars and wise men. These express their amazement at His knowledge: “How is it that this Man has learning, when He has never studied?” (John 7:15). In answer to this question, Jesus speaks of His connection to the Father, of His divine origin.

Most often, the icons of Mid-Pentecost represent Christ’s first encounter in the Temple with the doctors of the Law – this is the episode described by St. Luke, when Jesus was twelve years old (Luke 2:41-50). “Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?,” He says to His worried parents, thus openly declaring that He is the Son of God and that He must carry out His

mission. On that day, Christ declares His independence from Joseph and Mary, escaping their tutelage. He tells them about His unique link with God the Father. He accepts filial obedience to the end, an obedience which will lead Him all the way to the Cross. “Not My will, but Thy will be done!” (Luke 22:42).

Divine Wisdom is revealed to the doctors of the Law who admire the wisdom of the Child, revealing Jesus as the Child-Emmanuel announced by the Prophets (Isaiah 7:14). The authority of His teaching is already confirmed during His infancy, for “He is before all things,” He precedes creation (Colossians 1:17 and Proverbs 8:22-30), “He is begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father” (the Creed). He is “the Wisdom, the Word, and the Power of God” (From Matins of Pascha).

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. **Speak to people.** There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. **Smile at people.** It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. **Call people by name.** The sweetest music to anyone’s ears is the sound of his own name.
4. **Be friendly and helpful.** If you would have friends, be a friend.
5. **Be cordial.** Speak and act as if everything you do is genuine pleasure.
6. **Be genuinely interested in people.** You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. **Be generous with praise** – cautious with criticism.
8. **Be considerate with the feelings of others.** There are usually three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellow’s, and the right side.
9. **Be alert to give service.** What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. **Add to this a good sense of humor,** a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manyfold.



Words of the Holy Father

Peace be with you all!

Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!

It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally.

We can still hear the faint yet ever courageous voice of Pope Francis as he blessed Rome, the Pope who blessed Rome, who gave his blessing to the world, the whole world, on the morning of Easter. Allow me to extend that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another other! We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

I also thank my brother Cardinals, who have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries.

I am an Augustinian, a son of Saint Augustine, who once said, "With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a bishop." In this sense, all of us can journey together toward the homeland that God has prepared for us.

A special greeting to the Church of Rome! Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love.

(In Spanish)

Y si me permiten también una palabra, un saludo a todos y en modo particular a mi querida diócesis de Chiclayo, en el Perú, donde un pueblo fiel ha acompañado a su obispo, ha compartido su fe y ha dado tanto, tanto, para seguir siendo Iglesia fiel de Jesucristo.

(Translation)

And if you also allow me a brief word, a greeting to everyone and in particular to my beloved Diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people has accompanied its Bishop, shared its faith

and given so much, so much, to continue being a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters in Rome, in Italy, throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.

Today is the day of the Prayer of Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk at our side, to remain close to us, to help us with her intercession and her love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(In Latin)

Sancti Apostoli Petrus et Paulus: de quorum potestate et auctoritate confidimus, ipsi intercedant pro nobis ad Dominum.

℟: Amen.

Precibus et meritis beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis, beati Michælis Archangeli, beati Ioannis Baptistæ et sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli et omnium Sanctorum, misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus; et dimissis omnibus peccatis vestris, perducatur vos Iesus Christus ad vitam æternam.

℟: Amen.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem omnium peccatorum vestrorum, spatium veræ et fructuosæ pœnitentiæ, cor semper pœnitens, et emendationem vitæ, gratiam et consolationem Sancti Spiritus; et finalem perseverantiam in bonis operibus tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

℟: Amen.

Et benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos et maneat semper.

℟: Amen.

(English translation)

May the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, in whose power and authority we trust, intercede for us before the Lord.

℟: Amen.

Through the prayers and merits of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, may Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive all your sins, and may Jesus Christ bring you to everlasting life.

℟: Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you indulgence, absolution and the remission of all your sins, a season of true and fruitful penance, a well-disposed heart, amendment of life, the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit and final perseverance in good works.

℟: Amen.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever.

℟: Amen.

FOR CONSIDERATION

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Abba John the Dwarf asked his monks: "Who or what sold Joseph into slavery?" One of them answered: "His brethren." To this the *staretz* said: "Not his brothers, but his humility." Joseph could have revealed that he was their brother, and thus opposed the sale. But he kept silent. By humility, then, was he sold, and this same humility later made him ruler of Egypt. We guard ourselves too carefully from the outward difficulties encountered in giving ourselves over to the will of God, and so we lose the good fruits that are reaped in difficult circumstances endured with humility.

During a period of unrest in Constantinople in the time of Emperor Constantine, some embittered men knocked the nose and ears off the statue of the Emperor of the city. Some hurried to the Emperor and, as though with great disgust, informed him of how rebels had done this thing, asking the Emperor to punish the miscreants with the harshest punishments. But this great Emperor touched his nose and ears, and then said to the petitioners: "I can feel my nose and ears whole and untouched." The petitioners were shamed and removed themselves. With such kingly greatness of soul must we endure insults from others.



The evil one cannot comprehend the joy we receive from the spiritual life; for this reason he is jealous of us, he envies us and sets traps for us, and we become grieved and fall. Therefore we must struggle. Because without struggles we do not obtain virtues.

- Elder Ieronymos of Aegina

The little pockets of early Christians survived because they cared exclusively for the love of 'The Brethren' & stopped their ears to the opinion of the Pagan society all around them.

- C.S. Lewis



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-ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN

Mid Pentecost

On Wednesday after the Sunday of the Paralytic, which falls exactly in the middle of the Pentecost season, that period between Pascha and the feast of Pentecost or Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Eastern Church celebrates the feast of Mid-Pentecost. In Church Slavonic this Wednesday or feast is called “*Prepolovynennya*”; in English “Half Way” (midway) (or Mid-Pentecost). The Synaxary of that day explains the reason for the institution of this feast: “On the Wednesday of the Paralytic we celebrate the feast of Mid-Pentecost for the sake of honoring the two great feast days - Pascha and Pentecost. The feast of Mid-Pentecost unites and joins these two feasts.” The feast has an eight day post-feast which lasts to the Wednesday after the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.

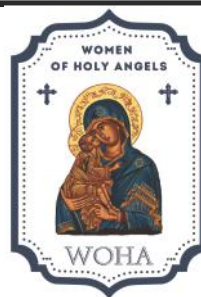
The reason for this feast is based on the Gospel of St. John in which it is written: “When, however, the feast (i.e., the feast of Tabernacles) was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.” (John 7,14) There he spoke of his divine mission and of miraculous water: “My teaching is not my own, but his who sent me ... If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says, ‘from within him there shall flow rivers of living waters.’ He said this, however, of the Spirit whom they, who believed in him, were to receive.” (John 7,16; 37-39)

This feast was already observed at the time of St. John Chrysostom (+407). The liturgy or service for the feast of Mid Pentecost was composed by Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (+458), St. Andrew of Crete, (+740), St. John Damascene (+749) and St. Theophane the Confessor (+817). The feast of Mid Pentecost aims to strengthen our faith in the risen Christ, to inspire us to observe the commandments of God and to predispose us for the feast of the Ascension of our Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. In the Matins service of that day at the Sticheras of Praises we sing:

“Brethren, having been enlightened by the resurrection of the Savior Jesus Christ, and having reached the half-way mark of the feast of the Lord, let us sincerely observe the commandments of God, so that we may become worthy to celebrate the Ascension and receive the coming of the Holy Spirit.”

ST. BASIL THE GREAT ON THE DEFEAT OF DEATH

Christ was born of a woman to regenerate those who are born... He died willingly to raise those who died unwillingly. He, who is not susceptible to death (as God), accepted to die (as a man) in order to give life to those who are under death. Death swallowed Christ unknowingly, but as soon as it did, death knew Whom it had swallowed. Death swallowed Life and was defeated by Life. It swallowed the One after the many and it lost the many through the One. Death snatched as a lion and its teeth were smashed. This is why death is ignored by us as something weak. We are no longer afraid of death as a lion, instead we walk on death as a skinned hide on the ground!



Women's Group - WOHA:

WOHA will meet this Saturday May 17, following the 9AM Divine Liturgy. All women 21 of age and up are invited! Invite your friends.

Men's Group - BROHA: This is an informal group of men who support each other in living their faith more fully in today's culture. Next meeting is this Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM. All men, 21 years of age and up, are invited!

BROHA along with WOHA will be working through the book *Men and Women Are From Eden: A Study Guide to John Paul II's Theology of the Body*. Copies are available in the bookstore for \$17.00.

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Adult tithes: \$1270.00; Eparchial Appeal: \$175.00; Loose Change: \$73.90; Non-Parishioner: \$350.00;
Church Usage: \$200.00; **Total: \$2068.90**

Vocation Icon: This week: Lucero Family
Next week: Bankston Family

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

SUBSCRIBES TO THE *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

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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