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Holy Week is Upon Us

Message from Bishop

Beloved in Christ, clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Eparchy of Phoenix and all people of the goodwill!

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to God Forever!

With joyful expectation, I write to you this pastoral word as we find ourselves at the threshold of the most ancient and most amazing week in the entire Liturgical year. It is called the Holy Week, the Passion Week, or the Week of the Bridegroom in which we celebrate and relive the Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. We are empowered to do this through the grace of our baptismal union with Christ. We die with Him, we are buried with Him and we rise to a new life with Him.

Holy Week tells us so much about man – betrayal, suffering, fear, doubts, and death. But at the same time, it tells us about the great and loving God, who “tramples death by death.” This incredible week opens the heart of God to us, filled with mercy and forgiveness. Let us worthily prepare our hearts to be united to the Heart of Jesus our Divine Bridegroom in those deepest moments as we participate in every detail of that Most Holy Sacrifice and be mindful of the grace given to us exclaiming with St Paul: “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.” (Phil 3:10-11)

The Lord's blessing be upon you!

+Artur

Bishop of Phoenix



ORDINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Ordination of Deacon Ben Crowe scheduled for Palm Sunday

Deacon Benjamin Crow and his wife Jennifer have been married for ten years, and have been blessed with five children, ages 9 to 1. Benjamin has served as a deacon for nine years; serving at St. John Chrysostom in Seattle and Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Spokane. Over the course of their marriage, they have been in discernment for the presbyterate, waiting patiently until God made the path clear. The time felt right to petition the bishop, and with a detour to address Deacon Benjamin's health issues, they accepted God's invitation to serve his people as a married priest.



Bishop Artur giving a reflection at the Friday evening soup supper that followed the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, speaking of "a dramatic change," using St. Mary of Egypt as our model.

Register Now!

Alive in Christ!

The Alive in Christ Camp has an over 20 year history in the Eparchy. It is an "ascetical bootcamp" retreat with prayer, talks, fun and team activities for boys ages 7-17, fathers welcome. It will be held July 10-13 at Palomar Christian Conference Center near San Diego, California. To register and learn more, please visit its new website:

Guided by Mary

In addition, we are pleased to announce a new camp, Guided by Mary. It will be held July 25-27 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Focusing on authentic Byzantine Catholic femininity for young women ages 9-17, mothers welcome. This retreat will also include prayer, talks, fun as well as growing together as sisters in Christ. To register and learn more, please visit its new website:

Updates

Upcoming Clergy Conference

The Clergy Conference will take place June 10 – 13, 2025 in Phoenix. During this time priests and eparchial staff will receive training and updates. All are invited to liturgy on Thursday, June 12th with the clergy and Bishop. More information to follow.

Safe Environment Training

As an ongoing reminder, if you have not updated your Safe Environment Training in the last year, please contact Paul Kilroy at [redacted]. Safe environment training is required for all volunteers throughout the eparchy regardless of whether a volunteer works with children, adults, or by his or herself.

Catholic Home Missions Collection

Coming up on April 27th is the annual Catholic Home Missions Collection. This is an especially important collect to us as we have been blessed to receive \$792,000 via the Catholic Home Missions Grant throughout the past 10 years. Funds from the Catholic Home Missions Grant support our eparchial operations and evangelization programs including funds for seminarians, clergy conferences, ECF, outreach, communications, finance office needs and much more.

Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal is underway. We are grateful for the many donations we have already received.





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