

Church (to which our parish belongs through the Eparchy in Phoenix), and finally the decision was made by Stalin to kill the young bishop and force the priests to join Orthodoxy, which was collaborating with Stalin. On October 27, 1947, an “accident” was staged in which a Red Army truck plowed into a carriage carrying the bishop and three companions. Soldiers then jumped out to finish the job, beating the victims with iron rods, until they were suddenly interrupted by the local farmers and a mail truck. Since the bishop survived both the attack and surgery, a secret police agent was sent into the hospital to murder him on the night of October 31. In 1949 the eparchy of Mukachevo was shut down by the state, and hundreds of priests, monks, and laypeople were arrested. The Church went underground, led by bishops secretly consecrated by Romzha, to emerge again in 1989. Blessed Theodore was beatified by Saint John Paul II in 2001. All of the surviving priests ordained by him told Fr. Chris in the early 2000s that “to know Romzha was to know Jesus Christ.” What a great epitaph to have!

	Up Coming Events Mark your Calendar
Sun Nov 6	Daylight Savings Ends ☀️
Mon Nov 7 Tue Nov 8	Archangel Michael & All Angels Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Mon Nov 14	Beginning of the St Philip’s Fast
Mon Nov 7 Tue Nov 8	Archangel Michael & All Angels Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Wed Nov 23 Thu Nov 24 Fri Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day Civil Holiday 7:00 pm Liturgy 9:30 am Liturgy Fast Free Friday by Bishop Olmsted
Sun Dec 4	Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion St Nicholas Celebration 10am Liturgy
Mon Dec 5 Tue Dec 6	St Nicholas of Myra Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Wed Dec 7 Thu Dec 8	Maternity of the Holy Anna Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 pm Divine Liturgy

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS

TO THE LORD’S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship

October 23 Attendance: 15 souls Tithes: \$242.00, Candles: \$10.00,
Clergy Medical Insurance Collection: \$10.00

We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for your support and care for our parish.

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

TONE 4

October 30, 2022

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

U-TUBE SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY our Maria has set up the u-tube for live streaming for the 10am Sunday Liturgy. Be sure to tell your friends. The address is:

[youtube.com/@stnicholasofmyra](https://www.youtube.com/@stnicholasofmyra)

Thank you Maria.

THANK YOU to the kind people who helped to clean the rectory for Fr James.

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE the calendars are on the Greeting Table as you enter the Side Door to the Church.

DECEMBER 4 SUNDAY (Mark your calendar) Parish Feast Day and our Special St Nicholas Celebration. The Knights of Columbus will also join us for their Corporate Communion. Traditionally we have a special pot-luck. Fr Stephen will be here for the event.

JOIN OUR TEAM please let Father Stephen know what area of the parish you are able to help. We need to provide a list of parishioners and their responsibilities. abcc72069@gmail.com or fontanastnicholas@gmail.com

DIVINE LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS

PEOPLE'S BOOK FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

- <https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/DivineLiturgies.pdf>

- **THIRD HOUR BOOK**

- https://mci.archpitt.org/sheetmusic/general/Third_Hour.pdf
VESPER BOOK - <https://mci.archpitt.org/service-books/Vespers.pdf>

29 SATURDAY Venerable Woman Anastasia, p. 393

9:30 am Liturgy +M/M J. K. MacKenzie by Kieran MacKenzie

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

1 Samuel 16:14–23 & Zachariah 12:10; 13: 1–2 or Tobit 6:1-7 13; 8:1–3

30 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, TONE 4, p. 141

9:00 am Confession available behind the Altar

9:40 am The Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for our parish family and friends

31 Monday Blessed Theodore Romza, p. 383 *See the special article.*

9:30 am Liturgy M/M JK MacKenzie by Kieran MacKenzie

1 Tuesday Unmercinares Cosmos and Damian, p. 403

9:30 am Liturgy M/M JK MacKenzie by Kieran MacKenzie

2 Wednesday Martyrs Akindynos and others, p. 381

9:30 am Liturgy Jennifer by Kieran MacKenzie

3 Thursday Martyrs, Aceptsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas, p. 381

7:00 pm Liturgy Jennifer by Kieran MacKenzie

4 Friday Venerable Father Joannicus the Great, p. 376

9:30 am Liturgy Special Intention

5 SATURDAY Martyrs Galaction & Episteme, p. 381

9:30 am Liturgy Special Intention

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abc-c72069@gmail.com

Special Intentions: The people suffering from the Hurricane, Pat Mathis, Enedina Lopez, Lora Carson Lopez, Sophia Gaydus, Victor & Patricia Olmos Family, John Phillips, Sylvia Flambures, Martha Yniquez, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez, for RAIN/ SNOW, for the victims of hurricane, and for the people of Ukraine.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

1 Kings, 17:8–24, & 2 Kings 4:8–37, or Isaiah 38: 1– 20

6 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TONE 5, P. 146

9:00 am Confession available behind the Altar

9:40 am The Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for our parish family and friends

Blessed Theodore Romzha, Bishop and Protomartyr of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church

Why was the day of Bishop Romzha's feast moved from November 1 to October 31?

The Eparchy of Mukachevo requested this change, because when Soviet rule was introduced in 1945, the territory of Transcarpathia, which was on Central European time, was forced to follow the Moscow time zone, a two-hour difference. Part of the Soviet expansion into Europe included forcing all of the territories annexed in 1945 to follow Moscow time, even though it was incredibly inconvenient for the farmers and workers alike, so as to emphasize Moscow's political control. The murder took place at 10:30 pm on Central European time, on October 31st. The Mukachevo eparchy asked the Holy See to transfer the feast to October 31 in order to accurately reflect the history of the martyrdom. So, now you know!

Biography, by Fr. Chris Zuger

Blessed Theodore was born April 14, 1911, in Velykyj Byčkiv, in Transcarpathia, in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the youngest of nine children. Born in Austria-Hungary, he became a Czechoslovak citizen in 1919 and died under the Soviet regime, all within the same homeland. His father was a railway worker. In school he learned Czech, French, Hungarian, Latin, and Rusyn.

He was sent to Rome for further studies, and completed those at the Russicum. There he learned both Russian and all about Communism. At Christmas of 1936 Romzha was ordained as a priest in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. In 1937 he returned to his homeland to perform military service. In 1938, he was appointed spiritual director of the Seminary. In 1944 Romzha was named the youngest bishop in the Catholic world, only 33 years old, and he was consecrated in the cathedral at Uzhhorod during a Soviet air raid. He withstood constant Soviet pressure, after the territory of the eparchy was annexed to the USSR in 1945, to break with Rome and join the Russian Orthodox Church. By 1946, he was the only Greek Catholic bishop in freedom in the USSR. The Soviets could not crush the Ruthenian Greek Catholic