

Eparchy of the Holy Protection of Mary in Phoenix

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

To all the good people of the Eparchy of the Holy Protection of Mary in Phoenix, and to all Christians,

Today, the eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord 2024 on the Feast of St. Michael and all the Holy Incorporeal Powers, Our Holy Father Pope Francis, in the eleventh year of his pontificate, has chosen **Artur Olexandrovych Bubnevych** as the Sixth Bishop of the Eparchy of the Holy Protection of Mary in Phoenix. In cooperation with the Apostolic Nuncio, Bishop Elect Artur has chosen to be Consecrated to the Order of the Episcopacy on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at the Church of the Annunciation in Anaheim, California, the consecrators being the Metropolitan and the other two sitting bishops of our Metropolitan Church.

Bishop Elect Artur learned of his new office on the Feast Day of our Martyred Bishop Theodore Romzha, and he has chosen for his episcopal motto the motto of Theodore Romzha, "I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my refuge." Psalm 18:1-2

Bishop Elect Artur has labored in the Vineyard of the Lord diligently since his ordination to the Subdiaconate in 1999, and he was Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico since December 1, 2014. As our nation continues its slow march to the culture of death, Vladyka Artur is a shining knight in the battle to choose life.

As a priest of the Eparchy myself, I am overjoyed by the choice of the Holy Father, and I join the people of the Eparchy in promising prayers and every possible support to the new Shepherd.

"Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ... Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give an account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:7-8, 17, 20-21

May the Lord God grant to his high-priestly servant Artur Olexandrovych peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years! Mnohaja l blahaja l'ita!

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