

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church



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*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!  
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki!*

Contributions - Thank You, OLPH!

February 13th & 14th, 2021	
	Total
Building Fund	\$25.00
Candles	\$6.00
Fuel	\$15.00
Holy Day	\$15.00
Loose	\$45.00
Regular	\$928.00
Tithe.ly	\$200.00
Total	\$1234.00
Attendance	21

*Do not neglect  
good deeds and  
generosity, God  
is pleased by  
sacrifices of  
that kind.*

- Hebrews 13:16

## Candle Intentions February 2021

**Diakonik-**

**Proskomidnik-**

**Tetrapod-** In loving memory of "Poppy" Raul Stevens requested by his children and grandchildren.

**Orletsi-**

**Vična Lampa-**

## Bulletin Submissions

Please send submissions for the bulletin to Fr. Paul no later than 12:00PM the Wednesday before you wish for them to appear.

## Liturgical Schedule Week of February 21, 2021

\*Confession every Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00 or by appointment\*

### Saturday February 20 - First Sunday of the Great Fast

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 5)

Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

### Sunday February 21 - First Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 5)

Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

❖ In memory of +Reita Stockhom with Panachida requested by Margaret Churilla

### Wednesday February 24 - 1st & 2nd Findings of the Head of John the Baptist

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Gen 4:16-26; Prov 5:15-6:3

2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 11:2-15

### Friday February 26

7:00 PM Akathist to the Divine Passion

### Saturday February 27 - Second All Souls Saturday

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful Departed

Heb 3:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-17

Mk 1:35-45; John 5:24-30

### Saturday February 27 - Second Sunday of the Great Fast

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 6)

Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

### Sunday February 21 - Second Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 6)

Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12

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## Morning Prayers in the Church

All are welcome to join Father Paul in in the church to pray the

Lenten Midday Office

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
8:00 AM

## Parish Social

A parish social will follow each of the liturgies on Saturday the 20th and Sunday 21st. Mask wearing and social distancing protocols will be observed.

## Chosen for This Cross: A Desert Pilgrimage

If you struggle with infertility you may feel like you're on a lonely, desert pilgrimage. But you are not alone! During this season of Lent, the Springs in the Desert Team invites you to reflect with us on the Seven Last Words of Jesus during His pilgrimage of suffering. Beginning on Feb. 18, each Thursday evening during Lent we will meet virtually to pray, listen to a reflection on Jesus' words, and build community through small group sharing. This FREE event is a chance to enter more deeply into the Lenten spirit while gathering in prayer with others on this same path. Free registration and more information at [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).

## Virtual Divine Liturgy

Visit [www.facebook.com/OLPHLevittownPA](http://www.facebook.com/OLPHLevittownPA) to join us live or watch archived recordings. You DO NOT need a Facebook account to view the OLPH facebook page.

## Directives for the Great Fast

From the Office of the Bishop

### Fasting Regulations

† All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

† All adults who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of Lent, Monday, February 15, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 2.

† These are the minimum requirements; however, our Tradition is to abstain from meat after Meatfare Sunday and from dairy products after Cheesefare Sunday.

### Dispensation

† Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of the fasting rules into other pious practices.

## Congratulations!

Let's give a big OLPH **CONGRATULATIONS** to Subdeacon Timothy Fariss as he recently completed his Master of Divinity degree from our seminary in Pittsburgh. I'm sure it feels great for him to have that diploma in his hands! We are very proud of Subdeacon Tim for all the hard work he put into this degree! It is not an easy program! Let us all keep Subdeacon Tim in our prayers as he embarks on a new chapter in his life and, God willing, to future ordinations to the diaconate and presbyterate. *May God grant you many blessed and spiritually fruitful years!*

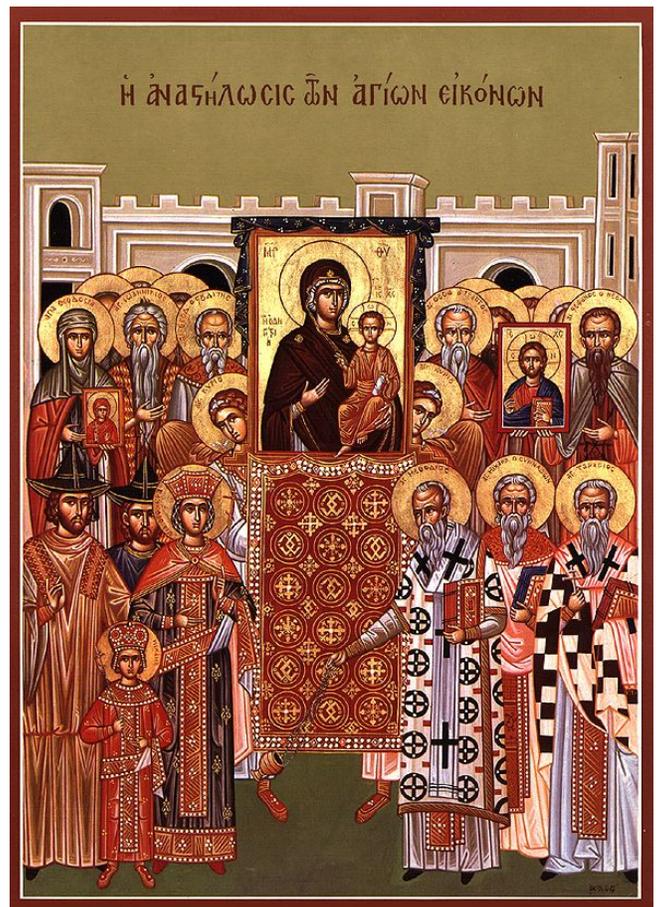
## Online Tithing

Interested in tithing online? Visit the parish website and click on donate. For more info contact Subdeacon Tim at [twfariss@gmail.com](mailto:twfariss@gmail.com) or 267-751-9492.

**Liturgy Intentions** - Available upon request. Please submit a request form with a suggested donation of \$15 per request.

**Candle Intentions** - Available by month. Please submit a request form and suggested donation of \$25 per request.

**Hospital & Home Visitation** - Available upon request.



Icon of the Triumph of Orthodoxy

## Father Paul's ECF Corner

Leading up to the Great Fast, I have been asked by several people if I was planning on “bringing back” *Stations of the Cross* and the *Benediction Service* this year. The short answers are no and no. While I answer “no” in jest, here are the sincere and legitimate reasons why we, as Byzantine Catholics, should be directing our attention to the services our tradition already has to offer rather than adding in services from other veins of Catholicism.

While Catholics and Orthodox have a shared history rooted in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, as well as varied degrees of intercommunion between the two Churches, the devotional practices have quite a different historical evolution. Regarding devotions such as *Stations* and *Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction/Supplication)*, we Greek Catholics have a great deal of confusion we need to sort through as we attempt to define what a twenty-first century of Byzantine Catholicism in America looks like. For instance, many of us (myself included!) grew up praying *Stations* on Fridays during Lent. In recent years, there has been a move “away” from stations to more “authentic” Byzantine Lenten devotions. The “popular” explanation is simply that *Stations* are “Roman Catholic” and we “shouldn’t be praying this service.” Well, this answer is a half truth and a cop-out.

The fact of the matter is that, while yes, *Stations* is a Western devotion and was not even fully permitted in all churches until the nineteenth century, the introduction of this devotion into the Byzantine Catholic churches created a huge problem. It was used as a replacement for, not an augmentation to, the *Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*! This meant that there was no eucharistic element to these services, which, in turn, necessitated the “idea” that we “needed” the *Benediction Service*. *Presanctified Liturgy* is an ancient tradition in our shared Christian history and has many elements that need to be understood for all this to make sense. This is why, over the next few weeks of the Fast, I will be writing a short series of reflection on Lenten devotions.

When we speak of this “return to our tradition,” I believe it is very important to use our words very carefully. Many simply use this phrase/concept as a hideously polemical tool to make people feel inferior and to puff up



their own ego as if they are “righting some egregious historical wrong.” THIS IS INCORRECT AND UPSETS ME VERY MUCH! I view this *REDISCOVERY* of these ancient devotional and liturgical practices in the following manner.

Often, we live our lives, day in and day out, doing what we do and knowing what we know simply because it is what we know. Then, one day, we find ourselves in Baba's attic and find a book. In this book is an old black and white picture of a man in uniform on a motorcycle. Inquisitively, we bring the picture to Baba and ask who that man is. She informs us that that man is Dido when he was a young man in *The War* (and she comments about what a good looking man he is!). From that moment on our life is forever changed. We realize that our grandparents were once young, just as we are, and have a life and history all their own. This picture connects with history, making us a part of the shared history not simply of our family, but of all human history. This thought then takes a lifetime of pondering and, God willing, is passed to future generations.

This is the exact sentiment with which we need to approach this rediscovery of these ancient practices. We should be thankful that “these books,” so to speak, have been found in Baba's liturgical attic. We now need to dust off the image, look deep into the past, and reconnect ourselves with our shared Christian history and, most importantly, the Dido of all Dido's, God Himself.

God be with you!  
Fr. Paul

# OLPH 2021 Lenten Schedule

Tuesdays @ 8 AM: *Lenten Midday Office (Terce-Sext)*

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM: *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*

Thursdays @ 8 AM: *Lenten Midday Office (Terce-Sext)*

Fridays @ 7 PM: *Akathist to the Divine Passion of Christ*

*All Souls Saturdays: Divine Liturgy @ 8:30 AM*

**2/6 — 2/27 — 3/6 — 3/13 — 5/22**



*Remember us, O Lord, when You come into  
Your kingdom!*