

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 20th & 21st, 2021	
	Total
Candles	\$20.00
Fuel	\$107.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Lent	\$115.00
Loose	\$6.00
Regular	\$1287.00
Tithe.ly	\$235.00
Total	\$1790.00
Attendance	43

*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 28, 2021

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

Saturday February 27th - 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 28th - Second Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 6)

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

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

Wednesday March 3rd - Eutropius and Other Martyrs

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Gen 7:6-9; Prov 10:12-28

Friday March 5th

7:00 PM Akathist to the Divine Passion

Saturday March 6th - 3rd All Souls Saturday

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful Departed

Heb 10:32-38; 1 Thess 4:13-17

Mk 2:14-17; John 5:24-30

Saturday March 6th - 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Cross

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 7)

Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday March 7th - 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Cross

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 7)

Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1

❖ In loving memory of +Dianna Alliprandini with Panachida requested by Donna Rayner

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who organized and participated in the post Fashengy parish social. We acknowledge that it was tempting for parishioners who are fasting from sweets during Lent and we admire their will power to resist the cakes and candy.

Candle Intentions

At this time, there have been no requests for candle intentions for the month of March. If you are interested in remembering a loved one with a candle intention, please contact Margaret Churilla.



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.

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.

Virtual Divine Liturgy

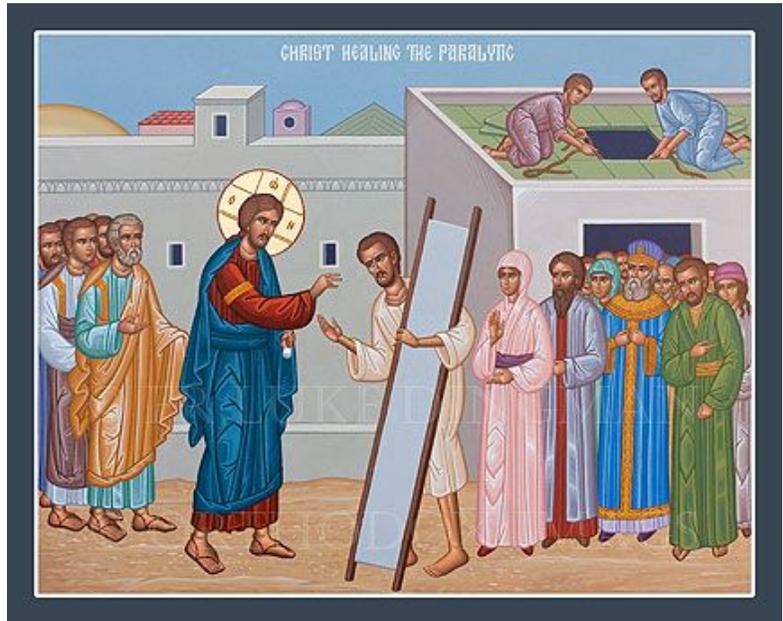
Visit www.facebook.com/OLPHLevittownPA to join us live or watch archived recordings. You DO NOT need a Facebook account to view the OLPH facebook page.

Online Tithing

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

Children's Easter Craft

OLPH will be holding a children's Easter Craft after weekend Divine Liturgies on March 20th and 21st. The children will have the opportunity to begin to learn the time-honored tradition of *Pysanky* making in a fun and safe way. They will be able to bring their craft home to help add to the festive spirit of Easter. Please contact Donna Rayer with any questions.



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.

Father Paul's ECF Corner

One thing we need to realize is that traditions and customs are often very similar, but they are referred to by different names. For instance, it is the custom in the Western Tradition to have *Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction/Supplication)*. These are times during which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for meditation and perhaps a blessing is given. While at first glance, it may seem that such customs have been “taken away,” or are “absent,” from our Byzantine Tradition; however, if we look a little more closely, we will find that this is not the case at all.

In the early to mid twentieth century it was commonplace to find *Eucharistic Benediction/Supplication* occurring in one of our churches, especially during Lent. Most notably, a service of this type can be found amended to the end of the *Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* (now referred to as the *Moleben to Jesus, Lover of Mankind*) and was often taken simply on its own as a form of *Eucharistic Adoration*. I remember this from when I was young. As I grew older, however, I remember this practice giving way to *Presanctified Liturgy* almost simultaneously with the de-emphasizing of the *Stations of the Cross* as a Lenten devotion. What gives? Why were “they” taking these beautiful things away?

Well, believe it or not, nothing was taken away at all! In fact, the nondescript “they” actually gave us something rather beautiful in exchange. If we consider the focal point of the *Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*, it is clear that it is the Body of Christ and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Upon entering the church, the faithful sit in silence as the Lamb consecrated the previous Sunday is on the Holy Table. Shortly into the liturgy, the Presanctified Gifts are incensed, elevated, and processed to the *Proskomidnik* where the preparation of the chalice is completed. Then, at the Great Entrance, the priest elevates the Presanctified Gifts and processes them around the entire church as the faithful kneel with bowed heads. Well, if that is not a type of eucharistic adoration, I don't know what is!

As we fast from other eucharistic celebrations on weekdays during the Great Fast, I sincerely encourage you to attend ***Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesdays at 6:30pm*** to spend precious time with our Lord; time we typically do not get. There are still several weeks of the Fast to take the opportunity to explore this beautiful service!

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!*