

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!

March 6th & 7th, 2021	
Anonymous	\$500.00
Building Fund	\$35.00
Candles	\$40.00
Flowers	\$45.00
Lent	\$5.00
Loose	\$61.00
Regular	\$875.00
Tithe.ly	\$335.00
Total	\$1896.00
Attendance	51

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

- Hebrews 13:16

Candle Intentions March 2021

Diakonik-

Proskomidnik-

Tetrapod- In memory of +John and +Marie Barr requested by Kevin and Mary Frances Barr

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 March 13, 2021

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

Saturday March 13th - 4th Sunday of the Great Fast

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

Heb 6:13-20; Mk 9:17-31

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday March 14th - 4th Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

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

❖ In loving memory of +Betty Dubinsky requested by Eileen Avery

Tuesday March 16

No Lenten Mid-Day Office

10:00 AM Parastas

❖ In loving memory of +Betty Dubinsky requested by Karen Kopecky

Wednesday March 17 - Alexis, Man of God

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Gen 17:1-9; Prov 15:20-16:9

Friday March 19

7:00 PM Akathist to the Divine Passion

Saturday March 20 - 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 1)

Heb 9:11-14; Mk 10:32-45

❖ In loving memory of +Diana Alliprandini requested by Mary Francis Barr and Family

Sunday March 21 - 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 1)

Heb 9:11-14; Mk 10:32-45

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

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

Confessions

Please plan on having Fr. Paul hear your confession prior to Holy Wednesday (3/31) in preparation for Pascha. There are ample opportunities to do so. If the scheduled times do not work for you, please contact Fr. Paul to schedule an appointment.

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.



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.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to an anonymous donor for their generous gift to the church. Please keep them in your prayers of thanksgiving.

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* 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 sign-up on the sheet in the back of the church so that we have supplies for all.** Contact Donna Rayer or Elsie Snyder with any questions.

Church Cleaning for Pascha

On **Tuesday, March 16, 2021** a group will be meeting in the church to do a little Spring Cleaning before Pascha. **Cleaning will begin at 9am** and will last a few hours. Come for the entire time, or for however long you can. We will have pizza for lunch! Please contact Stephen Macisnsky or Donna Rayner if you plan to attend or if you have 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

A Note on Easter Baskets

As we prepare to walk alongside our Lord as he voluntarily undergoes His Passion and Glorious Resurrection, our minds are also on preparing something else: EASTER BASKETS!

Yes, the glorious tradition of baskets overflowing with Paschal foods is something we all treasure and hold deep within our hearts from the earliest days of our youth. This tradition is something very dear to us all and thankfully we are able to gather once again this year to have our baskets blessed. I myself cannot wait to snap into a nice hunk of kolbasi after Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy on Saturday night, and I am sure you feel the same exact way! With all the excitement and anticipation, I would ask that we all keep something in mind as Holy Week draws near.

In some regions/churches, the custom has developed where people bring their baskets directly into the church (the Nave). Although this has become common practice in many places, this is actually very improper as we are to never bring slaughtered flesh (meat) into the Temple in which the Body of Christ is present. The discrepancy in this practice lies in the timing of when the consecrated Body of Christ is replenished in the Tabernacle. In our Tradition, we are directed to replenish the reserved Eucharist (rather fittingly) on Holy Thursday, the commemoration of the Mystical Supper. Other Traditions (primarily Polish Roman Catholic, from where the custom of baskets *inside* the church derives) have an empty tabernacle until Easter Sunday. The only *Corpus* present is in the tomb, thereby, *technically*, the Eucharist is not being disrespected by the presence of dead flesh.

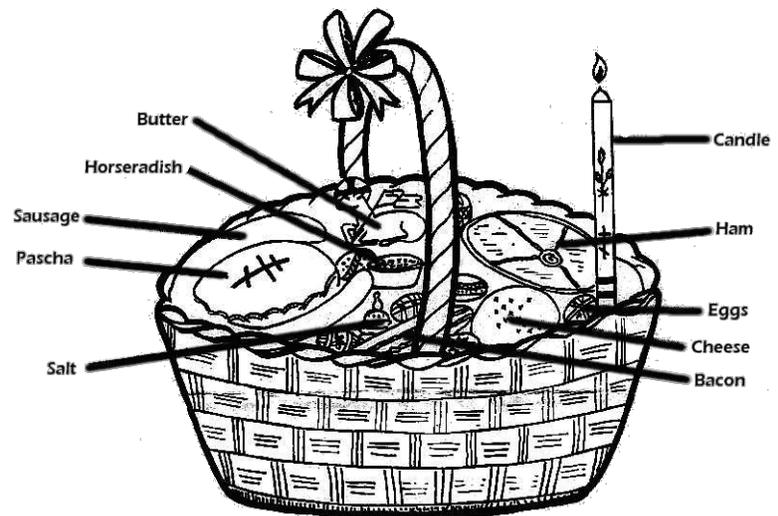
Therefore, as your spiritual father and pastor, I humbly beseech you: **Please, DO NOT bring your Easter Basket into the Nave of the church on Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday!**

I ask this of you not to be contrary, or to look down upon parochial customs of the past, but to give proper reverence to the Eucharist, especially on the greatest feast of the Church.

This year, I will ask you to place your Easter Basket (*COVERED* with a *runšik* or decorative towel) on the tables that will be set up in the Narthex (vestibule). To remain within social distancing guidelines, after Divine Liturgy I will ask the faithful to remain in the pews while I bless the baskets from the doorway of the Nave. Then, as you exit the church, I will greet you with a blessing and you can grab your basket on the way out.

I know that it is very difficult right now given our limited social space, but this is by no means permanent. If God could figure out how to contain that which cannot be contained within the womb of a human, I am sure we can pull this off! God bless all of you for your continued support and cooperation as we navigate these rather complex days of the pandemic!

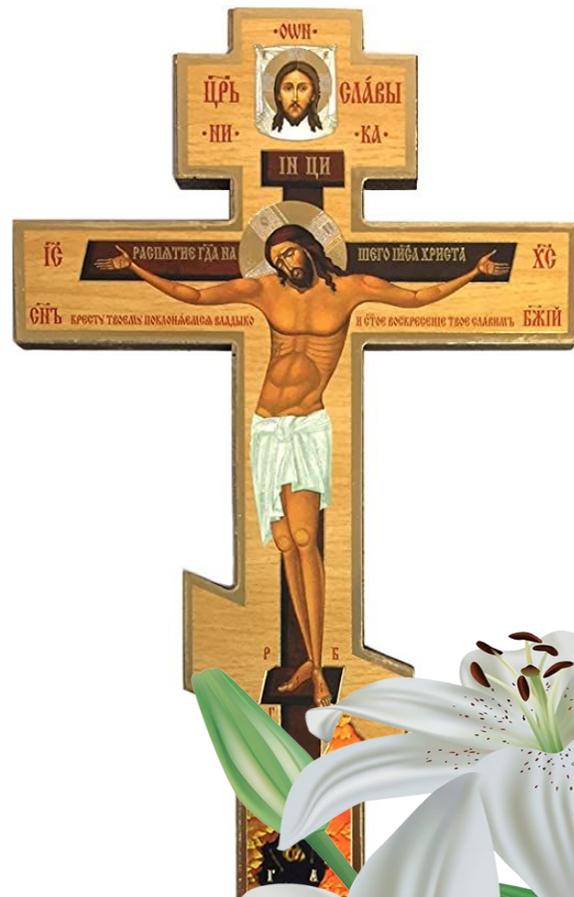
God be with you!
Fr. Paul



Great and Holy Week, Pascha, & Bright Week 2021

Saturday March 27th	Lazarus Saturday 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Sunday March 28th	Palm Sunday 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy <i>[Distribution of Palms/Pussy Willows]</i>
Monday March 29th	Holy Monday 7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins <i>[Confessions]</i>
Tuesday March 30th	Holy Tuesday 7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins <i>[Confessions]</i>
Wednesday March 31st	Holy Wednesday 7:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Anointing (<i>Holy Unction</i>) <i>[Confessions]</i>
Thursday April 1st	Great and Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Friday April 2nd	Great and Holy Friday 9:00 AM <i>Strasti</i> Matins 7:00 PM Entombment Vespers <i>[Church will remain open for vigil/prayer at the tomb]</i>
Saturday April 3rd	Great and Holy Saturday <i>[Church will remain open all day for prayer at the tomb]</i> 7:30 PM Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>[Blessing of Baskets IN NARTHEX will follow Divine Liturgy]</i>

Sunday April 4th	Pascha - The Resurrection of Our Lord 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom <i>[Blessing of Baskets IN NARTHEX will follow Divine Liturgy]</i>
Monday April 5th	Bright Monday 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Tuesday April 6th	Bright Tuesday 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy



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!*