

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church



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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Voskrése! Voistinu Voskrése!
Христосъ воскресе! Воистинѣ воскресе!
Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
Krisztus feltamadt! Valóban feltamadt!
El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

Contributions - Thank You, OLPH!

May 1 & 2, 2021	
Building Fund	\$65.00
Candles	\$28.00
Loose	\$15.00
Memorial	\$120.00
Regular	\$1160.00
Seminary	\$20.00
Tithe.ly	\$115.00
Total	\$1523.00
Attendance	55

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

- Hebrews 13:16

General Information

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.

FACEBOOK & 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 the donate link to sign up on the tithe.ly.

Liturgical Schedule Week of May 9, 2021

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

Saturday May 8 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (FESTAL TONE)

Acts 16:16-34 & 29-30; Jn 9:1-38

- ❖ **Mother's Day** - In honor and memory of all our living and deceased mothers and in thanksgiving for ALL women and the nurturing role they play in our lives

Sunday May 9 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (FESTAL TONE)

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Wednesday May 12 - Otdanije (Leave-Taking) of Pascha

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Acts 18:22-28; John 12:36-47

- ❖ Health and God's Blessing for Susan Kondrach requested by Stephen and Anna Maria Macinsky

Thursday May 13 - Ascension of Our Lord (Obligation)

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:36-53

- ❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

Saturday May 15 - Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (FESTAL TONE)

Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn 17:1-13

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Sunday May 16 - Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

First Solemn Communion of Adelaide West

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (FESTAL TONE)

Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn 17:1-13

- ❖ In memory of +Precious Yvonne Mercier with Panachida requested by Margaret Churilla

Candle Intentions May 2021

Tetrapod- In memory of +Anthony L., +Theresa, + Vincent, and +Anthony J. Churilla requested by daughter and sister Margaret Churilla

Orletsi- In memory of +Andrew and +Anna Wislotsky requested by daughter Nadia Kopcho

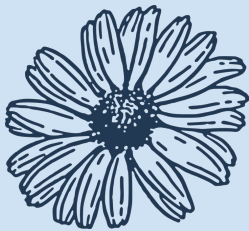
Vicna Lampa - In memory of +Romaine Macinsky requested by children Anna Maria and Stephen Macinsky

Thank You

Many thanks to all who organized and participated in the Mother's Day Socials. Both adults and children enjoyed eating the goodies and playing Candy Bar Bingo.

Springs in the Desert Mother's Day Retreat

Join Springs in the Desert, a Catholic ministry for women and couples experiencing infertility and loss, for our Springs of Hope Mother's Day Retreat: "Belonging." The retreat will take place virtually from May 7-9, beginning with Mass on Friday evening. This retreat is for all who long for motherhood. Whether you are experiencing primary or secondary infertility, miscarriage or loss, a diagnosis or unexplained, and everything in between, this retreat is for you. If you are carrying the cross of infertility, **you are not alone.** Free registration is now open! Visit www.springsinthedesert.org for more information.



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.

Sisters of St Basil House of Prayer - Upcoming Virtual Programs

May 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Women's Tuesday Evening of Reflection
Do Whatever She Tells You: Becoming a Disciple with Mary With Ann M. Koshute, MTS
Offering: \$10.00 - Registration Due: May 6

May 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Men's Thursday Evening of Reflection
Saint Joseph: Pillar for Families in the 21st Century With Fr. Jim Davidson and Deacon Dennis Prestash
Offering: \$10.00 - Registration Due: May 10

May 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m. - Saturday Morning Reflection
The Women of the Passion and the Resurrection With Helenanne Hochendoner, MAT
Offering: \$15.00 - Registration Due: May 1

June 1, 8, 15, & 22, 10-11:30am - Tuesday Morning Reading Series
A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary (by Macrina Wiederkehr) With Sr. Barbara Jean, OSBM
Offering: \$5.00 per session or \$15.00 for all 4 sessions

June 11-13, Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Young Adult Weekend Retreat (Men and Women, 18-35)
With Sr. Barbara Jean and Team
Offering: \$50.00 - Registration Due: June 7

July 13, 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Reflection for Men and Women
Introducing the Desert Fathers With Deacon John Evancho
Offering: \$10.00 - Registration due: July 9

July 15, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening Reflection for Men and Women
Introducing the Desert Mothers With Helenanne Hochendoner, MAT
Offering: \$10.00 - Registration due: July 12

CALL TO REGISTER: 724-438-7149



Icon of the Man Born Blind

Father Paul's ECF Corner

When we think of Mother's Day, the typical imagery is that of flowers, cards, pictures lovingly drawn by children, brunch, tea time, fancy hats, and the like. In the weeks leading up to Mother's Day, commercials for bracelets and earrings abound, reminding us men that "she is worth it" or some other silly phrase. OK- so a woman's worth is \$99 at "super clearance blow-out sale prices!!!" Commonly referred to as a "Hallmark holiday," Mother's Day too readily gets wrapped up in commercialism. While, yes, it is wonderful to have a day that is "mom's day," I think we are missing something wonderful if this is all we think that Mother's Day is.

On Mother's Day, we tend to focus solely on biological mothers, as if physically becoming a mother is the fulfillment and pinnacle of womanhood; that Mother's Day is for "mom" to be pampered by the kids and doted on by dad, as if the work of a woman is only deserving of that reward for roughly 16 hours once a year. On Mother's Day, we focus on mothers and seem to lose focus on the true point: womanhood.

Yes, while it is called "Mother's Day," this day should not exclude those women/couples who were never blessed with the experience of birthing and raising children, although it often tends to. When we think of motherhood, we must realize that there are many different types of motherhood. Biological, fostering, adopting, spiritual (godmother, guide, spiritual/retreat director), and experiential (being a role model) are all various aspects of what we can call "motherhood." Single women can have motherly qualities. Even nuns can, and most certainly should, have motherly qualities! Given that such a wide range of qualities can be found in such a wide range of women carrying out their Christian vocation in so many blessed ways, why should we relegate Mother's Day to flowers and candy only for those who we call "mom?"

This Mother's Day, let us joyously celebrate *ALL WOMEN*, from the youngest infants to the most wise and aged among us, and thank Almighty God for their motherly influence in our lives. Today, let us certainly remember our living and deceased mothers, but let us also recognize the vital, *MOTHERLY*, role that all women play in our lives! With them, this world would certainly be far less bright!

God be with you!

Fr. Paul

