

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Contributions - Thank You, OLPH!

May 22 & 23, 2021	
Candles	\$8.00
Holy Day	\$68.00
Loose	\$49.00
Memorial	\$25.00
Regular	\$1074.00
Tithe.ly	\$50.00
Total	\$1274.00
Attendance	53

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

- Hebrews 13:16

Candle Intentions June 2021

Diakonik (Altar of Blessing)- In memory of +Ronald Kopcho requested by wife Nadia Kopcho

Tetrapod- In memory of +Nellie G. and +Robert C. Donatelli (wedding anniversary) requested by grandson Robert P. Donatelli

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 30, 2021

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

Saturday May 29 - Sunday of All Saints

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

Heb 11:32-12:2a; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

❖ In memory of +Frank & +Mary M. Swider with Panachida requested by Kevin & Mary Francis Barr and Family

Sunday May 30 - Sunday of All Saints

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

Heb 11:32-12:2a; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

Panachida in memory of all those who sacrificed their lives in service of our nation to follow Divine Liturgy

Friday June 4 - Liturgy for the Faithful Departed

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

❖ In memory of +Helen Snyder (40th Day)

Saturday June 5 - 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 1)

Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday June 6 - 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 1)

Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23

❖ In memory of +Michael & +Dorothy Meharra requested by the Meharra Family



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.

Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day Weekend please take a moment to reflect on, pray for, and honor those who have served in the military. Their sacrifice - for some the ultimate sacrifice - has provided us with the freedom we enjoy

Did You Know?

While the common Christian greeting is "Glory to Jesus Christ," there is another greeting that is more appropriate when one is inside the church (Temple). While we are in Christ's Temple, we are literally in His presence, which is why it is more fitting to greet one another by exclaiming "**Christ is among us!**" to which the response is "**He is and will be!**" (or, in Slavonic, "**Christos posred'i nas**"~"**Jest' i budet**"). This is also the greeting when clergy (and the faithful!) exchange the Kiss of Peace and the proper greeting when the priest blesses with oil at *mirovanje* (outside of festal seasons, such as Pascha).

Father's Day Intentions

Please be sure to submit the names of living/deceased fathers for the Father's Day Intentions (June 20). *Names must be submitted to Fr. Paul NO LATER than Wednesday, June 16, 2021.*

Sisters of St Basil House of Prayer - Upcoming Virtual Programs

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

You're Invited

A message from Fr. Yuriy:

Come and celebrate the 130th Anniversary of The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Byzantine Catholic Church with us at a picnic on Sunday, August 15th, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM on the 60 acre outdoor park-like setting at Liberty Lake located in nearby Bordentown, New Jersey. As the food and attractions are too plentiful to list in this note, you must check out the facility's website, <https://libertylakepicnic.com/> for more details. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$9 children ages 5-12, and free for children under the age of 5!

You do not want to miss this event!

Please Pardon Our Dust!

As we prepare for major projects occurring with our physical plant, please excuse the mess in the narthex and general disruption to parish life over the coming weeks. Fr. Paul will keep the parish posted every step of the way!

What's Happening This Week?

Right now we are working on organizing items/details so the work can begin.



Sunday of All Saints

Father Paul's ECF Corner

The Candle Room is Up and Running!!!

I am so happy to announce that our newly revamped "Candle Room" is open and in full operation! I am thrilled that it turned out so nicely and that it will give us a wonderful place to foster our community of prayer.

Here is the new breakdown of **Sacrificial Offerings**:

Tapers — \$1

Votive Lights — \$2

Small Pillar (3-Day) — \$5

Large Pillar (7-Day) — \$10

These offerings go **DIRECTLY** to the upkeep of the Temple (church) as a place of worship and will be used for **NO OTHER CAUSE**.

You will also notice the following features in the **Candle Room**:

"Free Will" Votive Lights

All donations go to help feed the homeless/less fortunate (this used to be located in the Narthex). Please pray for them.

Prayer Intention Box

This is where we can really foster a community of prayer! **To clarify**: these are not Divine Liturgy intentions, there is no "monetary offering," there is no need to put a name to it. Simply jot down any and all prayer requests (i.e. "For Paul's upcoming operation;" "For Frank, who is battling cancer;" "+Betty;") and I will compile a list and personally pray for all these intentions at the *Proskomedija*, placing a particle on the Discos every Sunday morning. THIS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL. This stems from the "sacrificial" practice of the providing or purchasing of commemorative loaves of bread for the *Proskomedija*. Typically, the faithful would provide a list of names and a small loaf of proskophora from which the priest would cut particles to commemorate the requested intentions. The "leftover" bread was then given to the poor as a further sacrificial offering by the priest. This is still a common practice in the Greek world and in many Russian monasteries these commemorative loaves are dried out and kept as mementos/souvenirs. Here at *OLPH*, Pan'i Alissa provides the bread, I simply ask for names/intentions so that I may offer them up for you!

Finally, while we are revamping the structure of our candle intentions, I am switching around the way we go about the "monthly" candle intentions. In order to be in line with what is more traditionally done, the only two "stations" (as I have heard them referred to around the parish) will be the *Vična Lampa* (*Eternal Lamp*—think "eternal memory/vičnaja pamjat") and the *Tetrapod*. The *Vična Lampa* is for deceased intentions ONLY (again, think vična—vičnaja pamjat—eternal memory), whereas the *Tetrapod* would be appropriate for either living or deceased intentions (i.e. "For John's 50th Birthday"). **Beginning in JULY**, we will **NO LONGER** be offering the "Altar of Blessing," "Altar of Preparation," or "Sanctuary Eagles" as options. Of course, any currently placed intentions will be honored! Traditionally, these candles are part of the Divine Services and should not be for "money making." Ultimately, rather than having multiple, nontraditional "candle stations" vacant of intentions for chunks of the year, we can fill a smaller number of "stations" robustly.

The end game is this: **PRAYER!** We need to understand that all this is ultimately done for prayer! Prayer intentions for private prayer; prayers for the priest to offer at the *Proskomedija*; votive candles as sacrificial offerings to Christ's Temple; ways to commemorate the deceased AND the living. I sincerely hope that these shifts in focus really brings us closer together as a community of faith, and of prayer, and that we realize that the prayer in Christ's Temple does not cease when we exit those doors on Sunday morning.

God be with you!
Fr. Paul