

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church



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*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Contributions - Thank You, OLPH!**

October 9th & 10th, 2021	
Building Fund	\$10.00
Candles	\$35.00
Donation	\$60.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
Loose	\$77.00
Regular	\$825.00
Tithe.ly	\$250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1267.00</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>45</b>

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

*- Hebrews 13:16*



*Blessed are we,  
having you as our  
help, for day and  
night you do not  
cease to intercede  
for us!*

**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.

## Liturgical Schedule Week of October 17, 2021

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

### Saturday October 16 - Sunday of the Council Fathers

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 4)

Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

### Sunday October 17 - Sunday of the Council Fathers

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 4)

Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13

❖ +Helay Charney w/ Panachida by Margaret Churilla

### Saturday October 23 - 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy (Tone 5)

Gal 6:11-18; Lk 16:19-31

❖ For the Parish Family of OLPH

### Sunday October 24 - 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 5)

Gal 6:11-18; Lk 16:19-31

❖ + "Baba" Eleanor Stevens w/ Panachida by her loving children and grandchildren

## Candle Intentions October 2021

**Orlets (Eagles)** - In memory of +Anthony L., +Theresa, +Vincent, and +Anthony J. Churilla requested by daughter and sister Margaret Churilla

**Proskomidnik (Altar of Preparation)** - In celebration of wedding anniversary of Robert E. and Carolyn T. Donatelli requested by son Robert T. Donatelli

**Tetrapod** - In memory of +Ronald Kopcho requested by wife Nadia Kopcho

**Vicna Lampa (Sanctuary Lamp)** - In memory of +Baba Eleanor Stevens requested by her children and grandchildren

## 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](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.

**ONLINE TITHING** - Interested in tithing online? Visit the parish website and click on the donate link to sign up on the tithe.ly.

## Birthday Blessings

*to Fr. Paul who celebrates his birthday this Saturday the 16th. May God grant you many blessed years!*

## Watch the Demo Crew in Action!

If you are interested in witnessing part of the demolition process, the company has informed me that people are more than welcome to come and watch. There are minimum distance requirements that must be followed, so please, for the safety of all, listen to anything the demolition crew tells you. Fr. Paul asks that you inform him if you wish to pay a visit to the work site, just so he knows what is happening. Thank you in advance for your prayers and cooperation! (If you do not make it in person, don't worry!...the crew is providing us with a time-lapse video of the entire process, so we will have a record of it!!!)

## Church Slavonic at OLPH

It was recently brought to my attention that there is still a desire for Church Slavonic to be included in our Divine Liturgy. To this end, OLPH will officially be instituting the "last Sunday of every month Church Slavonic" plan discussed in the past. Having worked with our Director of Music, we have developed what I believe to be a well-rounded, yet robust, program combining English and Church Slavonic that is fitting of the Divine Services of the Byzantine Tradition. Here are some guidelines as to how Church Slavonic will be implemented at OLPH.

- There will be supplements provided with words AND music so **ALL** can participate
- Only hymns that are sung every Sunday will be in Church Slavonic to reduce feelings of isolation for those unfamiliar with the ecclesiastical language.
- In the spirit of Christian Catholicity, the *Creed* and *Our Father* will **ALWAYS** be in English
- Church Slavonic will be executed with a spirit of reverence fitting of Divine Worship and not as a "showpiece" or "novelty"

I believe that if we follow the above guidelines, this can indeed be a very fruitful experience for our parish and will add some variety to our liturgical life at OLPH. **The first official use of this program will be October 31, 2021.**



Sunday of the Council Fathers

## Vespers & Matins Schedule Change

In order to minimize electrical usage during the final phase of the demolition and electric service upgrade, *Vespers* (Saturday evening) and *Matins* (Sunday morning) **WILL NOT be held publicly**. During this time of temporary inconvenience, Fr. Paul will pray these services privately on behalf of the people of OLPH. **Until demolition work is complete, the church will be opened 30 minutes prior to services. Fr. Paul will still be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:30-5pm on Saturday evenings.** Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

## Please Pardon Our Dust!

As we continue our projects on our physical plant, please excuse the mess and general disruptions to parish life.

## What's Happening This Week?

**Sewer capping redone to LBCJMA specifications and all water/sewer cutoff letters obtained!!!** A huge hurdle cleared! Still working on (or rather waiting on) PECO...

### IN PERSON EVENT

#### ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC (RUTHENIAN) METROPOLITAN CHURCH

November 5 & 6, 2021

St. John the Baptist Cathedral  
Munhall, PA

#### "One Body in Christ: Re-emerging from the Pandemic"



#### Topics

**Looking Back: Looking Ahead with a Hopeful Heart**  
Deacon Tom Shubeck

**Our Worship Post Pandemic**  
Fr. Valerian Michlik & Fr. Andrew Summerson

**The Eucharistic: Holy Gifts to Holy People**  
Most Rev. Bishop Kurt Burnette

**Growing Parishes Post Pandemic**  
Deacon Basil Balke

Plus Breakout Sessions & Vendors

Registration: [archpitt.org](http://archpitt.org) or  
your eparchial website



## Dates to Remember

October 31st - Halloween Social

November 8th - Feast of Archangel Michael

December 5th - St. Nicholas Day Social

## Father Paul's ECF Corner

As we prepare to discuss *2 Chronicles*, the *Letter to the Hebrews*, and the proper (liturgical) apertinances of the Temple, I find it fitting at this time to tell you that OLPH does not possess a proper chalice set! This is something I've been wanting to address and remedy since my arrival, but I was waiting for the Holy Spirit to guide me at the right time.

While we do have a vast array of chalices and Latin style pattens in the attic, the reality is they are not consistent with Byzantine usage (as prescribed by Rome for the Ruthenian Recension) and, in all honesty, they have seen far better days. Our parish only has one "set" to speak of and this set is not only incomplete, it is entirely mismatched! It has been pieced together by taking various items from different sets to "make it work." While this was great for a temporary "fix," when it comes to the sacred vessels used to prepare and hold the Precious and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we should have a "proper" set.

Recently, I happened upon a very nice chalice set of rather high quality from the well known Russian maker *Sofrino*.



This set includes all we need to have a proper celebration of the Eucharist! From left to right, we have: Spoon, Discos (with proper Nativity imagery), Asterisk, Chalice, Small Discos for the fraction of the Lamb (with proper "Lord of Glory" Cross imagery), Teplota (hot water) Vessel/Small Discos (with proper Panagia imagery) [Not pictured, but included, is the Lance with wooden handle for the fraction of the Lamb]. The entire set is Gold plated which is paramount to both reverence and safety as Gold does have antimicrobial properties and, with proper care, will not corrode as readily as other metals. This high quality set is priced at \$800, which is an amazing deal!!!

I am asking for a family, or perhaps several families in tandem, to underwrite the cost of these sacred vessels. This is a perfect opportunity to donate these items to the parish on behalf of a deceased loved one! If you would like to dedicate these items and underwrite the cost, please contact me.

This is very exciting and a great way to honor the deceased while giving Glory to Almighty God!!!

God be with you!  
Fr. Paul