



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christ is baptized! In the Jordan!

Contributions - Thank You, OLPH!

| December 24, 25, & 26, 2021 | |
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| Building Fund | \$70.00 |
| Candles | \$66.00 |
| Candle Intentions | \$150.00 |
| Holy Day | \$135.00 |
| Initial | \$75.00 |
| Regular | \$1040.00 |
| Tithe.ly | \$115.00 |
| Total | \$1651.00 |
| Attendance | 41 |

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

- Hebrews 13:16

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.

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 January 9, 2022

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

Saturday January 8 - Sunday After Theophany

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

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Sunday January 9 - Sunday After Theophany

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17

❖ +Vilma Sims by OLPH Parish Family

Wednesday January 12

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34

❖ +Rev. Myron M. Badnerosky by OLPH Parish Family

Saturday January 15 - 34th Sunday After Pentecost

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Tone 1)

1 Tim 15:17-; Lk 18:35-43

❖ +Rev. Myron M. Badnerosky by OLPH Parish Family

Sunday January 16 - 34th Sunday After Pentecost

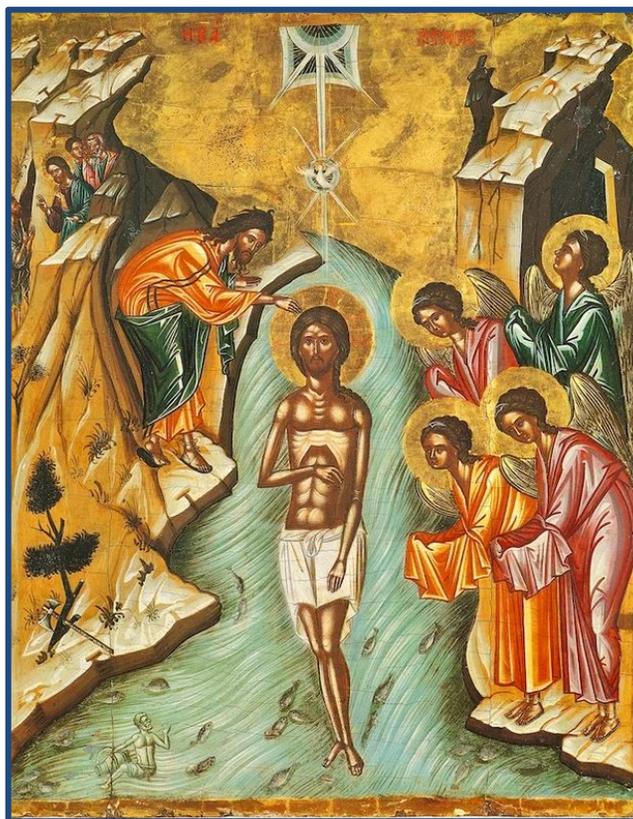
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 1)

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Candle Intentions January 2022

Tetrapod - In memory of +John Zapko and the +Zapko and +Martis families requested by Margie Zapko



2022 Envelopes & Calendars

Envelopes and Calendars for 2022 are now available in the back of the church. If you have not done so already, please be sure to take them after Divine Liturgy this weekend. Please be reminded that by being assigned an Envelope Number, this denotes active parishioner status. A parishioner is defined as one who:

- Attends divine services regularly on Sundays and Obligation Days **AT OLPH** (Remember, this is the **BARE MINIMUM**—*frequent attendance on other days is highly encouraged!*)
- Is actively engaged in the sacramental life of the Church **AT OLPH** (i.e. regular reception of Holy Eucharist/Reconciliation; participation in Holy Anointing; other sacramentals such as Blessing of Water, etc.), **ESPECIALLY** ensuring one's children are raised in the Byzantine Catholic Faith Tradition
- Contributes to the financial wellbeing of OLPH **WITHIN ONE'S MEANS** (*to ensure that we can provide access to the first two bullet points!*)

If you have relatives or friends who have envelopes but do not necessarily meet the above definition, please inform them and encourage them to become more active in the parish life of OLPH.

Thank You

Fr. Paul, Pan'i Alissa, Addie, and Nick would like to thank everyone at OLPH for the warm holiday wishes, cards, and gifts that helped to make their Christmas an extra special and memorable one. The entire family is extremely grateful and blessed to have been sent to be with a wonderful, kind, and selfless group of God's people. THANK YOU!

House Blessings for 2022

It is that time of year again... THEOPHANY TIME! This means it is also time to have our houses blessed. Please contact Fr. Paul at the parish office to schedule your house blessing. ***Given the rapid and ever changing COVID-19 situation, blessings can be scheduled now, but will take place later in the year, once this current spike of case counts goes back down.***

Weekly Offering Basket Move!

You will notice that the offertory basket has been moved to just in front of the Tetrapod. This not only keeps more eyes on your offerings to the Church, but also helps us in returning to the Byzantine custom of entering the church and venerating the icon on the Tetrapod.

2021 Tax Forms

If you would like a charitable donation letter for your contributions for the 2021 tax year, please contact Fr. Paul.

Parish Meeting January 8th/9th

Please be prepared to remain after services on **Saturday 1-8 and Sunday 1-9** for a brief (5-7 minute) meeting for the annual OLPH financial report and several important updates.

Father Paul's ECF Corner

As you all know, for some time now we have had Vespers and Matins on our liturgical schedule and, the truth of the matter is that regular attendance is scant at best. While I will continue to pray these services as I pray for all of you while doing so, I feel as if our community is missing out on the beauty these services contain. To this end, I would just like to take a moment and explain the format of these services.

I have been, and intend to continue to, pray Vespers and Matins as *Reader Services* as is the practice in the ancient Byzantine monastic tradition. In past centuries, the concept of literacy was very different. Very few people, generally speaking, had a well versed fluency in reading. Furthermore, "books," as a general concept, were very rare and very expensive; far too costly for everyone to "have their own." Due to these facts, in monasteries there was an assigned person who was able to read, "the reader," who would chant the psalmody of the Divine Office (i.e, Vespers, Matins, Hours, etc.) before Divine Liturgy. The rest of the monks would sit in the chapel and listen to the psalmody, praying in their hearts and bringing their mind and attention to God. This is a phenomenal way to prepare oneself to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior.

In keeping with this ancient tradition, the way we are currently executing Vespers and Matins at OLPH means that attending these services puts **no expectation or requirements on you whatsoever**; you don't even need to be present for the whole thing!! Coming early to services gives you time to venerate the Festal Icon on the Tetrapod and place your offering in the collection basket, venerate the other Holy Icons, light candles, pray to the saints, pray the prayers of preparation in the Faithful's Book, and to sit and listen to the psalmody of the Divine Office. Running into church at 3 minutes after 9 while having a casual conversation on the way to the pew is not a great way to prepare for liturgy and is honestly very distracting. The opening incensation is not a time for socializing, it is a time to offer ourselves to God.

I am encouraging all of you to please try to arrive at services a little earlier so that we all can experience that fullness of God's love for us! All you have to do is come early and sit. You don't have to sing or respond or anything... just listen to, and meditate upon, the beautiful prayers the church calls us to pray.

God Be With You
Father Paul