



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!

February 19th & 20th 2022	
Candles	\$71.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Fuel	\$50.00
Memorial (Rodock)	\$425.00
Regular	\$1329.00
Tithe.ly	\$15.00
Total	\$1990.00
Attendance	63

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 February 27, 2022

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

Saturday February 26 - Sunday of Cheese-Fare

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Tone 7)

Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

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Sunday February 27 - Sunday of Cheese-Fare *(Church Slavonic)*

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Tone 7)

Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

❖ +Marie Kelly w/ Panachida by the Rutter Family

Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness & Fashengy Celebration to follow

****SERVICE CANCELED DUE TO RENOVATION SCHEDULE!!!****

Monday Feb 28 - First Day of the Great Fast *(Day of Strict Fast*)*

7:00 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Gen 1:1-13; Prov 1:1-20

***All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, dairy, and their byproducts today—HEALTH PERMITTING!**

Wednesday March 2 - 1st Week of the Great Fast

7:00 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Gen 1:24-2:3; Prov 2:1-21

❖ +Kenneth Dilks w/ Panachida by the Ferenchick Family [40th Day]

Friday March 4 - 1st Week of the Great Fast

7:00 PM Akathist to the Passion

[Readings at Vespers - Gen 2:20-3:20; Prov 3:1-18]

Saturday March 5 - 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Tone 8)

Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

❖ +Patricia Jean (Panos) Hodges w/ Panachida by Raymond Latshaw

Sunday March 6 - 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Tone 8)

Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

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Candle Intentions March 2022

Tetrapod - In memory of +Andrew and +Anna Wislowsky by daughter Nadia Kopcho

Celebrate Fashengy!

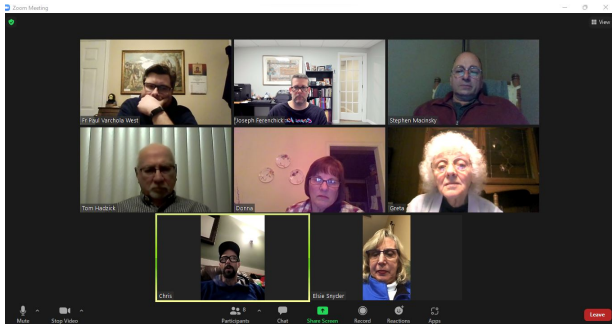
Join us for a parish social following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 27, to celebrate *Fashengy* as we prepare for the Great Fast. Current COVID-19 protocols will be observed.



OLPH Parish Advisory Council

It is with great joy that I am able to officially announce that an honest to goodness parish council has been formed at OLPH! Please take time to not only congratulate the following individuals, but thank them for being willing to give their time and dedicate their energy to helping ensure a bright future for all of God's people at OLPH!

Margaret Churilla	Stephen Macinsky
Joe Ferenchick	Tom Hadzick
Chris Malone	Donna Rayner
Elsie Snyder	



A candid shot from a recent Zoom meeting.



The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden

Lenten Bible Study at OLPH

Fr. Paul will once again be offering a Bible Study Course as a means of increasing prayer and parish participation during the Great Fast. **This four part course will run Tuesday evenings the 2nd through 5th Weeks of the Fast (3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29) with fellowship from 6:30-7pm & Bible Study 7-7:45pm.** The topic for this course will be "When the Fullness of Time had Come: The Anaphora of St. Basil the Great and the Mystical Supper." If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. More info to come!!!

Receiving the Eucharist at OLPH

Please be reminded that, as we continue to employ the use of individual wooden spoons due to the pandemic, to close your mouth around the spoon as to ensure that no particles of the Most Precious Body and the Pure Blood of Christ remain on the spoon.



Father Paul's ECF Corner

Cheesefare Sunday is also known as the Sunday of Forgiveness. Although we are indeed taking time to come together as a community to celebrate the *Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness* after Divine Liturgy this Sunday, it is customary for clergy to ask the people for personal forgiveness. To this end I find it pertinent to leave a note here.

Over the past year I am sure I have made many mistakes, misspoke many times, and made judgment calls that, in hindsight, perhaps may not have been the best. While I can no longer use the excuse of being a new priest, I humbly ask your forgiveness for the shortcomings of my broken and sinful humanity.

If there have ever been times where I spoke out of turn, said things in a manner unbecoming of the clerical state, or come across in a manner that may have seemed as abrasive or otherwise, I sincerely apologize and, by the Grace of the Holy Spirit, I pray that in the coming year I may improve as your pastor. The good people of OLPH are deserving of so much more than I have been able to provide.

Please forgive me if I have ever failed you as your pastor in any way!

As we begin the Great Fast, please know that I am looking forward to walking this journey alongside all of you. May our Lenten struggle be one of unity, prayerful joy, comradery, and above all, a strengthened faith and devotion to our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God be with you!
Fr. Paul

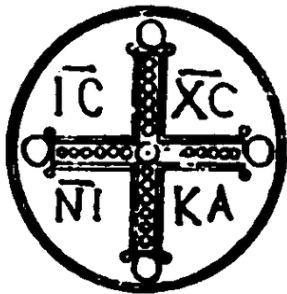
The Spirit of the Great Fast

As we approach the Great fast (first day is Feb. 28!!!), it is very important to take inventory of our physical and spiritual needs. While abstinence/refraining from certain foods is an important part of the Fast, it is not the only thing we should be focusing on. As always, we fast from food to bring us closer to God through prayer. Please consider the following as you begin the journey through the Great Fast.

- Set realistic, attainable, and practical fasting goals for yourself.
- Come to Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays, ESPECIALLY if you are unable to fast from foods due to health/age related concerns.
- Arrive to services early, especially on Sunday, to spend some extra time in prayer.
- Take inventory of what you give to the parish and see if a bit of an increase in tithing is possible, if even just for a couple weeks.

To guide you through the fasting from food, please refer to the Traditional Fasting Rules which describe fasting in the strictest sense.

Above all, remember that whatever we do must be done prayerfully, for, as the Prophets teach us, to fast without prayer is an offense to Almighty God! And also remember... if you are not being inconvenienced, then it's not really Lent!!! ;)



Traditional Fasting Rules

Cheesefare Week - The week following Meat-Fare Sunday

- Abstinence from meat, including poultry, and any meat products such as lard and meat broth
- Eggs and dairy products (milk, butter, cheese, etc.) are still permitted

The week following Cheese-Fare Sunday and through the rest of the Great Fast, the following applies for all days, except days of mitigation (described below)

Strict abstinence from:

- Meat, including poultry, and any meat products such as lard and meat broth
- Eggs and dairy products (milk, butter, cheese, etc.)
- Fish (meaning fish with backbones; shellfish were permitted)
- Oil (literal interpretation was only olive oil; some extended to include all vegetable oils & oil products)
- Wine and other alcoholic drink

Mitigation Days:

- On Saturdays and Sundays in the Second through Sixth Weeks, wine and oil were permitted; otherwise the strict abstinence rule was kept.
- On the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday, there was a mitigation for Fish, Wine, and Oil.
- Other days of mitigation (wine and oil) were February 24th (The First and Second Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John) and March 9th (The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste).

****The Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes a minimum of strict abstinence (from meat, eggs, and dairy products) on the First Monday of the Great Fast (Monday, February 28, 2022) and on Holy & Great Friday (April 15, 2022) and simple abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays.****

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC 2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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As challenges continue to affect us, please take care of yourself, your family and your parish first.

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The 2021 Bishop's Appeal will run through
December 31, 2021. Contributions will be accepted
through the fiscal year ending June 2022.



2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL
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PLEDGES ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022