

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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## Liturgical Schedule for the Week of January 7, 2018 Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

Saturday, January 6 ~ Vişil

Sunday After Theophany

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH Sunday, January 7 ~ Sunday After Theophany 9:00 AM +John Zapko by Margie Zapko

Festal Anointing and Blessing with the newly Sanctified Water Following the Divine Liturgies No Wednesday Evening Liturgy This Week.

Saturday, January 13 ~ Viọil

Sunday of Zacchaeus

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH Sunday, January 14 ~ Sunday of Zacchaeus

9:00 AM +Ethel & William King by Rhonda King

# 2018 LOTTERY CALENDARS NOW ON SALE

Margaret Churilla now has the 2018 Lottery Calendars for sale at \$20.00 per calendar. Every night a possible winner based on 3 digit



PA Evening Daily Number. Prizes vary from \$20 to \$200. Please sell some to your friends and families. This is an important fundraiser for the parish.

## Danube River Cruise

Plus Munich, Budapest and Krakow
With Fr. Ed
October 31 to November 13, 2018
Brochures Available in the Vestibule
See Fr. Ed for more details.
Special Cruise Information Webpage
http://www.olphbyz.com/Pg/DanubeCruise.html
RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

### **CANDLE DEDICATION FOR JANUARY**

#### **Tetrapod**

In Memory of + Andrew Wislotsky and + Joseph Kopcho our Fathers by Nadia Kopcho Altar of Preparation In Memory of + John Zapko By Margie Zapko Altar of Blessing God's Blessings on the

God's Blessings on the
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Family

### "MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES." - Isaiah 56: 7

If you are a visitor to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we want you to know how welcome you are; whether you have come from another



part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. We hope you find our worship true and reverent and our people here friendly and cordial. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we would be honored by your presence in our family. For more information about becoming a parishioner, please see Fr. Ed.



Please remember our Seminarian Tim Fariss during the Christmas Season he will be delighted to hear from you.

> Tim Fariss Byzantine Catholic Seminary 3605 Perrysville Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15214



House Blessings - As you know, it is our tradition to have our homes blessed after the feast of Theophany on January 6. If you wish

to have Fr. Ed come and bless your home, fill out and return the form below. Fr. Ed will contact you to arrange your house blessing.

Fr. Ed, I/We would like to have our home blessed

Name:
Address:
Phone:
The best days of the week are:
The best time of day is:
If possible, this is the best date and time:

## Christmas Decoration Take-Down Saturday, January 20 10:00 AM – All Invited!

<u>ALL SOULS ENVELOPES</u> – This year there is a special envelope for the All Souls



Saturdays in the front of your envelope box. Use the envelope and the sheet to note the names you wish to remember and to make an offering for the

commemoration. Please return by Sunday, January 28.

<u>ALL SOULS LITURGY</u> – Please Note the First All Souls Saturday will be moved from February 3 to a Vigil celebration on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This move is necessary because of Fr. Ed's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Thank you for your understanding.

## "Knight" at the Races

January 20, 2018 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm



The Crow's Nest 1492 Woodbourne Road Levittown, PA

10 simulated horse races with the ability to live wager, buy a horse, or win the grand prize of \$250

with the Raffle Tickets we are selling. There will also be raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing. Event Tickets are \$35.00 per person and includes buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda. Each event ticket holder will also be entered in one of the races to be held for a chance to win \$50.00 by being the winning horse in that race/heat. There will be a variety of raffle baskets as well. For more information see Dr. Dan Tisak, Deputy Grand Knight.

<u>CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS</u> will be available by the end of January. If you wish to receive a copy of your statement, please fill out the form below and drop it off in the collection basket. As self addressed stamped envelope would be appreciated, but not required.

CONTRIBUTION SATEMENT REQUEST
Name:
Address:
2017 Envelope Number:



## FashengyI

A Joint
Celebration
With the Parishes
Of
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Levittown

Assumption of the Virgin Mary - Trenton St. Nicholas - Roebling Sunday, February 11

at

## Assumption of the Virgin Mary Trenton

A Fun-Filled Fantastic Celebration to Prepare
Us for the Great Fast
Luncheon and Party followed by the celebration of
Forgiveness Vespers

What's Going to be Happening?
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM
Followed by Food! Music! Dancing!
Then The Celebration of Forgiveness Vespers to Begin the Great Fast,
More Details to Follow.

Transportation will be arranged from OLPH to Trenton.

There is a Sign-up Sheet on the table at the entrance of the church to see how many people would be interested in using transportation from OLPH.

### Offertory – December 30 and 31 2017

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$325.00	\$644.00	\$969.00
Holydays	olydays 0 \$151.00		\$151.00
Christmas	\$345.00	0	\$345.00
Special Gift	0	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Candles	\$21.00	\$19.00	\$40.00
Total	\$691.00	\$2,314.00	\$3,005.00
Attendance	16	48	64

Please note that there are some holy day envelopes missing in this year's envelope box — please make up the holydays in your Sunday Offering.

## **COOKBOOK RECEPIES COLECTED**

'Tis the season for celebrating the birth of Jesus with family and friends around the table enjoying all our traditional foods. Please set aside



those memorable recipes that keep your family and friends coming back for more year after year. Thank you! Our deadline for our church cookbook is the end of January 2018. We have a drop box in the church vestibule. Thank you again and may you enjoy your Holidays in good health!



#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr. Ed will be on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 30 to February 8, 2018. Please use the form below to make your requests and return them

in the collection basket or give to Fr. Ed. Please return by Sunday, January 21.

Fr. Ed, please remember the following intentions during your Pilgrimage in the Holy Land

For	r the Living and Special Intentions
	For the Deceased

#### The Sundays Before The Great Fast

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is itself preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning — in 2018 on Sunday, January 14. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man and how his life was greatly changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19.3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through lent towards Easter. It is the first movement of salvation.

The following Sunday is that of the Publican and the Pharisee. The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a Pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Luke 18.9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the Pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, and to beg for mercy.

The next Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Hearing the parable of Christ about God's loving forgiveness, we are called to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the movement of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that the Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15.11–24).

The next Sunday is called Meatfare Sunday since it is officially the last day before Easter for eating meat. It commemorates Christ's parable of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25.31–46). We are reminded this day that it is not enough for us to see Jesus, to see ourselves as we are, and to come home to God as his prodigal sons. We must also be his sons by following Christ, his only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in every man and by serving Christ through them. Our salvation and final judgment will depend upon our deeds, not merely on our intentions or even on the mercies of God devoid of our own personal cooperation and obedience.

... for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and in prison and you visited Me. For truly I say to you, if you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me (Matthew 25).

We are saved not merely by prayer and fasting, not by "religious exercises" alone. We are saved by serving Christ through his people, the goal toward which all piety and prayer is ultimately directed.

Finally, on the eve of Great Lent, the day called Cheesefare Sunday and Forgiveness Sunday, we sing of Adam's exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us.

If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Matthew 6.14–18).