



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of February 4, 2018

Saturday, February 3 ~ **Viñil Sunday of**

Meatfare

5:30 PM +Louise Petrulak

Sunday, February 4 ~ **Sunday of Meatfare**

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Friday, February 9 ~ **All Souls Viñil**

7:00 PM Deceased Faithful
Divine Liturgy for All Souls
and the Reading of the Hramoty

Saturday, February 10 ~ **Viñil Sunday of**

Cheese fare

5:30 PM +Myron Pegula

Sunday, February 11 ~ **Sunday of Cheese fare**

8:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

**PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL TIME
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY THIS WEEK**

Liturgical Celebrations

for Cheese fare Sunday

at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish Trenton

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

For the Parish Families of
Assumption of the Virgin Mary,
St. Nicholas and Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

2:30 PM **Forgiveness Vespers**

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.



WELCOME FR. JOSEPH LOVA!

Please give a warm OLPH welcome to Fr. Joe as he covers for Fr. Ed while he is on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

FR. ED ON PILGRIMAGE

Please know that you are in Fr. Ed's prayers as he is on Pilgrimage in the Holy Land. He will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy and other services throughout the holy sites and you and your special needs will be remembered.

"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.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 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 STATEMENT REQUEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

2017 Envelope Number: _____

While Fr. Ed is Away ...

Fr. Yuriy Oros will be covering for him. In case of an emergency, hospital visit or funeral, please contact him
609-3945004 (Trenton Rectory)
609-447-0688 (Roebbling Rectory)
908-381-2764 (Cell Phone)

CANDLE DEDICATION FOR FEBRUARY

Tetrapod

In Memory of the Deceased members of the
+Dubinsky & +Nazarey Families

Sunday of The Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

The Sunday of the Last Judgment is the third Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. During this time, the services of the Church have begun to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. On this day, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory.

On the past two Sundays of this pre-Lenten period, the focus was placed on God's patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge. Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes.

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for “humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have

accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.



Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Sunday of the Last Judgment incorporates all of the elements of the parable from Matthew 25:31-46. Christ sits on the throne and before him the Last Judgment takes place. He is extending his hands in blessing upon the Theotokos on his right, and John the Baptist on his left. Seated on smaller thrones are the

Apostles, represented by Peter and Paul, a depiction of the words of Christ in Matthew 19:28. (1.)

Eastern Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Last Judgment

The Sunday of the Last Judgment is also known as Meatfare Sunday. This is traditionally the last day that meat can be eaten before the Lenten fast. Dairy products are allowed on each day of this week, even Wednesday and Friday. The next Sunday is the Sunday of Cheesefare; It is the last day that dairy products can be eaten prior to the commencement of Great Lent.

On the Saturday before this Sunday, the first of five Saturdays of the Souls are held. This is a special commemoration when the Church offers a Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service for the departed faithful. This is considered a universal commemoration of the dead. It is closely related to the theme of the Sunday of the Last Judgment since the services focus on the Second Coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead. Through the memorial services, the Church is commending to God all who have departed and who are now awaiting the Last Judgment.

Rada Knife Sale * Back By Popular Demand



Catalogs with order forms are available for Rada Knife Products on the table in the vestibule with the previous week's bulletins. Becky Zadnik is running this fundraiser and will be available to take your orders. This cutlery makes excellent gifts for weddings, showers, and birthdays and even as a treat for yourself. All the proceeds benefit OLPH.



COOKBOOK UPDATE

We have not received an adequate number of recipes for the cookbook. Continue to place your recipes in the box. We will postpone publication to the early Fall so that the books will be available for Thanksgiving and Christmas gift giving.



Fashengy!

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

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!**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE - \$10.00 Adults – Children 18 and Under Free!

Transportation will be arranged from OLPH to Trenton.

TRANSPORTATION IS FREE

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.

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at OLPH at 5:30PM on Saturday, February 10 on Sunday, February 11 at 8:00 AM. It is hoped that everyone will attend the Liturgy in Trenton at 10:00 AM.

**OLPH is responsible to provide appetizers and salads
please see Margaret Churilla or Joseph Pieszala to offer your help.**

Directions to Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church

Located at the Corner of Grand and Malone Street * Trenton, NJ 08611

- 1) Take Your Favorite Route to US 1 North and Cross into New Jersey.
- 2) Take the Exit towards NJ 29 – stay in the left lane.
- 3) Turn left onto John Fitch Parkway/NJ 29 South.
- 4) Turn left (the next light) onto Cass Street.
- 5) You will pass a McDonalds – watch for Grand Street which will be shortly after the light (there is a small old gas station on the left corner).
- 6) Make a right onto Grand Street.
- 7) When you come to the stop sign – that is Beatty Street. The church will be on your left. Turn onto Malone Street (between the Church and the School) and make a right into the parking lot through the school drive way.
- 8) If there is no space in the school parking lot, after you have made the turn onto Malone Street continue to the Stop Sign and make a left onto Adeline Street. You will see the parish center on your left – pull into the driveway between the convent and the parish center and park there.
- 9) If there is no space there – there may be availability at the funeral home across from the center or on the street. **THERE WILL BE PEOPLE DIRECTING TRAFFIC TO HELP YOU PARK.**

