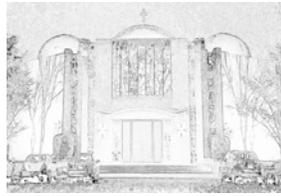




**Our Lady  
Of Perpetual  
Help  
Byzantine  
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**Liturgical Schedule  
For the Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**



**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday of Cheesefare<sup>1</sup>**

**5:30 PM +Faithful Departed**

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday of Cheesefare<sup>1</sup>**

**9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH**

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, First Day of the Great Fast**

**The First Day of the Great Fast/Lent is a day  
of strict fast – no meat or dairy products allowed**

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 42 Martyrs of Ammorium**

**12:00 PM Lenten Moleben**

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Theophylact Bishop-Confessor**

**7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Vigil, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast<sup>2</sup>**

**5:30 PM +Faithful Departed**

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast<sup>2</sup>**

**9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH**

<sup>1</sup>Festal Tone, pg. 218/Tone 7, pg. 156; Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21

<sup>2</sup>Lenten Tone, pg. 220/Tone 1, pg. 156; Heb 1:24-26, 32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

**General: After the singing of “Many Years”, we will sing “Beneath Your Compassion”, found on pg. 454 of the Green Pew Book.**

**Candle Intentions:** Available, by month. The cost is \$25 per request which should be submitted along with the request form.

**Holy Communion:** As you approach the chalice to receive our Lord, please say your name to Father in a low voice.

**Hospital/Home Visitation:** Available upon request.

**Liturgy Intentions:** Available upon request. The offering is \$15 per request which should be submitted along with the request form.

**Mystery of Forgiveness (Confession).** Saturdays, from 4:45 to 5:15 and, Sundays, from 8:15 to 8:45. If these times are not convenient, please make an appointment with Fr Vasyil.

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Should you have any pastoral needs or, concerns, sick calls, funerals, liturgy intentions, etc. please call Fr. Higgins at 215-334-5129. Please leave a message if Father is not available and he will return your call as soon as possible. Father will then either address your request, concern, or, need or, he will forward it to Fr. Vasyil.

**Offertory – February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Hebrews 13:16)*

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
<b>Regular</b>	607	453	1,060
<b>Candles</b>	12		12
<b>Donation</b>		100	100
<b>Total</b>	619	553	1,172
<b>Attendance</b>	27	24	51

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**Candle Dedication for March, 2019**

**Tetrapod:**

In memory of the Dubinsky and Nazarey Families by Betty Dubinsky

**Altar of Preparation:**

In memory of Anna Wislowsky and Ellen Kopcho by Nadia Kopcho



**Stewardship, Responsibilities of a Parishioner**

Our recent focus on stewardship leads us to next better define what being a parishioner means. What are our responsibilities? There are several responsibilities that define a parishioner, among them: 1) Observing the regular cycle of Feasts and Fasts of the Church by attending Divine Liturgy regularly; 2) Receiving the Sacraments regularly, particularly the Holy Eucharist and Confession; 3) Supporting the Church financially according to one’s means and abilities. Note: This usually entails going above and beyond the minimal financial support provided by “Church Dues” alone.#

**The Sundays of Preparation  
before the Great Fast: Sunday  
of the Cheesefare**

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.



The fifth and final Sunday, 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).*

**The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian**

During the period of holy and Great Lent, the prayer written by St. Ephrem is said frequently. It is truly a prayer on which each and every one of us should carefully mediate, as in many ways it reflects the pattern of our own everyday lives. Allow the prayer into your heart and mind, meditate upon it, and it will inevitable speak to you in some way or another. In fact it is a like a warning to us; we need to spiritually be on our guard, avoiding the temptations that each day brings, and making amends for our failings, first by recognizing them, and then bringing them before our Lord God with humility and contrition.

**The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian**

*O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed now and ever and forever.*

**Amen**



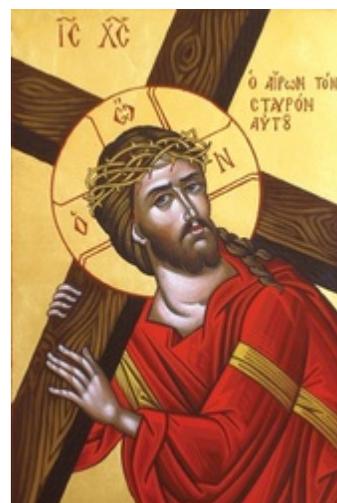
**Happy Lent!**

Lent is a time to smile! We have our Lord’s word for that. This is the gist of what he told his followers – *When you fast don’t put on a gloomy face ... look your best so that no one will know you are fasting except your heavenly Father who will reward you.* So smile this Lent when you eat less ... when out of love of God ... out of compassion for others ... out of sorrow for your sins ...you deny yourself the things you would like to have. LENT IS A TIME TO SMILE!!! Smile – as you do penance this Lent. Smile – as you take up your cross and walk in the footsteps of Jesus toward our happiest Easter ever.

**Second All Souls Saturday**

March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy and the Reading of the Hramoty





**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki! - Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!  
Welcome Visitors! We are so glad that you joined us for Liturgy today!**

**“Blessed are we, having you  
you do not cease to**



**as our help, for day and night  
Intercede for us!”**

**Lord Jesus Christ, son of God,  
Hospodi Isuse Christe, Syne Bozii,**



**have mercy on me a sinner.  
pomiluj mja hrisnaho.**