



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of April 2, 2017

**Saturday, April 1 ~ Vigil of the Fifth Sunday
of the Great Fast – Mary of Egypt**

4:45-5:15 PM Confession

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy
of St. St. Basil the Great
For the Parish Family of OLPH

**Sunday, April 2 ~ Fifth Sunday
of the Great Fast – Mary of Egypt**

8:15-8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
of St. John Chrysostom
+Edward Kravcak by Robert Donatelli

Confession Following the Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 5 ~ Theodulus & Agathopodes

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For the Faithful Departed
Followed by Confessions

Friday, April 7 ~ Euthyches - Archbishop

11:15 – 11:45 Confessions

Noon Lenten Moleben

Saturday, April 8 ~ Saturday of Lazarus

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
+Helen Hacnik
by Ken & Betty Terryberry

**Followed by Indoor & Outdoor Work Party
Vigil of the Palm/Flowery Sunday**

4:45-5:15 PM Confession

5:30 PM Personal Intention of Fr. Ed

Sunday, April 9 ~ Palm/Sunday

8:15-8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Followed by Coffee Social

**Festal Anointing in Celebration of Palm/Flowey Sunday
Following Weekend Divine Liturgies**

Easter Confessions

In addition to the times listed above
Fr. Ed will be available for
Confession during
Holy Week after all services.
If these time are not convenient for
you, please make an appointment
with Fr. Ed.



OUR LENTEN THEME

**Jesus Christ Son of God
Have Mercy
on Me a Sinner**



LENTEN WRISTBANDS – We have a few
wristbands left - please continue to pass out the
wristbands and share our Lenten message. Thank you
for your enthusiastic response.

MAILING ADDRESS – Please note that if you wish
to mail anything to OLPH the new mailing address is:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

PO BOX 777

Levittown, PA 19058-0777



INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

It's always amazed me that although we know many of
family and friends who are LOOKING for a church to
attend on Easter, we still feel nervous when inviting
them. Maybe it's the fact that we all feel a bit nervous
when talking about things that are important to us. The
truth is, when you invite a friend to join you for church
on Easter they very often will come, and even if they
cannot, they'll appreciate the fact that you thought of
them. If you are nervous about personally inviting
someone to church for Easter take an invitation address
and mail it. (Or return it to Fr. Ed and he will put the
postage on and mail it.)

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*

APRIL COFFEE SOCIALS

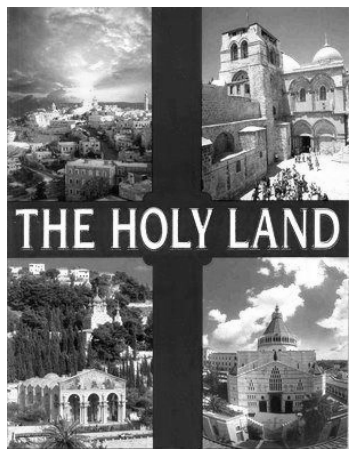
April 9 – Palm Sunday

April 23- Thomas Sunday

We will celebrate birthdays
the first social of each month

NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 30 - Following the Divine Liturgy in the church.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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FEBRUARY 8,
2018

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FR. ED

CIMBALA

and Fr. Charles

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Walk where Jesus walked...Climb the Mount of Olives & view the Old City of Jerusalem... Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher...Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity...Visit Nazareth...Cruise the Sea of Galilee.

FOR A DETAILED BROCHURE PLEASE

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WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS!!

**DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A
LIFETIME!!**

A journey to the Holy Land is a spiritual pilgrimage that every Christian should make at least once in a lifetime. It brings a new richness as we walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit such awe inspiring points of interest as the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, and the Upper Room. We will also visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Shepherd's Field, and Nazareth. Add to that the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of the Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and the Fishes, Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration and much more! And to share this spiritual experience with other Christians is an even more enriching. It creates a unique fellowship. It is a journey that is to be treasured forever. Thousands of tourists are flocking to the Holy Land again. Now is the time to make this dream, the "trip of a lifetime" a reality for you. This trip is much more than simply a vacation. This is an opportunity to see the people, places, and events of the Bible come alive before your very eyes ... an opportunity to never be the same. The cost is \$3,199.00 per person with taxes and tips extra. Included in the price is roundtrip air from Newark, first class hotels, two meals daily, sightseeing and many extras. For more information and a brochure contact Father Ed Cimbalá of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, Levittown, PA at

215-945-5122 or 908-872-2928

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SEE FR. ED FOR MORE DETAILS
Space is limited and we expect a quick sell out.

Candle Intentions for April

SANCTUARY

In Memory of Kravcak & Adams Families
by Barbara Kravcak

TETRAPOD

In Memory of Mary K. Simko, my friend
by Nadia Kopcho

ALTAR OF PREPARATION

In memory of Tara Zawatsky Eriksen
by Karen & Thaddeus Zawatsky

ALTAR OF BLESSING

In Memory of Michael Starrs, brother
of Jen & Dan Starrs by M. Kay McFarland

We have the opportunity to sponsor a candle during the months of June, September, October and November.

See Fr. Ed.

Offertory – March 25 & 26, 2017

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$661.00	\$1,047.00	\$1,708.00
Flowers	\$35.00	0	\$35.00
Annunciation	\$125.00	\$98.00	\$223.00
Building Fund	\$25.00	0	\$25.00
Assessment	\$50.00	0	\$50.00
Candles	0	\$48.00	\$48.00
Total	\$896.00	\$1,193.00	\$2,089.00
Attendance	32	53	85



Saturday, April 8

Following the 8:30 Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday Volunteers needed to clean up the grounds of OLPH to make it attractive for Easter.

Bring your rakes, brooms, shovels and whatever you like to use for yard work.

We will also continue the clean-up in the Parish Center Kitchen at that time.

Plenty of work for people of all ages!!!

PIZZA FOR LUNCH!

SAY HELLO If you see someone in church that you do not know – stop and say hello and welcome them to OLPH. Your friendly greeting will help them to decide to make OLPH their spiritual home. Make sure you introduce newcomers to Fr. Ed. Don't be shy!

Don't Forget To Check
Our Website

For Up to the Minute News
About OLPH!

olphbyz.com

On the site you will find weekly bulletins, special announcements, cancellations, schedule changes, educational materials and pictures of our events – just to name a few things. Thanks to Michael Sudik, our website is one of the best in the Eparchy.



If you know of anyone who is homebound, please call them and ask if they would like a visit from Fr. Ed. Then let him know and he will visit them.

PUSSYWILLOWS – Palm /Flowery Sunday ~ April 9) is next Sunday. If you have any pussywillows please let Fr. Ed know and we can arrange for you to drop them off at the church this week.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EASTER SERVICES

Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 15 – 7:00 PM

These services are the most important of the Liturgical Year. This is the culmination of your Lenten Journey; it is what makes our prayer, fasting and alms giving complete. We will celebrate Matins and Divine Liturgy as one service. The Matins portion with the procession takes the place of what is the beginning of the Liturgy and after that we continue as usual with the singing of “All you who have been baptized” and the readings. Fr. Ed hopes that the church will be jam-packed with hundreds of people singing Christ is Risen! Invite your family and friends for this beautiful celebration. **Please note that there is NO 5:30 Divine Liturgy on this day.**



The second Divine Liturgy of Easter will be Easter Sunday at 9:00 AM.

BLESSING OF BASKETS

The blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place in the Parish Center. Please bring in your baskets before you come into church for the Easter services. FYI – Fr. Ed has been known to “steal” from the baskets!



PROPER POSTURE FOR PRAYER DURING THE EASTER SEASON ~ From Resurrection Matins

until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost the proper posture for **all** prayer is to stand rather than to kneel. Standing is a sign of joy. And what greater joy do we have other than the Resurrection of Christ? After the celebration of Pentecost the proper posture for prayer during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is to stand during the times OLPH has been used to kneeling. This is because each Divine Liturgy is a celebration of the Resurrection. All of the parishes in the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh have been following this directive of the Bishops which was promulgated in 2006. This is a restoration of true Eastern Tradition. **If it is not physically possible for you to stand, please feel free to kneel or sit.** You may begin standing during the Divine Liturgies now if you wish to. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask Fr. Ed.

QUESTIONS FOR FR. ED

Fr. Ed --- Why Do We?

From time to time our parishioners ask Fr. Ed questions about our faith and the rituals of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Occasionally he will address these questions in the bulletin. If you have any questions, never hesitate to ask.

Fr. Ed --- Why Do We? Have Mirovanije?

On solemn Holydays, the faithful of the Byzantine Rite are anointed with holy oil and receive a piece of bread blessed for this sacramental on the vigil of the feast. This venerable custom among the Ruthenians is known as “Mirovanije” or an anointing. It is a remnant of two distinct practices of ancient times: the all-night vigils held in the church and the lighting of the oil lamps in front of the icon of the Feast. Mirovanije” or the anointing of the faithful takes place at the end of the services as the faithful approach for the “veneration (kissing) of the icon of the Feast,” which is usually displayed on the tetrapod.

As the priest anoints the forehead of the faithful in the form of the cross, he greets them with the words, “Christ is among us!” to which they reply, “He is and He shall be!” During the Christmas season, the priest greets the faithful with the words, “Christ is born!” and the people answer “Glorify Him!” During the Easter season, the customary greeting used is “Christ is Risen!” and the response is “Indeed He is Risen!” It is customary to make an offering for the priest after the anointing.

The Church teaches that in conferring her blessings (sacramentals) on the faithful, their faith plays an essential role in their effectiveness as confirmed by our Divine Savior, “Daughter, your faith has restored you to health.” (Mk. 5, 34) By tracing the sign of the cross on the forehead during the anointing, the priest indicates that all divine favors come to us through the saving power of Christ, Who continues to be present with His Church, since “Christ is among us!” (Mt. 18, 20) And the faithful, in turn express their faith in Christ’s presence and assistance by answering, “He is and He shall be.”

The blessed bread is a symbol of Christ, the “Living Bread” (Jn. 6, 51), Who gives us both physical and spiritual life. Consuming this bread “with faith” we express our trust in Christ that He will provide us with the necessary food for our body (referring to the multiplication of the bread in the prayer of blessing) and all the graces needed for the salvation of our immortal soul. (Jn. 6:5; 51)

The next time we come for “Mirovanije” – to be anointed on our forehead with blessed oil – let us remember that through the holy oil Christ’s healing power is touching us. Let us also remember that by taking the blessed bread we come closer to Jesus Christ, our “Living Bread,” who indeed “gives life to the world.” (Jn. 6, 33) And let us firmly profess our faith in Christ’s presence among us by answering in an audible voice. “He is and He shall be.”

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ST. MARY OF EGYPT

This Sunday in Lent commemorates the life of St. Mary of Egypt. St. Mary of Egypt is a shining example of repentance from sin through prayer and fasting. She lived a sinful life for many years, but was converted to a Christian life. She went into the wilderness to

live an ascetic life for many years, praying and fasting in repentance of her previous sinful life, and dying there. St. Mary’s life exemplifies her conviction about Christ, which motivated the changing of her life from sin to holiness through repentance. Her understanding of repentance involved not a mere change from small things in her life, but an extreme change of her entire attitude and thoughts. The Church commemorates St. Mary for her recognition of her own sins as an example of how one can free oneself from the slavery and burden of wrongdoing. This recognition of sin is imperative during Lent for the faithful as a means of self-examination and preparation for a more virtuous life in anticipation of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Christ.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – OUR LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 5

7:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, March 29 – 7:00 PM

The Great Canon of Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 31 – Noon – Akathist to the Mother of God

Friday, April 7 – Noon – Lenten Moleben

GREAT & HOLY WEEK

Great & Holy Wednesday, April 12 – 7:00 PM – Presanctified & Holy Anointing

Great & Holy Thursday, April 13 – 7:00 PM – Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil

Great & Holy Friday, April 14 – 7:00 PM – Burial Vespers & Procession

Great & Holy Saturday, April 15 – 7:00 PM

Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (all one service) followed by the blessing of baskets

The GREAT Day – Easter, April 16

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of baskets