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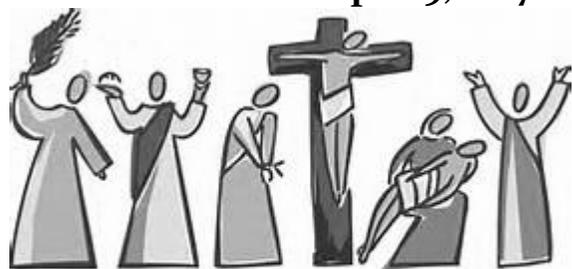
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Liturgical Schedule for the Week of April 9, 2017



Holy Week

Saturday, April 8 ~ Saturday of Lazarus

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

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

Wednesday, April 12 ~ Holy & Great Wednesday

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
With Holy Anointing
Followed by Confessions

Thursday, April 13 ~ Holy & Great Thursday

7:00 PM Vespers with the Divine Liturgy
of St. Basil commemorating
the institution of the Holy Eucharist
Followed by Confessions

Friday, April 14 ~ Holy & Great Friday

7:00 PM Burial Vespers with the Divine Liturgy
Followed by Confessions

The Church will be open for one hour after the
service for prayer and meditation before
the Grave of Our Lord

Saturday, April 15 ~ Vigil of The Great Day/Easter

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO 5:30 LITURGY

7:00 PM Resurrection Procession and Matins
with Divine Liturgy
For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, April 16 ~ The Great Day/Easter

9:00 AM Special Intention

**Mirovanije/ Festal Anointing in Celebration of Easter
Following Weekend Divine Liturgies**

**Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Parish Center
Following both Divine Liturgies**

OUR LENTEN THEME

Jesus Christ Son of God

Have Mercy

on Me a Sinner

**(continue this prayer even
after Lent!)**



APRIL COFFEE SOCIALS

April 9 – Palm/Flowery Sunday



April 23- Thomas Sunday

We will celebrate birthdays

the first social of each month

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.

The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

*O Lord
keep from*



*power and
grant to
spirit of*

*and Master of my life,
me the spirit of
indifference and
discouragement, lust of
idle chatter. Instead,
me, Your servant, the
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*

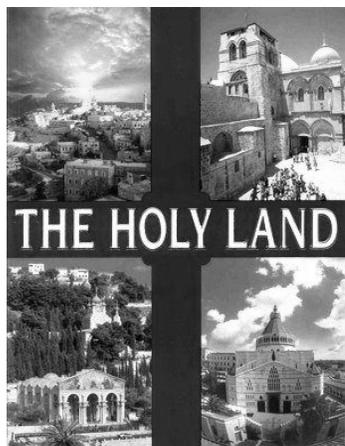
NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 30 - Following the Divine Liturgy in the Hall.

All parishioners are welcome to
attend.



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!



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

10 DAYS
JANUARY 30 to
FEBRUARY 8,
2018

Hosted By

FR. ED

CIMBALA

and Fr. Charles

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TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: Roundtrip air from Newark, First Class hotels, Breakfast & Dinner daily, Comprehensive Sightseeing, Porterage, Entrance Fees and much more!!!

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!!**

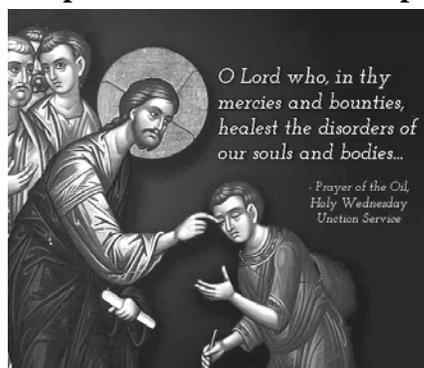
A journey to the Holy Land is a spiritual pilgrimage that every Christian should make at least once in a lifetime. It brings a new richness as we walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit such awe inspiring points of interest as the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, and the Upper 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 Cimbala of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Byzantine Catholic Church, Levittown, PA at

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SEE FR. ED FOR MORE DETAILS

Space is limited and we expect a quick sell out.



**The Sacrament
of Holy
Unction:
Holy
Wednesday
Evening**

On the evening of
Great and Holy
Wednesday, the

Sacrament or Mystery of Holy Unction is conducted in Eastern Catholic parishes. The Sacrament of Holy Unction is offered for the healing of soul and body and for forgiveness of sins. At the conclusion of the service of the Sacrament, the body is anointed with oil, and the grace of God, which heals infirmities of soul and body, is called down upon each person.

Holy Unction

When one is ill and in pain, this can very often be a time of life when one feels alone and isolated. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Unction as it is also known, reminds us that when we are in pain, physical, emotional, or spiritual, Christ is present with us through the ministry of His Church. He is among us to offer strength to meet the challenges of life, and even the approach of death.

As with Chrismation, oil is also used in this Sacrament as a sign of God's presence, strength, and forgiveness. We do not view this Sacrament as available only to those who are near death. It is offered to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit.

Christ came to the world to "bear our infirmities." One of the signs of His divine Messiahship was to heal the sick. The power of healing remains in the Church since Christ himself remains in the Church through the Holy Spirit.

The Sacrament of the Unction of the sick is the Church's specific prayer for healing. If the faith of the believers is strong enough, and if it is the will of God, there is every reason to believe that the Lord can heal those who are diseased.

The biblical basis for the Sacrament is found in James 5:14-16: *Is any among you sick, let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*

The express purpose of the Sacrament of Holy Unction is healing and forgiveness. Since it is not always the will of God that there should be physical healing, the prayer of Christ that God's will be done always remains as the proper context of the Sacrament. In addition, it is the clear intention of the Sacrament that through the anointing of the sick body the sufferings of the person should be sanctified and united to the sufferings of Christ. In this way, the wounds of the flesh are consecrated, and strength is given that the suffering of the diseased person may not be unto the death of his soul, but for eternal salvation in the resurrection and life of the Kingdom of God.

The Sacrament of Unction is not the "last rites" as is sometimes thought; the ritual of the anointing itself in no way indicates that it should be administered merely in "extreme" cases. Holy Unction is the Sacrament of the spiritual, physical, and mental healing of a sick person whatever the nature or the gravity of the illness may be.

Offertory – April 1 & 2, 2017

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$970.00	\$875.00	\$1845.00
Flowers	0	\$10.00	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$110.00	\$85.00	\$195.00
Candles	0	\$32.00	\$32.00
Total	\$1080.00	\$1002.00	\$2082.00
Attendance	36	43	79

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.

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.

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.



PROCESSION CANDLES



During the celebration of the Resurrection Matins you will be given candles to carry in procession. These candles represent the Light of Christ. Ancient tradition holds that this light is to be taken home from the church and to be the source of light in your home throughout the year. You will receive your candles

as you enter church, they will be lit at the beginning of the Matins service, we will carry them in procession and then blow it after as you enter the church.



PALM SUNDAY (John 12:12-18).

This Sunday commemorates the triumphant entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. The people of Jerusalem received Christ as a king, and, therefore, took branches of palms and went out to meet Him, laying down the palms in His path. The people cried out the prophecy of Zechariah: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel" (v. 13; of Zechariah 9:9). The celebration of the Jewish Passover brought crowds of Jews and converted Jews to Jerusalem. They had heard of the works and words of Christ, especially about the resurrection of Lazarus. All the events related to Christ had a Messianic meaning for the Jews at the time. This vexed the high priests and Pharisees. As usual, Christ went to the Temple to pray and teach. That evening Christ departed for Bethany. The tradition of the Church of distributing palms on this Sunday comes from the act of the people in placing the branches of palms in front of Christ, and henceforth symbolizes for the Christian the victory of Christ over evil forces and death.

CHRIST



IS RISEN

Please Be Extra Generous
With Your Easter Offering!

