



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of April 23, 2017



Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

Christos Voskrese!

Voistinu Voskrese!

Feltamadt Krisztus!

Valoban Feltanadott!

Al Massih Kam! Hakkan Kam!

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

¡Christo Es Resucitado!

¡En Verdad Es Resucitado!

Saturday, April 22 ~ Vigil of Thomas Sunday

St. George the Great Martyr

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, April 23 ~ Thomas Sunday

St. George the Great Martyr

9:00 AM +Dennis Flanagan by Patti Marks

Coffee Social

The Blessing and Breaking of the Artos and Festal

Anointing in Celebration of Thomas Sunday Following

Weekend Divine Liturgies

Saturday, April 29 ~ Vigil of

Sunday of the Ointment Bearers

5:30 PM +Louise Petrulak

Sunday, April 30 ~ Sunday of the Ointment Bearers

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 30 - Following the Divine Liturgy in the Hall.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.



There will be a Lodge 15 GCU Meeting on Sunday, May 30, 2017, following the 10 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Byzantine

Church (St. Mary's Church) in the parish social center at corner of Adeline and Beatty St. at approximately 11:15 am. All members are invited. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES Attached to today's bulletin you will find a special envelope



for Mother's Day. The names of the mothers submitted will be read aloud during both Divine Liturgies the weekend of

May 13 and 14. Please return your envelopes for the Mother's Day remembrance **by May 7** so that the names can be listed to be read. **You may have more than one name on each envelope.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, June 25

In Celebration of Our

Patronal Feast Day

More Details

To Follow

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.

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.

PRAYER to

St. Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and everliving God,

who strengthened your apostle

Thomas with sure and certain

faith in your Son's resurrection:

Grant us so perfectly and without

doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God,

that our faith may never be found wanting in your

sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and

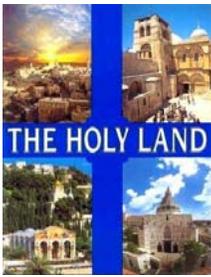
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

10 DAYS

JANUARY 30 to
FEBRUARY 8, 2018



Hosted By

FR. ED CIMBALA
and Fr. Charles Yastishock
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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
GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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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

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SEE FR. ED FOR MORE DETAILS

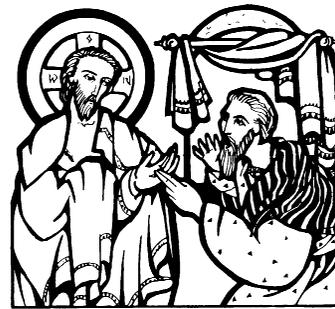
Space is limited and we expect a quick sell out.

St Thomas Sunday

Every day during the week of Easter, called **Bright Week** by the Church, the paschal services are celebrated in their entire splendor. The Easter baptismal procession is repeated daily. The royal gates of the sanctuary remain open. The joy of the

Resurrection and the gift of the Kingdom of eternal life continue to abound. Then, at the end of the week, on Saturday evening, the second Sunday after Easter is celebrated in remembrance of the appearance of Christ to the Apostle Thomas "after eight days" (John 20:26). It is important to note that the number eight has symbolical significance in both Jewish and Christian spiritual tradition. It signifies more than completion and fullness; it signifies the Kingdom of God and the life of the world to come since seven is the number of earthly time. The **Sabbath, the seventh day**, is the blessed day of rest in this world, the final day of the week. The "first day of the week," the day "after Sabbath"; stressed in all of the gospels as the day of Christ's Resurrection (Mark 16:1, Matthew 28:1, Luke 24:1, John 20:1, 19), is therefore also the eighth day," the day beyond the confines of this world, the day which stands for the life of the world to come, the day of the eternal rest of the Kingdom of God (*see Hebrews 4*).

The Sunday after Easter, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of **Bright Week**. It is therefore called the **Antipascha**, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world. In the Church services the stress is on the



Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the day comes to us in the words of the gospel: *Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do*

not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, *"My Lord and my God!"* Jesus said to him, *"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe"* (John 20:27-29).

We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched his risen body with our physical hands, yet in the Holy Spirit we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (1 John 1:1-4), and so we believe. At each of the daily services until Ascension Day we sing the **Easter Troparion**. At each of the Sunday services beginning with Antipascha, we sing the Easter canon and hymns, and repeat the celebration of the "first day of the week" on which Christ rose from the dead. At all of the liturgies the epistle readings are taken from the **Book of Acts** telling us of the first Christians who lived in communion with the Risen Lord. All of the gospel readings are taken from the **Gospel of St John**, considered by many to be a gospel written particularly for those who are newly-baptized into the new life of the Kingdom of God through death and new birth in Christ, in the name of the Holy Trinity. The reason for this opinion is that all of the "signs" -- as the miracles in St John's Gospel are called -- deal with sacramental themes involving water: wine and bread. Thus, each of the Sundays after Thomas Sunday with the exception of the third, is dedicated to the memory of one of these "signs."

	Good Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	0	\$292.00	\$722.00	\$1014.00
Candles	\$38.00	0	\$80.00	\$138.00
Holy Thursday	\$50.00	\$43.00	\$20.00	\$93.00
Offertory – April 15 & 16, 2017				
Good Friday	\$343.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$403.00
Easter	0	\$1,535.00	\$4,925.00	\$6,460.00
Total	\$431.00	\$1,920.00	\$5,757.00	\$8,108.00
Attendance	61	46	161	268



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING - Saint Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Council 4215 is hosting our 19th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 30th at the Bensalem Country Club. This is SJW #4215's main drive to fund various special projects and ongoing charitable purposes. After last year's successful Golf Outing, we were able to distribute over 100 Food Baskets, each containing a family sized turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We supplied the local Veterans Home with various articles of clothing so that our Veterans could stay warm and comfortable. We distributed approximately 180 warm winter coats to children, and hosted a Christmas Party for 180 special needs children including gifts and Santa. The Golf Outing Brochures are available in the back of the church. Hole sponsorships and the cost to play start at \$ 125.00.