



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule for the Week of June 25, 2017

Saturday, June 24 ~ Vigil of 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, June 25 ~ 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM +Edward Kravcak
by Barr & Swider Families

Note Time Change For Today

Festal Anointing in Celebration of the Birth of St. John the Baptist will follow both weekend Divine Liturgies.

1:00 PM Akathist to the Mother of God in celebration of our Patronal Feast at the outdoor shrine

Wednesday, June 28 ~ Vigil

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

7:00 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy

+Mary & +Joseph Simko
by niece Suzanne Houseknect

Thursday, June 29 ~ Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

8:30 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

**The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul
is a Holyday of Obligation**

Saturday, July 1 ~ Vigil of 4th Sunday After Pentecost

5:30 PM +Evelyn Stroh by Alex & Mary Moran

Sunday, July 2 ~ 4th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Festal Anointing in Celebration of the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul will follow both weekend Divine Liturgies.

Coffee Social



**NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL
July 16 - After 9:00 AM
Sunday Divine Liturgy
In the Church Vestibule**

NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 23 – Following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy
All Invited

Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage at Carpathian Village

The Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage will take place at the Carpathian Village / Saint Nicholas Shrine on **Sunday, July 9th, 2017** from 11:00 AM to 7 PM. Opportunities for Confession will be available along with an Anointing Service. A special procession with the miraculous Icon of Mary the Helper of Mothers is also scheduled. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with nine ordinations to the Minor Order of Lector will be celebrated by Bishop



Kurt at 3:00 PM. Food service will be available. Golf Club Car Service will be provided for those with difficulty walking as well as restroom facilities for those with physical disabilities. A special Children's Program will be held at 1:00 PM. The Carpathian Village is located at 802 Snow Hill Rd., Cresco, PA 18326. Note that the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy fulfills your Sunday obligation.

CONTACTING FR. ED

The quickest way to contact Fr. Ed is to call the rectory at 215-945-5122. Your call will be forward to his cell phone this is a local call.

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Offertory – June 17 & 18, 2017

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$520.00	\$971.00	\$1491.00
Landscaping	\$25.00	0	\$25.00
Candles	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$51.00
Total	\$570.00	\$997.00	\$1567.00
Attendance	30	45	75

2017 MARRIAGE

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Annual Marriage Jubilee

Celebration for our area will take

place on Sunday, September 10 at St.

Mary's in Hillsborough. The Divine

Liturgy will be celebrated at 3:00 PM

and a dinner will follow at St. Mary's Parish Center.

This celebration will honor all Marriage Jubilarians

beginning with their fifth wedding anniversary and

every fifth anniversary thereafter. If your 5th, 10th, 15th

... 50th, 60th, etc. Wedding Anniversary falls during

2017 please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket by July 15.



Wedding Anniversary 2017

Name _____

Address _____

We are celebrating our _____ Wedding Anniversary.
(Number of years)

We were married on: _____

We were married at: _____



Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them an email or a call. It is nice to hear from a friend from church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay. Ask them if they would like a visit from Fr. Ed – and let him know.

Candles Burning During the Month of June SANCTUARY

In Memory of Lorena Potzgo, my wife
by George Potzgo

TETRAPOD

In Memory of Ron Kopcho, my husband
by Nadia Kopcho

ALTAR OF PREPARATION

In Memory of Eddie Kravcak,
my friend by M. Kay McFarland

ALTAR OF BLESSING

In memory of Aunt Mary & Uncle John Simko
by niece Suzanne Houseknect

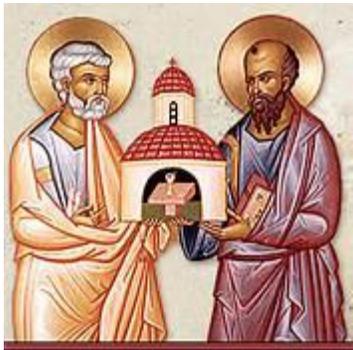


HAVE YOU BEEN OR ARE YOU GOING ON VACATION?

Please remember that your parish of OLPH continues to need to meet its financial obligations all year long, even during the summer. So when away from home or when on vacation please mail or drop off your envelopes. Remember God NEVER takes a vacation from loving and caring for us and our bills **never** take a vacation!

The Lives of Saints Peter and Paul

THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER



The son of Jonah and brother of Andrew the First-Called, of the tribe of Simeon and the town of Bethsaida, he was a fisherman and was at first called Simon, but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas, or Peter

(Jn 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to give clear expression to his faith in the Lord Jesus, saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt 16:16). His love for the Lord was very strong, and his faith in Him went from strength to strength.

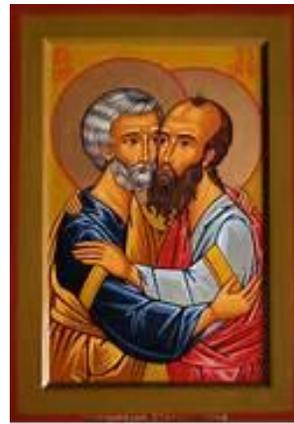
When the Lord was put on trial, Peter denied him three times, but it needed only one look into the face of the Lord, and Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. After his first sermon in Jerusalem, about 3,000 souls were converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, in Italy and Illyria. He performed many wonders, healing the sick and raising the dead, and even his shadow had the power of

healing the sick. He had a major struggle with Simon the Magician, who declared himself to be from God but was actually a servant of the devil. He finally put him to shame and overcame him.

Peter was condemned to death on the order of the wicked Emperor Nero, a friend of Simon's. After installing Linus as Bishop of Rome and exhorting and encouraging the flock of Christ there, Peter went to his death with joy. When he saw the cross before him, he asked the executioner to crucify him upside-down, because he felt himself unworthy to die in the same way as his Lord. And so this great servant of the greatest Master went to his rest and received a crown of eternal glory.

THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL

Born in Tarsus and of the tribe of Benjamin, he



was formerly called Saul and studied under Gamaliel. He was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He was wondrously converted to the Christian faith by the Lord Himself, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the

Apostle Ananias, named Paul and enrolled in the work of the Great Apostles.

He preached the Gospel everywhere with burning zeal, from the borders of Arabia to the land of Spain, among both the Jews and the heathen, and receiving the title of "The Apostle to the Gentiles." His fearful sufferings were matched only by his superhuman endurance. Through all the years of his preaching, he hung from day to day like a thread between life and death. Filling his days and nights with toil and sufferings for Christ, organizing the Church in many places and receiving a high level of perfection, he was able to say: "I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). He was beheaded in Rome in the reign of Nero, at the same time as St. Peter.

From the Prologue from Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovic.

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL – Michael Krevitskie was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, June 14. In your charity please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family. In Blessed Repose Grant Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servant Michael and Remember Him Forever.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The feast day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is celebrated on June 27.

The image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is an icon, painted on wood, and seems to have originated around the thirteenth century. Traditionally, the image is also known as “Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.” The icon (about 54 x 41.5 centimeters) depicts our Blessed Mother Mary, under the title “Mother of God,” holding the Child Jesus. The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion— St. Michael (in the left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns, and St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails. The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals. Nevertheless, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background (a sign of the glory of the resurrection) and the manner in which the angels hold the instruments, i.e. like trophies gathered up from Calvary on Easter morning.

In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother, as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary’s hands— both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and presenting Him to us— convey the reality of our Lord’s incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. In iconography, Mary here is represented as the *Hodigitria*, the one who guides us to the Redeemer. She also is our Help, who intercedes on our behalf with her Son. The star painted on Mary’s veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother.

According to popular tradition, a merchant acquired the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from the island of Crete and had it shipped to Rome towards the end of the fifteenth century. During the voyage, a terrible storm arose, threatening the lives of all on ship. The passengers and crew prayed to our Blessed Mother, and were saved.

Once in Rome, the merchant, dying, ordered that the image should be displayed for public veneration. His friend, who retained the image, received further instructions: in a dream to his little daughter, the Blessed Mother appeared and expressed the desire for the image to be venerated in a Church between the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran in Rome. The image, consequently, was housed at the Church of St. Matthew, and became known as “The Madonna of Saint Matthew.” Pilgrims

flocked to the church for the next three hundred years, and great graces were bestowed upon the faithful.

After Napoleon’s troops destroyed the Church of St. Matthew in 1812, the image was transferred to the Church of St. Mary in Posterula, and remained there for nearly forty years. There, the image was neglected and forgotten.

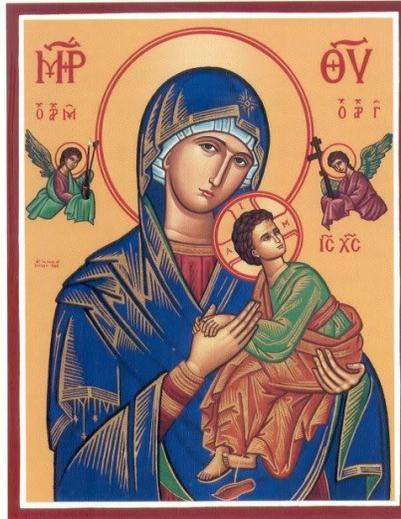
By divine providence, the forgotten image was rediscovered. In 1866, Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Redemptorists, who had just built the Church of St. Alphonsus, down the street from St. Mary Major. As a boy, the Holy Father had prayed before the image in the Church of St. Matthew. He ordered the public display and veneration of the image, and fixed the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help as the Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. In 1867, when the image was being carried in a solemn procession through the streets, a young child was cured, the first of many recorded miracles attributed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

To this day, the Church of St. Alphonsus displays the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and welcome pilgrims for prayer. May each of us never hesitate to invoke the prayers and intercession of Our Blessed Mother in time of need.

Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but the Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as you loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and his mercy is from age to age on those who love him. Our greatest fear is that in time of temptation, we may fail to call out to you, and become lost children. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Amen.



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Pope Francis and Metropolitan William want to hear from you! The Ordinary Synod of Bishops in 2018 will discuss and reflect on the theme “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.” You will find a survey on the Eparchy of Passaic’s website: www.eparchyofpassaic.com. The answers you submit in this survey will be compiled by Metropolitan William who will compile a special report reflecting on the responses of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America and present it at the synod. People of all ages are encouraged to complete this survey which will give our church a voice in this upcoming synod. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Ed. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Remember Our Lady of Perpetual Help

It's not a topic we are very comfortable talking about or even thinking about. Maybe that's why over 60 percent of Americans die without a will. And yet a will is one of the deepest expressions of love and commitment we can leave behind. It is the way we let family and friends know how much we truly treasure them. It is also a way to ensure that our parish will continue to prosper after we are gone. Your bequest to OLPH is a wonderful way to thank God for the place our parish has had in your life. Please complete a will for your own sake and for your family's sake after you are gone. Please consider OLPH in your estate plans.