



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule for the Week of December 17, 2017

Saturday, December 16 *Vişil*

Sunday of the Forefathers

5:30 PM +Ethel & +William King by Rhonda King

Sunday, December 17 ~ Sunday of the Forefathers

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Followed by Parish Advisory Committee Meeting

All Invited!

Wednesday, December 20 ~ Ignatius – Bishop Martyr

7:00 PM Faithful Departed

Saturday, December 23 ~ Vişil

Sunday Before Christmas- of the Ancestors

5:30 PM +Ann Marie King by Rhonda King

Sunday, December 24 ~ Sunday Before Christmas

of the Ancestors

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Christmas Eve - Vişil of Christmas

7:00 PM Grand Compline

7:30 PM First Liturgy of Christmas

For the Parish Family of OLPH

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

You may remember, last year when we had the Personal Assessment campaign Fr. Ed expressed his optimism that such a program would not be necessary in the future. Unfortunately, Fr. Ed's hope that the OLPH Parish Family would increase their giving throughout the year to make up the amount of the assessment didn't happen. As we come to the end of the year we need to have an extra push to make up the shortfall in income. If you did not have the opportunity to increase your giving during 2017, please consider making an extra contribution at this time to help OLPH with its financial needs. THANK YOU!

2018 LOTTERY CALENDARS NOW ON SALE

Margaret Churilla now has the 2018 Lottery Calendars for sale at \$20.00 per calendar. Every night a possible winner based on 3 digit PA Evening Daily Number. Prizes vary from \$20 to \$200. Please sell some to your friends and families. This is an important fundraiser for the parish.



Offertory – December 9 and 10, 2017,

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$315.00	\$466.00	\$781.00
Holyday	\$156.00	\$25.00	\$181.00
Energy	\$5.00	\$102.00	\$107.00
Total	\$476.00	\$593.00	\$1069.00
Attendance	13	24	37

**If you were unable to be in church this past weekend due to the snow, please make up your donation - our expenses continue the same if you are here or not.
Thank you!**

Danube River Cruise

Plus Munich, Budapest and Krakow
With Fr. Ed

October 31 to November 13, 2018

Brochures Available in the Vestibule

See Fr. Ed for more details.

Special Cruise Information Webpage

<http://www.olphbyz.com/Pg/DanubeCruise.html>

RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday Before Christmas

Saturday, December 23 - Divine Liturgy – 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 24

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 AM

Christmas

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Compline – 7:00 PM

Divine Liturgy – 7:30 PM

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 AM

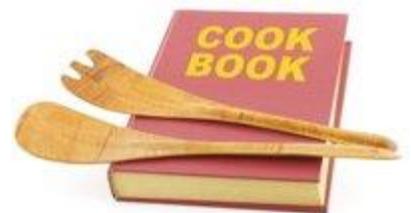
All Liturgies of Christmas Followed by Festal Anointing



Christmas Schedule

COOKBOOK RECEPIES COLECTED

'Tis the season for celebrating the birth of Jesus with family and friends around the table enjoying all our traditional trends. From your Thanksgiving meals to your Christmas holiday menu planning; please don't forget to set aside those memorable recipes that keep your family and friends coming back for more year after year. Thank you! Our deadline for our church cookbook is the end of January 2018. We'll have a drop box in the church vestibule. Thank you again and may you enjoy your Holidays in good health!

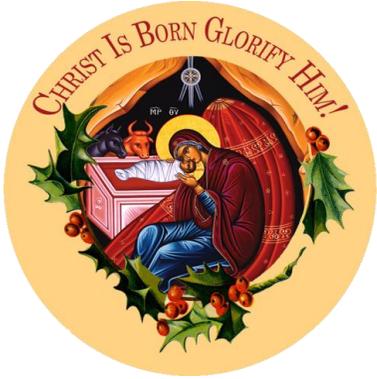


Candle Intentions for 2018

To make a candle intention for 2018, please make a notation on the chart that can be found on the table in the vestibule and take an envelope and a form and drop it along with your offering in the collection basket. The offering is \$25.00 per month.

My Dear OLPH Family,

Christ is Born! Christos Razdajetsja!



A little girl was saying her prayers a few nights before Christmas. She stopped suddenly and asked her mother a

question. She asked with a worried look, “What are we giving God for Christmas? After all, it’s His birthday isn’t it? What does God want for Christmas?”

At Christmas we often prepare a gift list. Such a list includes children, parents, grandparents, and favorite friends. One Person we sometimes forget is Jesus, even though Christmas is His birthday. What would you think if someone planned a birthday party for you and everyone received a gift but you?

One reason for bringing gifts to Jesus is that He first gave a gift to us. He didn’t stop with a little gift, but he gave all He had -- Himself. The Bible says: ‘For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.’ (2nd Corinthians 8:9)



What are some of the best gifts we can give Jesus? Love? Repentance? Obedience to His will? Helping someone in need? Visiting a lonely person or shut-in? What special gift can we give Jesus this year?

God has gifted us as a parish family with many wonderful blessings. One of the greatest gifts He has given us is our gift of

faith. This is a beautiful gift that continues to grow within us the more we give it away. I think this is one of the finest gifts we can give Jesus -- sharing the gift of our faith with someone else. As a parish family we are called to focus on the whole idea of Evangelization -- giving our faith away. My prayer for this Christmas season is that we will be people who love to give our faith away. We are not a selfish people. We have such a great treasure in our faith. Our faith is a double fortune because we practice our faith in our beautiful Byzantine Catholic tradition. Be a faith giver -- that is one of the best gifts you can give Jesus this and every year! It is a gift that I am positive He will never tire of receiving.

Why not invite someone who doesn’t have a church home to come along with you for the Christmas Divine Liturgy? This is a glorious way to introduce someone to our Byzantine Catholic Church and to our Parish.

At this holy time of Christmas, when we are recalling the fact that God so loved the world that He sent His Son Jesus into the world for us, I wish to thank you for the extraordinary ways each of you blesses my life. It is indeed a special gift to be able to serve you as your pastor.

May your Christmas be wonder-filled and the New Year overflowing with God’s blessings. Please know that you all are always in my prayers and I humbly ask you to remember me in yours.

Sincerely Yours in the Service of Christ and His People,



House Blessings - As you know, it is our tradition to have our homes blessed after the feast of Theophany on January 6. If you wish to have Fr. Ed come and bless your home, fill out and return the form below. Fr. Ed will contact you to arrange your house blessing.

Fr. Ed, I/We would like to have our home blessed

Name: _____

Address: _____

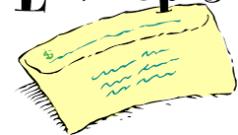
Phone: _____

The best days of the week are: _____

The best time of day is: _____

If possible, this is the best date and time:

Offering Envelopes



CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Are now available on the table in the vestibule.

You may have a different envelope number for 2018. If there is not a box of envelopes for you, please make a notion on the sheet next to the envelopes and a box will be prepared for you.

Preparing for Confession



How can one prepare for Holy Confession? Preparation for Holy Confession is a prayerful examination of feelings,

thoughts, words, acts, attitudes, habits, values, priorities, goals, direction and way of life. This prayerful self-examination includes not only the personal religious life, but also family relationships, social activities, job conduct, business dealings, political commitments and even recreational pursuits, because our entire existence should be lived in under the light of the Holy Spirit is not to condemn ourselves, but to affirm our true selves in Christ who has given us access to God's mercy and forgiveness and who has taught us to live for God's glory. Pray and think and your confession over several days. Ask God to help you perceive your sins and to make a thorough confession of them.

“MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES.” - Isaiah 56: 7



If you are a visitor to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we want you to know how welcome you are; whether you have come from

another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. We hope you find our worship true and reverent and our people here friendly and cordial. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we would be honored by your presence in our family. For more information about becoming a parishioner, please see Fr. Ed.



Please remember our Seminarian Tim Fariss during the Christmas Season he will be delighted to hear from you.

Tim Fariss

Byzantine Catholic Seminary
 3605 Perrysville Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Special Christmas Offering



A SPECIAL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS – A special gift to the parish for Christmas is a fitting way to thank God for coming to us and showering us with His Light. *Thank you for your generosity.*

CANDLE DEDICATION FOR DECEMBER

Sanctuary

In Memory of Frank Scalia & Thomas Downs,
 our fathers Nora & Greg Downs

Tetrapod

In Honor of all the ECF Children
 By M. Catherine McFarland

“Remembering that a child led the way...”

Altar of Preparation

In Memory of the Yatsko & Puketza Families
 By Helen Yatsko

Blessing Altar

In Memory of Nelli G. Donatelli, my grandmother
 by Robert P. Donatelli

If you wish to send Fr. Myron a Christmas card ...

Fr. Myron Badnerosky
 922 S. Woodbourne Road
 Suite 417
 Levittown, PA 19057



Sunday of the Forefathers

Commemorated on December 17

The **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers** is the Sunday that falls between December 11-17, the second Sunday before the Nativity. The ancestors of Christ according to the flesh are remembered on this Sunday of the Nativity Fast.

All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, the Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy

Prophet Zechariah (Zachary), Joachim and Anna, Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos. They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, “In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).