



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of January 15, 2017

Sunday, January 15 ~ 35th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Monday, January 16 ~ Chains of St. Peter

8:00 AM +Edward Kravcak by Kay McFarland

No Moleben This Week

Sunday, January 22 ~ 36th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Followed By Coffee Social

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 29 – Following the Divine Liturgy

CHANGED DATE

So as not to conflict with the Coffee Social

Offertory – January 8, 2017

Weekly Offerings - \$805.00 * Holyday - \$234.00

Initial - \$6.00 * Building Fund - \$5.00

Energy - \$30.00 * Candles-\$43.00

Total Deposit \$1,123.00

Attendance ~ 43

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available by the end of January. If you wish to receive a copy of your statement, please fill out the form below and drop it off in the collection basket. As self addressed stamped envelope would be appreciated, but not required.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope Number: _____

FR. ED AWAY THIS WEEK

Fr. Ed has the opportunity to spend “Old Calendar” Theophany in Kiev, Ukraine this week. You will be remembered in a special way during the celebrations of this great feast. While there is the tradition of people jumping into the ice cold blessed rivers on Theophany – please know that Fr. Ed will NOT be taking part of that tradition! In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Ed’s cell phone 908-872-2928 and he will arrange for the necessary assistance.



SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL – Come to our coffee social after today’s Liturgy. We have the socials the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Thank you to our volunteers. Our next social will be on January 22.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKEDOWN

Tuesday, January 17 at 5:00 PM

Everyone Invited – Come and Help

Many Hands Make Light Work!

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS



From the beginning of Christianity, local churches kept registers of their living members as well as those who departed. These registers were folding tablets made of wood, ivory, or precious metals artistically decorated with carvings and bound together by rings. They are known as diptychs, taken from the Greek word diptychon, which means anything folded in two. These were used in Church to commemorate the living and the dead at the Divine Liturgy since the fourth century.

In the Byzantine Church, these diptychs played an important role since the names of the heretics and the excommunicated were removed from them and, by the same token, these were excluded from the liturgical prayers. They came into disuse sometime during the fourteenth century and, eventually, they were replaced by official lists of the deceased members of individual families issued to the pastor. These were called Hramoty, from the Greek: grammata, meaning a written letter or document. The list of the deceased members of a family made in booklet form was called a Pomjanik, taken from the Old Slavonic: pomjanuti, meaning to remember, and was used at the services for the deceased.

The custom of announcing the names of the deceased during the liturgical services, as stated above, can be traced back to the first centuries of Christianity. Already in the fourth century, the practice was strongly defended by St. Epiphanius (d. 403) as a “firmly established tradition” in the Church. In his Panarion (75, 8) he writes:

Concerning the ritual of reading the names of the deceased, what can be more useful or suitable; what can be more worthy of admiration?

This venerable custom was transmitted to us by our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage. There is an envelope attached to the bulletin so that you may prepare the list of your family members you wish to remember. It is customary to make an offering to the priest when you present your names. **Please return this envelope by February 12 – just drop it in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Ed.** Your departed loved ones will be mentioned at the services held for the deceased on the All Souls Saturdays. This year there are four All Souls Saturdays February 18, March 11, March 18 and May 3. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 8:30 AM followed by a Panachida and the reading of the Hramoty.

St. John Chrysostom assures us that:” It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on.” (Homily on the Acts 21, 4) Members of the family are encouraged to attend these services on the All Souls Saturdays for by their presence and by their personal prayers and receiving Holy Communion they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting!



WELCOME VISITORS!
**“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.

Offertory – January 8, 2017

<i>Regular</i>	<i>Holyday</i>	<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>Energy</i>	<i>Initial</i>	<i>Candles</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$805.00	\$234.00	\$5.00	\$30.00	\$6.00	\$43.00	\$1,123.00

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PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – If you were unable to be in church last week due to the snow – please make up your contributions. Our expenses continue even when you are not here. In fact, winter weather increases our expenses due to the cold and the snow-plowing. Thank You!