



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of May 6, 2018

Saturday, May 5 ~ Vigil of the Man Born Blind

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, May 6 ~ Sunday of the Man Born Blind

9:00 AM +Romaine Macinsky by children

Wednesday, May 9 ~ Vigil of Ascension

7:00 PM In Thanksgiving to Almighty God for 30 years of Priesthood by Fr. Ed

Thursday, May 10 ~ Ascension

8:30 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Saturday, May 12 ~ Vigil Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Mothers Day

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, May 13 ~ Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Mothers Day

9:00 AM +Theresa Latzanich

by Betty Dubinsky

The names of the mothers submitted will be read at both Divine Liturgies this weekend.

Festal Anointing in celebration of the Feast of Ascension following both Divine Liturgies this weekend.

Offertory –April 28 & 29, 2018

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$461.00	\$845.00	\$1306.00
Holyday	0	\$43.00	\$43.00
Candles	0	\$50.00	\$50.00
Seminary	\$62.00	\$140.00	\$202.00
Total	\$523.00	\$1,078.00	\$1601.00
Attendance	29	40	69



Parish Picnic Sunday, June 24 In Celebration of Our Patronal Feast

Divine Liturgy that Day at 10:00 AM

Followed by Picnic until 1:00 PM

Akathist at 1:00 PM

(celebrated outdoors at the shrine)

Special Treat After the Akathist

All You Can Eat

Adults - \$20.00

Children (18 and Under) ~ FREE!

Tickets on Sale Soon



Ascension Thursday A Holy Day of Obligation

Jesus did not live with his disciples after his resurrection as he had before his death. Filled with the glory of his divinity, he appeared at different times and places to his people, assuring them that it was he, truly alive in his risen and glorified body. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

It should be noted that the time span of forty days is used many times in the Bible and signifies a temporal period of completeness and sufficiency (Gen 7:17; Ex 16:35, 24:18; Judges 3:11; 1 Sam 17:16; 1 Kg 19:8; Jon 3:4; Mt 4:2). On the fortieth day after his Passover, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified on the right hand of God (Acts 1:9-11; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51). The ascension of Christ is his final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of his mission in this world as the Messianic Savior. It is his glorious return to the Father who had sent him into the world to accomplish the work that he had given him to do (John 17:4-5). ... and lifting his hands he blessed them. While blessing them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ... (Lk 24:51-52).

The Church's celebration of the Ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the Ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ's physical departure and his glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which his disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be his witnesses to the ends of earth (Lk 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Mt 28:20; Mk 16:16-14).

In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all men that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the "heavenly sanctuary ... the Holy Place not made by hands" (see Hebrews 8-10). He goes in order send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father to bear witness to him and his gospel in the world, making him powerfully present in the lives of disciples.

The liturgical hymns of the feast of the Ascension sing of all of these things. The antiphonal verses of the Divine Liturgy are taken from Psalms 47, 48, and 49. The Troparion of the feast, which is sung at the small entrance, is also used as the post communion hymn.

CANDLES BURNING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

SANCTUARY

In Memory of Mothers

Ellen Kopcho & Anna Wislowsky by Nadia Kopcho

TETRAPOD

In Memory of Anthony & Theresa Churilla,
my parents and brothers Vincent & Anthony

by Margaret Churilla

ALTAR OF PREPARATION

In Memory of Lorena J. Potzgo

by Roberta and George Potzgo

ALTAR OF BLESSING

In Memory of Romaine G. Macinsky
by Michael, Anna Maria and Stephen Macinsky



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WELCOME VISITORS!

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



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