



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of May 20, 2018

Saturday, May 19 ~ Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

5:30 PM +Edward Zapala by wife Mary

Sunday, May 20 ~ Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM For the Parish Family of OLPH

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

Parish Advisory Committee Meeting After Sunday Liturgy

All Invited to Participate

Wednesday, May 23 ~ Michael of Synnada

7:00 PM +Departed Faithful

Saturday, May 26 ~ Vigil of Sunday of All Saints

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, May 27 ~ Sunday of All Saints

9:00 AM +Fr. Charles Yastishock

by Trapp Family



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!

Parish Picnic and Welcome

Our parish picnic will also be a welcome celebration for Fr. Vasil and his family - Pani Olena and children daughter, Solomiya and sons

Vasil and Andriy. As you can imagine, there are many things that they will need to set up their new life in the United States. To assist in this transition, parishioners of OLPH are encouraged to welcome them during the picnic with a Gift Card Shower – instead of trying to figure out what they need, your gift cards will help them get settled. Cards for grocery stores, stores like Wal-Mart, Target or VISA Gift cards would be greatly appreciated.



CANDLES BURNING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

SANCTUARY

In Memory of Mothers

Ellen Kopcho & Anna Wislotosky

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

FATHER'S DAY

ENVELOPES

~ There is a special envelope in your box for Father's Day. The names of the fathers submitted will be read aloud during both Divine Liturgies the weekend of June 17. Please return your envelopes for the Father's Day remembrance **by June 10** so the names can be listed to be read.



Please remember the following during the Father's Day commemoration

Name	Living	Deceased

By: _____



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF

OUTING - Saint Joseph the Worker

Knights of Columbus Council 4215 is

hosting our 19th Annual Golf Outing on

Monday, June 25 at the Bensalem

Country Club. The Golf Outing Brochures are

available in the back of the church. The cost to play is

\$125.00. For more information see Dr. Dan Tisak.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Special Hymn:

Tone 6 Samohlasi

Heav-en - ly King, Com-fort - er, Spir - it of Truth, ev - 'ry-where pres - ent
and fill - ing all things, Treas - ur - y of Bles - sings and Giv - er of Life,
come and dwell with - in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save
our souls, O gra - cious One.

PENTECOST

In the Old Testament **Pentecost** was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event



takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God.

And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," **the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Christ.**

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ... (Acts 2:1-4).

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost (Jn 14:26, 15:26; Lk 24:49; Acts 1:5). The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

In the liturgical services of the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit is celebrated together with the full revelation of the divine Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead is manifested with the Spirit's coming to man, and the Church hymns celebrate this manifestation as the final act of God's self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. For this reason Pentecost Sunday is also called **Trinity Day** in the Eastern tradition. Often on this day the **icon of the Holy Trinity** -- particularly that of the three angelic figures who appeared to Abraham, the forefather of the Christian faith - is placed in the center of the church. This icon is used with the traditional **Pentecostal icon** which shows the tongues of fire hovering over Mary and the Twelve Apostles, the original prototype of the Church, who are themselves sitting in unity surrounding a symbolic image of "cosmos," the world.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the **fiftieth day** stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world,

fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one. Thus, Pentecost is called an **apocalyptic** day, which means the day of **final revelation**. It is also called an **eschatological** day, which means the day of the **final and perfect end** (in Greek *eschaton* means the end).

For when the Messiah comes and the Lord's Day is at hand, the "last days" are inaugurated in which "God declares: ... I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1 7; Joel 2: 28-32).

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2-3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2-3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of Chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us.



The **Divine Liturgy of Pentecost** recalls our baptism into Christ with the verse from Galatians again replacing the Thrice-Holy Hymn. Special verses from the psalms also

replace the usual antiphonal psalms of the liturgy. The epistle and gospel readings tell of the Spirit's coming to men. The Troparion proclaims the gathering of the whole universe into God's net through the work of the inspired apostles. The hymns *O Heavenly King* and *We have seen the True Light* are sung for the first time since Easter, calling the Holy Spirit to "come and abide in us", and proclaiming that "we have received the heavenly Spirit." The church building is decorated with flowers and the green leaves of the summer to show that God's divine Breath comes to renew all creation as the "life-creating Spirit." In Hebrew the word for Spirit, breath and wind is the same word, *ruah*.

*Blessed are You, O Christ our God. * You filled the fisherman with wisdom, * sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. * Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. * O Lover of mankind, glory be to You. (Troparion).*

SATURDAY June 2

Old Rectory Clean-up and Organizing

Fr. Ed needs some help taking care of the files and other materials in the old rectory. He would like to do Saturday, June 2. We would work from 9:30 to 11:00. Your help would be appreciated. Thank You!



This Sunday is Michael and Maura Sudik's last here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please keep them in your prayers as they move to Raleigh, North Carolina. The parishioners of OLPH are grateful for their many years of lifting their voices in song leading us in singing the Divine Liturgy and other services. Their dedication to OLPH and the Byzantine Catholic Church is a great blessing. They promise to comeback often. *May God Grant to His servants Maura and Michael, Peace, Health and Happiness for many years!*

PARKING LOT LIGHTING

The lighting on the first two poles in the parking lot, the shrine and the parish center has been repaired and upgraded. This was a necessary project to insure your safety during night time services. This improved lighting will illumine the parking lot offering much better visibility as you walk to and from your cars. The project was necessary – but costly (\$5,000) - not as much as repairing and replacing the poles that had been destroyed by age and weather. Please consider making a special gift to assist in paying for this project. Any and all gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Mothers' Day Remembrance

The following Names were received after the bulletin was printed, but were commemorated at the Divine Liturgies last weekend.

Living

**Mary Ann, Sylvia, Rosemary, Margaret,
Christine, Myra, Mary Anne, Carole**
By Joseph Pieszala

Deceased

**+Anna, +Blanche, +Loretta Mae, +Ruth,
+Jessie, + Grace, +Evalyn**
By Joseph Pieszala

**+Anna Adams, +Bertha Laggo, +Anna
Adams, +Mary Kravcak**
By Barbara Kravack

SPECIAL GIFT RECEIVED

Many Thanks to Fran and Tom Hadzick for their generous gift of professional landscaping for the shrine to the Mother of God. After the lighting project, it needed to be redone and they graciously covered the cost. This will provide a beautiful setting for the Akathist celebration for the parish picnic.



Offertory – May 12 & 13, 2018

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$485.00	\$907.00	\$1392.00
Holyday	\$243.00	\$5.00	\$248.00
Candles	0	\$82.00	\$82.00
Building Fund	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
Total	\$738.00	\$1004.00	\$1742.00
Attendance	28	53	81



CHILDREN'S PICNIC TICKETS AND GAMES

To enable as many families with children to attend our parish picnic we would like to subsidize the cost of these tickets. If you would like to be a sponsor the cost is \$10.00 per child. Fr. Ed is also looking for some donations so that we can purchase some children's games. Drop it in the collection basket or give to Fr. Ed.



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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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