



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of October 29, 2017

Saturday, October 28 **Yiřil**

21st Sunday After Pentecost

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

Sunday, October 29 ~ 21st Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM +Anthony L., +Theresa, +Vincent,
+Anthony J Churilla
by Margaret Churilla

Saturday, November 4 **Yiřil**

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

5:30 PM For the Parish Family of OLPH

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT!

Sunday, November 5 ~ 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM +Edward Kravcak
by Anna Maria Macinsky

While Fr. Ed is Away ...

Fr. Yuriy Oros will be covering for him. In case of an emergency, hospital visit or funeral, please contact him
609-3945004 (Trenton Rectory)
609-447-0688 (Roebling Rectory)
908-381-2764 (Cell Phone)

Fr. John Zeyack will be celebrating the Liturgies the weekend of November 4 and 5.

Make sure you give Fr. Yuriy and Fr. John a GREAT BIG OLPH WELCOME!

Fr. Ed returns Saturday, November 11 and will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on the 12th.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 DIVINE LITURGY – is scheduled as usual at 5:30, but might start a little late as Fr. Yuriy needs to get here after Trenton's 4:00 Liturgy.

Offertory – 10/21-22

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
Regular	\$683.00	\$1,006.00	\$1,689.00
Candles	0	\$51.00	\$51.00
Total	\$683.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,740.00
Attendance	28	55	83

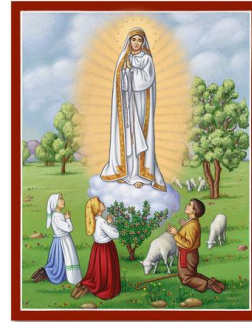
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16)

“Coats for Kids”



drive by the Knights of Columbus. It is the time of year the Knights of Columbus Council 4215 is ordering coats for kids. If you know of someone who could use a new winter

coat for a youngster, contact Tom Hadzick or Dr. Dan Tisak and supply the Quantity --- Boys or Girls --- Age or Size.



While Fr. Ed is on Pilgrimage, please know that you are in his prayers in a special way. Please remember him and his fellow pilgrims in your prayers that this will be a spiritually rewarding and safe Pilgrimage.



FALL BACK!

Standard Time resumes on Sunday, November 5th. Remember to “Fall Back” ~

turn your clocks back ~ one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4. If you don't you'll be an hour early for church (*Hmmmm not a bad idea – some extra time for prayer!*)

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!

Vocation Icon Program

“The harvest is truly plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his harvest.” (Matthews 9:37-38)



We all have a responsibility to foster future leaders of the Church, priests, sisters, deacons and laity alike, dedicated to serve God's people. We are now participating in the Metropolitan-wide Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Parishioners will be able to take the icon home and pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Candle Intentions for October

SANCTUARY

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

by Margaret Churilla

TETRAPOD

In Memory of George Danka & the Bardzak
& Danka Families by Margaret Danka

ALTAR OF PREPARATION

For the Health and God's Blessings for the Seminarians
of the Eparchy of Passaic

ALTAR OF BLESSING

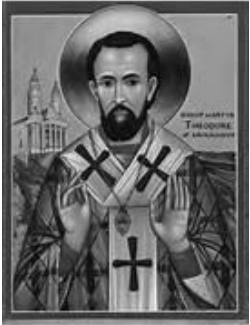
In Memory of Charles & Mary Keys, my parents
by M. Kay McFarland

Candle Intentions for 2018

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

Blessed Theodore Romza

Commemorated on October 31



Bishop Theodore G. Romza was born of humble parentage on April 14, 1911 in Velikij Bychkiv, in the heart of the colorful district of Maramorosh, Subcarpathian Ruthenia. He was a pious and gifted young boy, and his only ambition was to become a priest. He received his secondary education at the gymnasium (high school) in Chust.

Due to his friendly disposition and scholastic achievements he became one of the most popular students. His popularity increased even more when he proved himself as an all-around athlete, excelling in soccer. At his graduation, he took everybody by surprise when he announced his intention of becoming a priest; and was sent to Rome for his priestly formation.

He lived at the German-Hungarian College in Rome for the first two years of his studies; then, in 1932, he moved to the Russian Pontifical Seminary, known as the "Russicum," in order to prepare himself for missionary work in Soviet Russia. It was indeed a providential step, since at the "Russicum" he was expected to study communist atheism and its ideology; unwittingly preparing himself for the Soviet occupation of his native land. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on Christmas Day, December 25, 1936.

Even at the seminary, Father Romza found time for pastoral work by assisting in neighboring parishes, and conducting missions and retreats for young students. Every penny he earned he generously distributed to the poor. To the mentioned friend in Rome he wrote: "I am living very unpretentiously, and yet my pockets are always empty. But I am not discouraged, since I am working not for the money but to please God." Bishop Stojka greatly appreciated the dedicated work of Father Romza, and in 1942 obtained for him Papal honors. Even so, he remained a humble and dedicated priest, inspiring and winning the admiration and respect of all those who met him.

In the summer of the following year he came home to celebrate his first Divine Liturgy in his own country with the intention of returning to finish his doctoral dissertation. But instead of returning to Rome, he was drafted into military service and sent to protect his country against the German invasion. To his friend in Rome he confided: "I am

going to the front with a deep conviction of doing the will of God. Therefore, I do not fear what will happen to me."

After Father Romza's discharge from the army in August, 1938, the danger of another approaching war remained. For this reason Bishop Alexander Stojka (1932-1943) did not permit him to leave the country, but appointed him to a forgotten parish in Berezovo, Maramorosh District, where the young Father Romza became a poor pastor among poor people. There were times when he could afford only one meal a day while donating from his own purse to help his needy parishioners. To a curious friend in Rome he wrote: "I live here as a pauper and yet I feel happy and satisfied." Father Romza was a good and dedicated priest, teaching his parishioners to know and live their Faith by his own example.

In March, 1939, the Hungarians occupied Subcarpathian Ruthenia by force, precipitating both political and ecclesiastical changes. Bishop Stojka was forced by the Hungarian government to reorganize the seminary; and in the fall of 1939, Father Romza was appointed Spiritual Director and Professor of Philosophy at the Eparchial Seminary in Uzhorod. One of his students later recalled: "He was strict and demanding as a Professor, but as a Spiritual Director he was fatherly and kind. He knew how to inspire us and to bring out the best in us. Staying in close contact with us, his students, he was able to transplant into our hearts the main features of his strong priestly character: his dedication, genuine piety and generosity of heart."

On May 31, 1943, during a critical time during the war, Bishop Alexander Stojka suddenly died. In view of the uncertainties of the time, the Holy See appointed Bishop Nicholas Dudash, OSBM, of Hajdudorog, as the temporary administrator of the Mukachevo Eparchy. While the Soviet army was rapidly approaching the Carpathian Mountains, the Holy See promptly appointed Archpriest Theodore G. Romza to succeed Bishop Dudash as the Apostolic Administrator of Mukachevo; and his episcopal consecration took place in Uzhorod, September 24, 1944. A month later, the entire territory of the Mukachevo Eparchy was occupied by the Red Army. Bishop Romza was informed that Subcarpathian Ruthenia would be incorporated into postwar Czechoslovakia as an autonomous province; however, it soon became evident that the Soviets would not relinquish this politically strategic region. Consequently, on June 29, 1945, Subcarpathian Ruthenia was officially incorporated into Soviet Ukraine; and the young and inexperienced Bishop Romza found himself and his flock under Soviet rule.

At first, Bishop Romza tried not to antagonize the Soviet authorities, in spite of abusive and violent actions committed by the Soviet soldiers against the clergy; but when the Soviet authorities started to expel priests from their parishes at random and confiscate church property, he was forced to protest. The Soviets had a ready answer: to ensure the continuance of his ministry and the safety of his clergy, Bishop Romza must renounce all allegiance to the Holy See, place himself under the jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Moscow and encourage his flock to do the same. Bishop Romza immediately replied: "I would rather die than betray my Church!" Thus began the open persecution of the Byzantine Catholic Church in Subcarpathia. In the fall of 1945, Patriarch Alexis of Moscow appointed Bishop Nestor Sydoruk of Uman to head the Orthodox Eparchy of Mukachevo. Nestor was announced by the Soviet press to be the only legally appointed bishop, and received full support from the Soviet authorities. Intimidation and imprisonment of Byzantine Catholic priests followed; and the official liquidation the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo was underway.

Rather than flee, Bishop Romza decided to fight. Although the Soviet authorities confiscated his car, he traveled long distances by horse and buggy, just to reassure

his faithful and to encourage them to persevere until death, saying, "They are taking from us our own priests and churches, but they will never be able to take away our faith from us." During these extensive and dangerous visitations, Bishop Romza tried to sustain the faith of the weak, to reassure the wavering, and to plead with those intimidated: "Faith is our greatest treasure on this earth. To preserve our faith we must even be ready to lay down our life. If we must die, then let us die as true martyrs, defending our faith. One thing is sure: that we never will abandon our faith nor betray our Church." The faithful, supported by dedicated clergy, responded enthusiastically, and stood united behind their fearless shepherd. Even some Orthodox parishes, seeing the violence and injustice perpetrated by the Soviets, asked Bishop Romza to accept them back into the Catholic fold.

During these days of violence and open persecution Bishop Romza offered his prayers and sufferings for the perseverance of his clergy and the faithful he risked so much to serve. He was sustained by his unshakable confidence in God's Providence; and down deep in his courageous heart he vividly felt the protection of the Theotokos, the Mother of God. There was no power that could shake his loyalty to the Holy See; in his mind there was only "one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church," established by our Lord on the rock of Peter and governed by His Vicar on the earth. For this truth Bishop Romza was ready to sacrifice his own life.

Unable to intimidate Bishop Romza, the Soviets decided to liquidate him, and staged a highway accident. The horse drawn carriage in which the Bishop was returning home from the rededication of the parish church of Lavki, near Mukachevo, was rammed by a military truck. Bishop Romza was badly injured, but survived; and passersby took him to the hospital in Mukachevo where, after a few days, he began to regain his strength. Then suddenly, early on the morning of November 1, 1947, he was found dead.

The night before Bishop Romza's death, the director of the hospital and a strange nurse, who had disappeared the next day, were seen entering the Bishop's room about midnight. The Soviet authorities announced that Bishop Romza died from injuries suffered in his highway accident; but a later investigation showed that he had, in fact, been poisoned.

Blessed Theodore Romza was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 27, 2001. His relics are enshrined in Holy Cross Cathedral in Uzhorod, Transcarpathia.



+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.

My house
shall be called a
house of prayer
for all people.

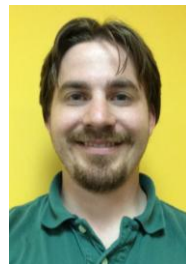
Isaiah 56:7

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.

SEMINARIAN TIM

Don't forget our Seminarian Tim. He is in the middle of his first semester of his second year – this is a crazy time – if you get a chance – drop him a line and let him know you're thinking of him.



Prayer for our Seminarian

God our Father, thank you for calling Tim to prepare for priesthood. Grant him the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help him form his personality as a credible witness to others. Bless him while he studies Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give him a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, The Life Giving Spirit, The Holy Theotokos and all the saints. Amen.

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St. Nicholas Christmas Party

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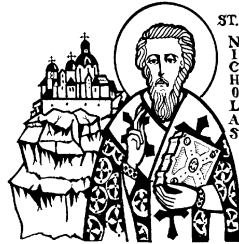
Sunday, December 3

Following the Special 10:00 Divine Liturgy

Georgine's * Autumn Room at the Knight of Columbus

Tickets on Sale NOW!

Adults ~ \$20.00 * Children to Age 17 ~ Free



Candle Intention 2018

Fr. Ed

Enclosed please find \$ _____ for _____ candle intentions at \$25.00 each for 2018. Drop this along with your offering in the collection basket

Name: _____

Month	Location	Intention	Offered By