



OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER WASHINGTON



Beloved OLPH family members,

Rooted in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2-3).

These are not just items on a list, but essential tools for a fruitful spiritual life. The Catechism teaches, "Moral life is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations" (CCC 1830-1831). If the soul is a boat, then the gifts of the Holy Spirit are the sails, the means whereby the breath of God takes control of us and blows where it wills (John 3:8).

If one wishes to see the gifts in action and understand them in one's own life, we only need to look into the lives of the Saints. While all the gifts are present in the life of each Saint, they are present in different shades. We find the one light of the Spirit displayed in many patterns of beauty in their lives.

Let us ask our blessed Mother and all the Saints in heaven to help us to cultivate the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received during Baptism. Only through the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, can these gifts bear fruit in the Holy Spirit in our lives.

With love,
Royachan



PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5, 2022

**Little children may be brought to
Church for “Ezhuthiniruthu” ceremony**

***Ezhuthiniruthu* is the initiation of a child into the World of Letters. In the Indian culture knowledge is considered to be divine and it should be transmitted from one generation to the next in a divine manner. A *Guru* (Teacher) should be a person of prayer, knowledge and divinity. The one who teaches the first letters have a great importance in the academic life of the child. Observing these traditions, the children are brought to Church, and the Priest blesses them, and teaches the child the Holy name of Jesus by tracing the alphabets on rice.**

Winners of the Jimmy George Volleyball Championship (18 and under category) held in Chicago, IL on May 29, 2022



Congratulations Washington Kings!!!

Thomas Sebastian (manager), Jeffrey Joyal, Melwin Mathew and Atul Thomas
(seen in the bottom picture from left to right)

MAY 29th - OLPH ROAD-CLEANING DAY



Obituary

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



MERCY PHILIP

It is with profound grief we inform you of the demise of Mrs. Mercy Philip Kannonkal, beloved mother of Tom Philip and Margaret (Gigi) Tom, on May 29, 2022 in Kerala, India.

Condolences & Prayers

DAILY SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Syro Malabar Catholic Church of Greater Washington

20533 Zion Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

SATURDAY	June 4, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 2 Cor 1:17–22 Jesus Christ has given us his Spirit
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 11:5-13 The Holy Spirit will be given to those who ask
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	June 5, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gen 2:1-8 In Adam the breath of life breathed
				2nd Reading: Job 33:2-4 ,34:14-15 The spirit of God created me
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	3rd Reading: Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit
				Gospel: Jn 20:19-23 Gives the Holy Spirit to the disciples
NO MASS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY				
WEDNESDAY	June 8, 2022	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gal 2:19-21 Crucified with Christ
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 25:31-40 Express your love of God through good deeds
THURSDAY	June 9, 2022	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rom 15:7-13 Praise to the mercy of God
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 10:17-22 Jesus rejoices and praises in the Holy Spirit
		7:15 PM	DIVINE MERCY NOVENA	
FRIDAY	June 10, 2022	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Acts 3:1-10 A lame man is healed by Apostles
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 16:19-24 Asking in the name Jesus will be granted
SATURDAY	June 11, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gal 2:1-10 Barnabas with Paul
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 10:5-7; 40-42 Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	June 12, 2022	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Ex 19:1-8 We will do whatever the Lord commands
				2nd Reading: Ezek 2:1-7 Ezekiel’s mission
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	3rd Reading:Rom 5:1-5 Love of God showerd by the Holy Spirit
				Gospel:Jn 16:12-15 Perfection through the Spirit of truth

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