



# OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER



## From our Vicar

Beloved OLPH Families,

This week we commemorate the feast days of many influential Saints of the Church.

**September 18th is the Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino.** He was born into a poor family in the town of Cupertino, Italy. As a child, he struggled academically and had a difficult time focusing on his studies. However, he exhibited great devotion to God and practiced intense austerities and penances. He is known as the “Flying Saint” because of his ability to levitate.

**September 21st is the Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist.** He was a much-hated tax collector, but immediately followed Jesus when he was called. Matthew’s background gave him familiarity with records and meticulous attention to detail, reflected in the genealogy of Jesus. He portrays Jesus as someone who reaches out to sinners with mercy and offers them forgiveness, healing, and the opportunity for a renewed life. St. Matthew is depicted as a winged man derived from the vision of the four living creatures described in the book of Ezekiel and the book of Revelation.

**September 23rd is the Feast of St. Padre Pio.** He is known for his deep spirituality and piety and received the stigmata, numerous visions, had the gift of bilocation. He is said to have had the ability to read souls during Confession.

From these Saints we see that God looked beyond their weakness, sins and sufferings and elevated them to become great Saints with the ability to levitate, write the Gospel and bilocate because of their deep love for God and the desire to be holy.

With Love,  
Rijoachan





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

# *Onam Celebration*



*Mass at 9:30 am  
followed by*

*ONAM SADYA*



*Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*@ 20533 Zion Rd, Gaithersburg, MD*

*Please join us for games, music and awesome Sadya  
to celebrate Onam with the OLPH community.*



LITTLE FLOWER MISSION LEAGUE

# *INITIATION CEREMONY*



MISSION LEAGUE WELCOMES  
YOU FOR THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE FEAST OF THE LITTLE  
FLOWER AND WELCOMING OF  
ALL THE NEW LFML MEMBERS

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**Sunday, September 24th**  
**10:30 am**

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**HAPPY**  
*Birthday*

**SUZANNE THACHENKARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 22ND**

**JESLYN JOYAL**  
**SEPTEMBER 23TH**

**WITH LOVE FROM RIJO**  
**ACHAN, CCD TEACHERS**  
**AND FRIENDS**



# DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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SATURDAY	September 16, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Pet 2:11-19 Get rid of the tendencies of the flesh
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 8:5-13 Be worthy for the heavenly banquet
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	September 17, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Deut 8:11-20 Those who forget God will perish
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Isa 33:13-24 The Lord lives in Zion 3rd Reading: Phil 2:1-11 (1: 27-2:11) Christ who emptied himself
		NO CCD CLASS AND MASS IN ENGLISH		Gospel: Mt 4:12-17 (4:12-5:16) Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand
<b>NO MASS ON MONDAY</b>				
TUESDAY	September 19, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 2 Pet 3:1-7 The Second coming of Christ
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 23:29-36 The hypocrisy of Scribes and Pharises
WEDNESDAY	September 20, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18 God will raise those who have fallen asleep in Christ
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 24:29-36 The coming of the Son of Man
THURSDAY	September 21, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Heb 11:23-26 Suffer for Christ's sake
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 9:9-13 Jesus chose Levi as disciple
FRIDAY	September 22, 2023	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 2 Tim 2:1-7 Good warrior of the Messiah
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 4:31-37 Jesus expels evil spirit
SATURDAY	September 23, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Col 1:24-29 In my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 15:1-7 The lost sheep
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	September 24, 2023	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Deut 9:1-6 (9:1-8) Victory is the gift of God
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Isa 25:1-8 Lord is the shelter and fortress
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Phil 3:1-11 (3:1-14) Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ
11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Mt 17:14-21 (17:14-27) Everything possible for those who believe		



# UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2023

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**17**  
SEP

**FIRST DAY OF CCD CLASSES**

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**24**  
SEP

**LFML INAUGURATION**

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**6**  
OCT

**10 - DAY ROSARY DEVOTION BEGINS**

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**15**  
OCT

**MISSION SUNDAY BY LFML**

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**28**  
OCT

**OLPH FUNDRAISER EVENT**

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**2**  
DEC

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

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**24**  
DEC

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

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