



OLPH VOICE

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER



From Our Vicar

Beloved OLPH Families,

On February 2nd we celebrate the Presentation of our Lord in the temple at Jerusalem when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple for consecration. This serves as a subtle reminder of our own sacred journey through baptism, where we, too, become temples of the Holy Spirit.

What adds to the profound significance of this event is the presence of two holy people, well-versed in the teachings of the Old Testament, who encountered the Holy Family in the Temple. Anna, a prophetess devoted to ceaseless prayer and fasting, and Simeon, who recognized that Jesus is the divine Messiah who had returned to dwell in the Temple after a long period of waiting. Simeon's journey, marked by patience and faith, led him to witness the fulfillment of the promise in his old age. As he held and gazed upon God incarnate, he joyfully proclaimed in his canticle, "My own eyes have seen the salvation of Israel," finding peace in the realization of this divine encounter.

His prophesy "And you yourself a sword will pierce" directed towards Mary, the mother of Jesus, foreshadowed the emotional and spiritual pain that Mary would endure throughout her life, particularly during the crucifixion of her Son.

The phrase "she pondered it in her heart" symbolizes a mother's deep connection and understanding of the extraordinary destiny entrusted to her child, portraying Mary as a woman of wisdom and spiritual insight, quietly navigating the mysteries of her role in the divine plan.

With Love,
Rijoachan



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Friday, February 2nd

Reflections on the Eucharist

*“How many of you say: I
should like to see His face,
His garments, His shoes.
You do see Him, you touch
Him, you eat Him”.*

St. John Chrysostom





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RITA ROY
FEBRUARY 2ND



WITH LOVE FROM RIJO ACHAN, CCD
TEACHERS AND FRIENDS

DAILY SCHEDULE

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

20533 Zion Road, Gaithersburg MD 20882

SATURDAY	January 27, 2024	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Rom 10:5-13 Good news of salvation for all
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mk 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	January 28, 2024	9:00 AM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gen 29:1-14 Jacob beside the well of Laban
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: 2 Kgs 17: 24-28 The origin of the Samaritans
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Heb 6:1-12 You have things that belong to salvation
		11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Jn 4:1-26 Jesus is the promised Messiah
NO MASS ON MONDAY				
TUESDAY	January 30, 2024	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Thess 1:2-6 Those who gladly accepted the Word
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 8:37-47 He who is of God hears the Word of God
WEDNESDAY	January 31, 2024	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-35 Serve the Lord with undivided devotion
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Lk 10:38-42 Mary has chosen the good thing
THURSDAY	February 1, 2024	6:00 PM	ADORATION & CONFESSION	1st Reading: Gal 3:15-20 Jesus is the fulfillment of promise
		6:30 PM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Jn 11:17-27 Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world
FRIDAY	February 2, 2024	6:30 PM	FIRST FRIDAY HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM & ADORATION	1st Reading: Rom 9:30-10:4 Christ, the fulfillment of the law
				Gospel: Lk 2:22-38 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
SATURDAY	February 3, 2024	9:00 AM	ADORATION & ROSARY	1st Reading: Eph 4:25-32 Forgive each other
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	Gospel: Mt 6:5-15 Forgive your brother
		10:15 AM	OLPH NOVENA	
SUNDAY	February 4, 2024	9:00 AM	ADORATION & ROSARY	1st Reading: Lev 4:13-21 Forgiveness through sacrifice
		9:30 AM	HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM	2nd Reading: Dan 9:1-9 Forgiveness belongs to God
			CCD CLASS	3rd Reading: Col 1:12-19 Salvation and forgiveness through the son
		11:00 AM	HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH	Gospel: Mk 2:1-12 Christ, the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins

Monthly Ward Meeting Schedule

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1st Friday of the month	Little Flower Ward
2nd Friday of the month	Holy Family Ward
3rd Friday of the month	Infant Jesus Ward
4th Friday of the month	St. Mary's Ward

Reminders:

- Ward meetings will start at 8pm
 - Rosary, prayer, readings (Malayalam and English)
 - Request for children's involvement (ex. talk about a saint)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

2024

12
FEB

ASH MONDAY

17
FEB

DEI VERBAM SEMIFINALS

22
MAR

3-DAY LENTEN RETREAT BEGINS

28
MAR

HOLY THURSDAY

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MAR

GOOD FRIDAY

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MAR

EASTER SUNDAY

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