



OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

On **October 13, 1917** the **“The Miracle of the Sun”** took place in Fatima, Portugal. Mother Mary appeared and spoke to the children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco on the 13th day of each month from May to October. On October 13th, suddenly the “clouds separated, and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire.” The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to “dance”. The huge fireball whirled rapidly with dizzy and sickening speed, flinging out all sorts of brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to gyrate in this manner three times, then seemed to tremble and shudder, and plunge in a mighty zigzag course toward the earth. The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun reversed course and, retracing its zigzagging course, returned to its normal place in the heavens. All of this transpired in approximately ten minutes.

On **October 16th**, the Syro-Malabar Church commemorates **Blessed Augustine Thevarparambil Kunjachan**. Augustine was born on 1 April 1891, at Ramapuram in Travancore (present-day Kerala, India). He was the son of Itty Iype and Eliswa of the Thevarparambil clan. In Ramapuram, Kunjachan witnessed an entire caste of people deprived of dignity, respect, and the basic necessities of life. He devoted his entire life towards the upheaval of the downtrodden. Bl. Kunjachan preached Christ through his works, practising charity, and dedicated service to the Dalits who were regarded as untouchables. After a brief period of serious illness Kunjachan died on 16 October 1973 at the age of 82.

With love,
Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolechalil
OLPH Mission Director

Weekly Holy Mass and Services

DAILY MASS & SERVICES are streamed LIVE
Click inside this box to connect to our YouTube channel

SUNDAY MASS is streamed LIVE and open to the public at
Mother of God Community Gym
20501 Goshen Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

Day	Time	Worship Service	Readings
Saturday, October 10, 2020	9:30 AM	Adoration & Rosary	Reading 1: 2 Tim 1: 8-14 Gospel: Lk 10: 17-21
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass	
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena	
Sunday, October 11, 2020	9:30 AM	Adoration & Rosary	Reading 1: Deut 11: 1-9 Reading 2: Is 40:12-17
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 3: 2Cor 2:12-17 Gospel: Mt 20:1-16
Monday to Friday	6:30 PM	Adoration & Rosary	Click here to see readings
	7:00 PM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	

WEEKDAY MASS READINGS

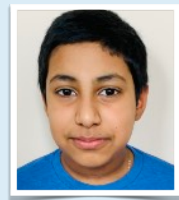
DATE	DAILY MASS READINGS
Monday, October 12, 2020	Reading 1: Titus 3: 1-7 Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Reading 1: Hebrew 4: 1-11 Gospel: Luke 11: 14-23
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Reading 1: 1 Cor 1: 24-31 Gospel: Luke 11: 24-26
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Reading 1: Hebrew 10:1-10 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36
Friday, October 16, 2020	Reading 1: 1 Peter 4:12-19 Gospel: John 10:1-15

Weekly Schedule

DATE	ROSARY LEADERS	DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, October 11, 2020	Manoj & Mariat Family	Ezekiel 13,14
Monday, October 12, 2020	Rex & Mini Family	Ezekiel 15,16
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Sajit & Ponnu Family	Ezekiel 17, 18
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Deepu & Deepa Family	Ezekiel 19, 20
Thursday, October 15, 2020	Binoy & Liz Family	Ezekiel 21,22
Friday, October 16, 2020	Sandeep & Pinkle Family	Ezekiel 23,24
Saturday, October 17, 2020	Sajeev & Pushpa Family	Ezekiel 25,26

March for Life

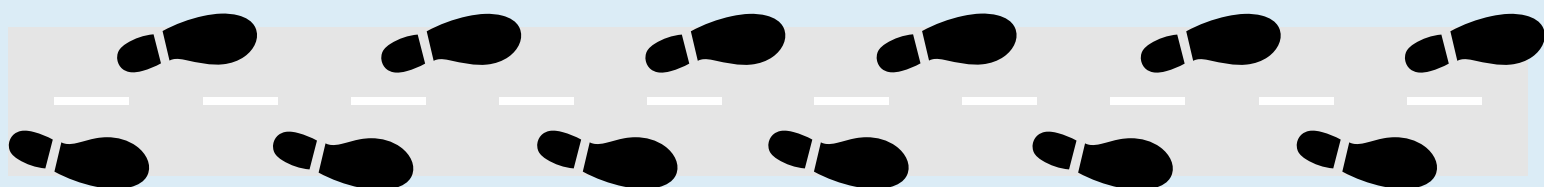
~ By Jonathan Alapatt
6th Grade



I thought of sharing my experience when I participated in the March for Life, an event where people of the Catholic faith across the country come together every year and march in DC to show their support for the pro-life movement. The march starts at the National Mall in DC and ends on the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States.

It was a cold, but sunny day, so we had to wear warm clothes for the march. A group of us from OLPH Church gathered at the Metro station, and took the metro to Washington DC, switching trains during the trip. It was my first time riding the metro to DC. Once we got there, we first went to a restaurant in downtown DC for a good brunch. After that, we were ready to march! At the rally, we saw many other Syro Malabar communities including my friends from the Baltimore and Virginia communities holding pro-life signs and posters. It was a huge gathering of people from across the country including California, Chicago, Detroit and Florida. We all took turns at holding the OLPH Church banner. There was a group of lively teenagers wearing bright yellow pro-life sweatshirts, who were dancing and singing songs about pro-life. Once the march started, we all started walking towards the Supreme Court. People were chanting and singing as well. We prayed the Rosary and sang songs while we marched. At the end of the walk, we met up with other Syro-Malabar communities and took a group picture. Finally, we walked back to the Union Station in DC and took the metro home.

The March for Life gave me more awareness about pro-life topics. We met lots of people from other churches and it really showed me how much people care about this. My experience at the March for Life was very good and I really want to go again in future. I also suggest you to join a March for Life event at least once in your life so that you can experience it and meet other people who are pro-life as well. I wrote about this topic because Life Sunday was last week and I thought it would be perfect to write about my experience at the March for Life event.



Inviting articles for Church Souvenir

As decided in the parish council, we are planning to publish a souvenir in association with the blessings of our new church building. We welcome all artistic, creative, and talented members of our parish to contribute to the content of the souvenir through articles, short stories, poems, and drawings. We strongly encourage creative works from children. Scan and send us the paintings/artwork done by your son or daughter.

The articles should not infringe any copyright and should be strictly original. Medium can be English or Malayalam. Submissions are limited to one entry per member. Suggested digital format is MS Word or PDF. Souvenir Committee will have complete rights to accept or deny the articles after scrutiny. All contents must be received by **December 31, 2020** at the email address. **Email: newsletter.olph@gmail.com**



BE A PART OF
OLPH
SOUVENIR



LUMEN
VITAE

RUN AS FAST
AS YOU CAN!

Oct 18th -
Nov 1st

PRIZES

FOR TEAM THAT:

1. RAISE THE MOST FUNDS
2. ACCUMULATE THE MOST MILES

Lumen Vitae is a humanitarian organization aimed at tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice in the world. Lumen Vitae is starting a fund-raising campaign to feed 500 families in Haiti with enough food for a daily meal from November 1, 2020 until October 31st, 2021. Every \$40 received as part of this campaign provides enough food to last a month for a family. Lumen Vitae is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

<https://www.charityfootprints.com/RaceForTheLight/>

Lumen Vitae & Jesus Youth of America invite you to join a collective effort to walk, jog, hike, swim, bike, dance - 10,714 miles - the distance around the country of Haiti - to bring awareness and funding for hundreds of our families who struggle to have a daily meal.

Every \$40 raised through fundraising is able to feed a family of four with enough food for one month!

\$40/fundraised - Feeds a family of four in Haiti for one month
\$200/fundraised - Feeds a family of four in Haiti for five months
\$480/fundraised - Feeds a family of four in Haiti for one year

All funds raised will go directly towards feeding of 500 families in Haiti who participate in the Lumen Vitae child sponsorship program.

CALLING RUNNERS, YOUTH
AND ALL FITNESS FREAKS
REGISTER TODAY

RACE FOR THE LIGHT

RACE TO BRING HOPE & HELP TO FAMILIES IN HAITI **YES, YOU CAN!**
Let's join together as **OLPH Church Team** to race. If you are interested fill out the registration form below and we will contact you with details.

REGISTRATION FORM:

RACE FOR THE LIGHT

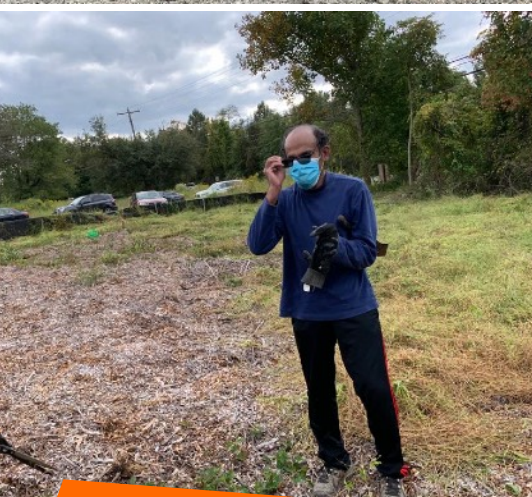


Team
Work...





...makes the
DREAM
Work!





BUILDING CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF MEETING

GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Subin is originally from Changanassery and Pooja is originally from Muvattupuzha. Subin was born and spent early childhood years in Nigeria. He resided in Changanassery, Kerala for 10 years prior to moving to the US in 1998. Subin did his undergrad in Electrical Engineering in Stony Brook University and MS in Industrial engineering in New Jersey Institute of Technology. He currently heads the Global Quality team at W.R Grace, Columbia. Pooja was born and raised in Muscat, Oman, did her undergrad in India and moved to the US in 2005. She earned her undergrad degree in Computer Engineering in Cochin University, India and completed her MBA in Ramapo College of New Jersey. She now leads the Information Technology group at Adtalem Global Education.

They were in New York for 19 years, and moved to Maryland at the tail end of 2017.

They have 3 children, Aditi - 4th grader (9 years old), Nidhi - Kindergarten (5 years old) and baby George - Toddler (2 years old).

Something you love about the OLPH community:

- We love the commitment and dedication of each and every member of the OLPH community which we feel is a true testimony of their Catholic belief. The OLPH families are one of the most welcoming, generous and helpful communities we have ever come across.

Favorite Bible verse:

- Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Subin & Pooja Muttath

---☆ Aditi

---☆ Nidhi

---☆ George



Favorite family vacation spot:

- Iceland

Favorite family activity:

- Movies at home with popcorn

Subin, Pooja and family are very active OLPH Church members. Subin is a part of the parish council, a CCD teacher and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Pooja is the OLPH website manager and editorial board member of OLPH Voice.

They are leaving Maryland by the end of the month. We will miss them very much!

Editorial Board



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