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# OLPH VOICE

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



### From the Pastor's Desk



Beloved OLPH family members,

On **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King.** This solemnity was originally instituted in the year 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

In the Gospel of John, Pilate questions Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Much to Pilate's confusion, Jesus admitted to being a king, but not in a dominion that Pilate could comprehend. Pilate's world was one of competition, fear and force in which heredity, clothing, titles and the power to manipulate define a person's worth. He feared being overthrown by another king. In contrast, Jesus had no need to cling to status. He knew why he was born and sent into the world. His only purpose in life was to testify to the truth. Could anyone in history be more powerful than that? He was the King of Kings and had no fear that His Kingdom will ever be taken away Him.

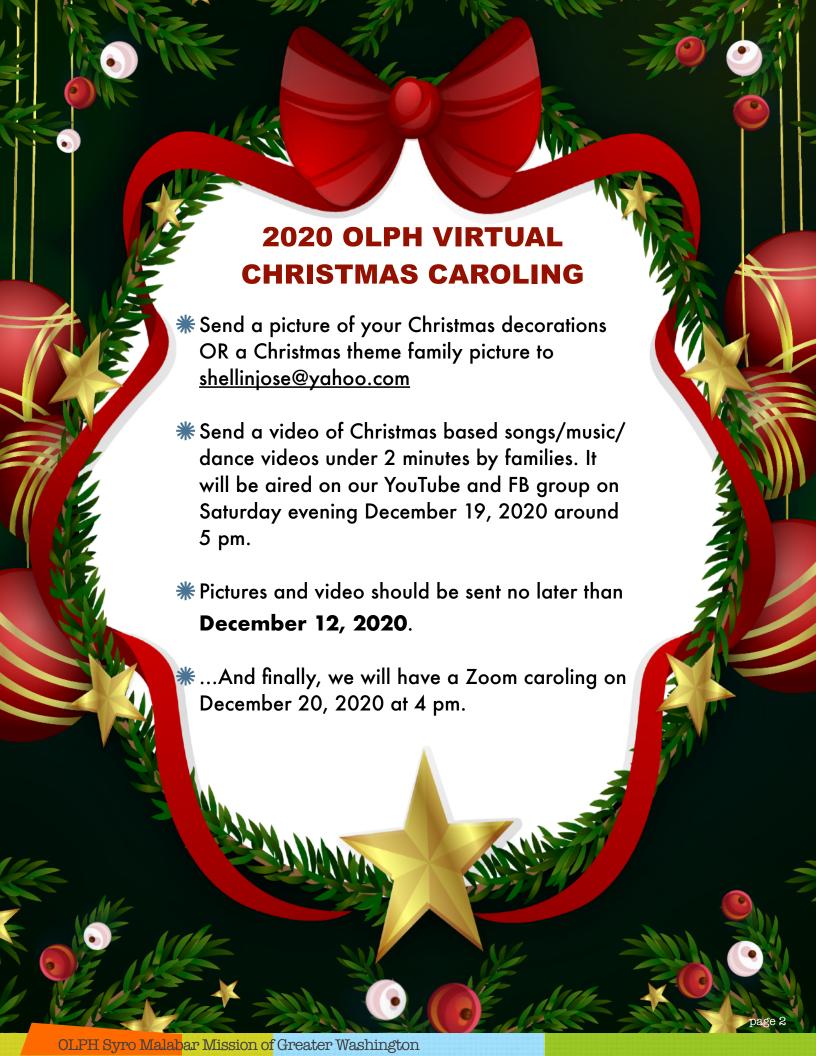
The Church teaches that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom of God and that this Kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly - to those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus invites sinners to conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast joy in heaven over one sinner who repents (CCC 545).

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, let us reflect on the kingdom that Jesus established, the kingdom present in the person of Jesus, the kingdom that begins in the Church and that remains in our midst in the Holy Eucharist.

With love, Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil OLPH Mission Director

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# Wishing all OLPH families

happy
thanksgiving

There will be online Rosary, Adoration & Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day morning (Thursday November 26, 2020)



# 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<br>Service                       | Readings   |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|--|--|--|
|                             | 9:30 AM  | Adoration & Rosary                       | Reading 1: <b>Rev 21: 9-14</b>                           |  |
| Saturday, November 21, 2020 | 10:00 AM | Holy Mass                                | Gospel: <b>Luke 9: 10-17</b>                             |  |
|                             | 10:45 AM | OLPH Novena                              | Gospei. <b>Luke 7. 10-17</b>                             |  |
| Sunday, November 22, 2020   | 9:30 AM  | Adoration &<br>Rosary                    | Reading I: IKgs 6:11-19                                  |  |
|                             | 10:00 AM | Holy Mass in<br>Malayalam                | Reading 2: <b>Ezek 43:1-7</b>                            |  |
|                             | I:00 PM  | Holy Mass in<br>English (online<br>only) | Reading 3: <b>Heb 9:16-28</b> Gospel: <b>Mt 22:41-46</b> |  |
| Thursday, November 26, 2020 | 9:30 AM  | Adoration & Rosary                       | Reading I: I Pet I: 3-7                                  |  |
|                             | 10:00 AM | Holy Mass in<br>Malayalam                | Gospel: <b>John 17: 12-19</b>                            |  |
| Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri      | 6:30 PM  | Adoration &<br>Rosary                    |  |  |
|                             | 7:00 PM  | Holy Mass in<br>Malayalam                | Click here to see readings                               |  |

# **WEEKDAY MASS READINGS**

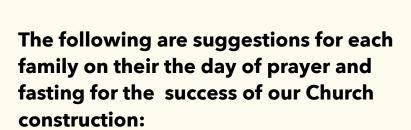
| DATE                         | DAILY MASS READINGS   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Monday, November 23, 2020    | Reading 1: <b>Rev 4: 1-11</b> Gospel: <b>Mt 6: 19-21</b>    |  |
| Tuesday, November 24, 2020   | Reading I:I <b>Thess 4: I-8</b> Gospel: <b>Mk 5: 25-34</b>  |  |
| Wednesday, November 25, 2020 | Reading I: <b>Heb I: I-4</b> Gospel: <b>Mark I2: 18-27</b>  |  |
| Friday, November 27, 2020    | Reading I: <b>Rev 14: 1-7</b> Gospel: <b>Luke 19: 45-48</b> |  |

# Weekly Schedule

| DATE                         | ROSARY<br>LEADERS        | DAILY BIBLE<br>READINGS |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday, November 22, 2020    | Tessie Alapatt<br>Family | Matthew 22-23           |
| Monday, November 23, 2020    | Asha & Justin<br>Family  | Matthew 24-26           |
| Tuesday, November 24, 2020   | Annu & Tenny<br>Family   | Matthew 27-28           |
| Wednesday, November 25, 2020 | Boby & Sany<br>Family    | Matthew 1-3             |
| Thursday, November 26, 2020  | Jenson & Linta<br>Family | Matthew 4-5             |
| Friday, November 27, 2020    | Jeril & Jemi<br>Family   | Matthew 6-7             |
| Saturday, November 28, 2020  | TBD                      | Matthew 8-9             |

## November 23-27

| Day       | Family                    |  |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| Monday    | Thersia Zacharias         |  |
| Tuesday   | Elsamma Pachikara         |  |
| Wednesday | Thomas and Briget         |  |
| Friday    | Tessie Alapatt and family |  |



Click here to sign up for the day of Fasting & Prayer

- Participate in Holy Mass (or Online Mass)
- Fast at least one full meal if possible
- Pray the Rosary (if possible full Rosary -Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful and Luminous)
- 1 Divine Mercy chaplet
- Pray the "Apostles' Creed" 33 times
- Pray the "Flying Novena" (Memorare) 9 times
- Confession whenever possible



#### FEAR NOT - GOD IS (STILL) IN CONTROL

~ By Tessie Alapatt

Fear is the work of the devil and can paralyze even a prophet like Elijah who had a strong faith in God, and was normally fearless. In the book of Kings chapter 18, we see Elijah as a powerful prophet with strong faith in God, and a great zeal to work for God's kingdom to abolish idolatry and unfaithfulness that was around him. Samaria, at the time was under the rule of King Ahab and his wicked wife, Jezebel, who were sinning by worshipping pagan Gods, including Baal. Moreover, the wicked Jezebel was on a killing spree and had ordered all the good prophets who were faithful to the God of Israel to be killed. During this time, Samaria is stricken with a severe drought, and God chooses Elijah to show King Ahab that He is the true and powerful God. With strong faith in the power of God, Elijah challenges 450 priests of Baal to invoke prayers to their pagan God, so that fire may come down and consume the animal sacrifice on their pagan altar. The 450 priests prayed ceaselessly for hours to Baal, but, their sacrifice was not consumed in fire by their pagan God. Then it was Elijah's turn, and he praised and prayed to the God of Israel, and sure enough, the mighty fire of the Lord came down to consume Elijah's sacrifice. Then Elijah, with power from God, makes makes it rain in Samaria ending the long and severe drought that had parched the land. He then kills all the 450 wicked priests of Baal and destroys the altars of the pagan Gods.

However, in the very next chapter (I Kings Chapter 19) we see a drastic turn of events that makes us wonder what happened to Elijah's fearlessness and zeal for God. Jezebel comes to know that Elijah killed all the priests of Baal, and in revenge she orders Elijah to be hunted down and killed. Hearing that his life is in danger, Elijah is stricken with fear and flees to another land. He enters the wilderness and in utter hopelessness, slumps down under a broom tree waiting to be found and killed. When fear took over Elijah, he easily forgot the power of God that was manifested through him in Samaria - when he invoked God's fire, when a small cloud brought rain ending the drought, and when he killed all the Baal worshippers. As Elijah slept in defeat, an angel of the Lord appeared to him and gave him bread and water, and with that strength he traveled for forty days and nights to Mount Horeb, the mount of God. At Horeb, God asks him "What are you doing here?" Elijah then starts whining to God, "I have been so zealous for you, I killed all the wicked priests of Baal, I stood up for You, I did all this and now Jezebel wants to kill me". In other words, when faced with distress, Elijah becomes weak and starts complaining to God. Then God tells him "go and stand on the mountain and I will come and answer you". As Elijah stood out on the mountain, first came a mighty wind that split the mountains around him. But Elijah did not see the Lord in the wind. Then there was a mighty earthquake. But God was not in the earthquake either. Then there was a huge fire. But again, God was not in the fire. Then came the sound of sheer silence. And suddenly Elijah felt the presence of God in that complete silence. God then reassures Elijah that everything is still in His control and how there is already a plan in place to protect His faithful servants. In his crippling fear, Elijah had forgotten all the mighty deeds of God and His plan.

Can we draw some parallels to Prophet Elijah's behavior in these 2 chapters, with our behavior during this pandemic? Prior to the pandemic, we may have praised and thanked God for His mighty works in our lives. We may also have done great things for God and served God faithfully. But, now suddenly, because of the pandemic, our faith is shaken. We start doubting the presence of God in our lives during this pandemic? We have given into our fear. And we complain and whine and hope that God will deliver us through a powerful miracle vaccine, or a mighty miracle medicine, or a new job. But God comes to us in small and subtle ways just as He revealed Himself to Elijah in sheer silence. God reassures us that HE IS STILL IN CONTROL of the situation and we should trust in HIS PLAN to save us.

Let us get over our fear and keep our faith strong knowing that our powerful and mighty God is still in control and will protect us and will lead us out of this pandemic. All we need to do is to overcome our fear, and to listen to God in the silent moments of prayer and meditation.

This article is an adaptation of a talk that was given by Rev. Fr. Biji Thomas SDB during the prayer service conducted by CCCRS – you can view the full talk by clicking on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nl3PHzhMcm8



DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2020

We welcome all members of our parish to contribute to the content of the souvenir through articles, short stories, poems, and drawings. The articles should not infringe any copyright and should be strictly original. All contents must be received at the email address below.



Medium can be English or Malayalam.



Submissions are limited to one entry per member. Suggested digital format is MS Word or PDF.



Scan and send us the paintings/artwork done by your child.



**E-MAIL:** newsletter.olph@gmail.com



Sunday, November 29th onwards

There will be no Rosary and Adoration before Mass

Mass will begin at 9:30 AM sharp

We will need to vacate the premises by 11 AM

### **SPONSOR AN ITEM**

#### **To-be Committed items**

Consider sponsorship by a Ward or multiple families.
Option to pay in installments is available.

| Description                                     | Yes/No | Amount (\$) |
|---|--------|-------------|
| Altar Design & Build-Out                        |        | \$75,000    |
| Lights - Driveway & Parking Lots                |        | 72,000      |
| Chapel Floor Tiles                              |        | 45,000      |
| Sound System                                    |        | 30,000      |
| Chapel Lights                                   |        | 20,000      |
| Chairs - Gym: 300 (sponsor 50 or its multiples) |        | 8,000       |
| Altar Chairs: 6                                 |        | 5,000       |
| Sign Board                                      |        | 5,000       |
| Sacristy Counter Top                            |        | 5,000       |
| Sacristy Cabinets                               |        | 5,000       |
| Kitchen Counter Top                             |        | 5,000       |
| Kitchen Cabinets                                |        | 5,000       |
| Bema  |        | 4,000       |
| Flag Pole - Outside                             |        | 4,000       |
| Refrigerator                                    |        | 4,000       |
| Vicar's Office Furniture                        |        | 4,000       |
| Parish Office Furniture                         |        | 3,000       |
| CCD Office Furniture                            |        | 3,000       |
| Tables - Gym: 30 (sponsor all or half)          |        | 2,000       |
| Warming Oven                                    |        | 2,000       |
| Stove   |        | 1,000       |
| Altar Servers' Dress                            |        | 1,000       |
| Total   |        | 308,000     |

#### **Committed items**

| Description                                     | Yes      | Amount (\$) |
|---|----------|-------------|
| Grotto of Our Lady                              | <b>✓</b> | \$25,000    |
| Tabernacle                                      | <b>✓</b> | 10,000      |
| Altar Table                                     | <b>✓</b> | 10,000      |
| Altar Cross                                     | <b>✓</b> | 5,000       |
| Monstrance (Arulika)                            | <b>✓</b> | 5,000       |
| Confessional                                    | <b>~</b> | 5,000       |
| Pews: (20 x \$1,500) With Naming Right          | <b>✓</b> | 30,000      |
| Baptismal Font                                  | <b>✓</b> | 4,000       |
| Lecterns: 2                                     |          | 2,500       |
| Golden Procession (Outside) Cross               |          | 2,000       |
| Mass Procession Cross                           | <b>✓</b> | 2,000       |
| Roof Top Cross                                  |          | 2,000       |
| Altar Cloths                                    | <b>~</b> | 1,500       |
| Vestments: 5 Sets                               | <b>✓</b> | 1,500       |
| Silver Procession Cross                         |          | 1,500       |
| Crucifix for Sacristy & Good Friday             |          | 1,500       |
| Chalice: 2 Sets                                 | <b>✓</b> | 1,000       |
| Statue of St. Thomas                            |          | 1,000       |
| Statue of St. Joseph                            |          | 1,000       |
| Statue of Mother Mary                           |          | 1,000       |
| Nilavilaku                                      | <b>✓</b> | 1,000       |
| Candle Stands: 2                                | <b>✓</b> | 1,000       |
| Statue of St. George                            | <b>✓</b> | 1,000       |
| Sanctuary Lamp (Eternal Flame)                  | <b>✓</b> | 1,000       |
| Microwave Oven                                  | <b>~</b> | 500         |
| Incense Burner (Thurible)                       | <b>~</b> | 200         |
| Ceremonial Umbrellas: 24 (sponsor all or dozen) |          | 3,000       |
| Total   |          | 120,200     |





## GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Jijo and Saly are from Ernakulam, Kerala. They moved to the US from Dubai, UAE in 2000. They were in Plainsboro, NJ, and in 2001 they moved to Maryland. They have three children, Bibu, Bobin and Venassa.

Something you love about the OLPH community:

OLPH Community is our extended family.

Favorite Bible verse:

Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures forever!"

Favorite family vacation spot: Cancun

Favorite family activity: Playing Ping-Pong & Carroms, cooking and sharing jokes together. Jijo \*
& Saly
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``--☆Bibu ``--☆Bobin ``--☆Venassa



Jijo, Saly and family are very active members of OLPH Church. Jijo has been a Trustee in the past, and is currently a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a very talented artist and sells his paintings to raise money for OLPH Church building efforts. Click here to view Jijo's paintings. Saly is currently the Church Accountant, CCD teacher, Marian Sangham member, and part of the OLPH Choir. Bibu and Bobin are part of the OLPH volley ball team, and Venassa is a youth member of the OLPH Voice editorial board.





Tessie Alapatt Boby Augustine

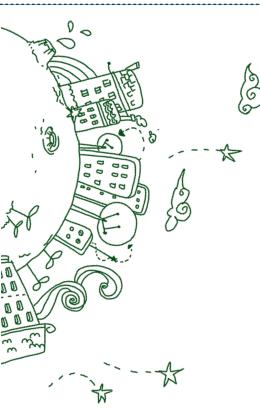
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# Share your thoughts

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