



OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

On **March 28th** we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, to commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. But, why did Jesus have to ride on a donkey? Firstly, it fulfills the prophesy, "Behold, your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious. He is humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass." (Zech 9:9). Second, riding a donkey is a sign of humility and peace. It signifies that Jesus came as an instrument of peace and not as an instrument of war and violence.

In the Old Testament, very often we see "Prophecies in action". Similarly, here Jesus intentionally established his actions to precede the mystery and paradox of His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus' salvation comes through humility and humiliation.

We live in a world that marvels and celebrates power. Yet the King of the universe enters our hearts and lives, not with pride and ego, but through humble access. As we begin the Holy Week, let us humble ourselves and walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus on a humble road.

With love,
Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Matthew 21:9

PALM SUN DAY



SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

9:30 AM - Holy Mass

**Main Celebrant:
Bishop Mar Joy Alappat**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday (April 1, 2021)

7:00 PM - Holy Mass

Good Friday (April 2, 2021)

6:00 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 PM - Way of the Cross and Good Friday service

Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 3, 2021)

7:00 PM - Easter Vigil Service

No Holy Mass on Easter Sunday April 4, 2021



FOR CCD STUDENTS

Grades 5-8

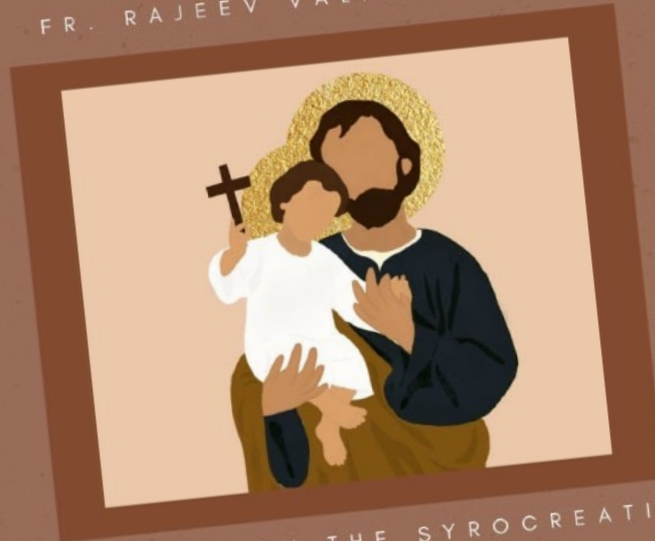
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Middle School Retreat

March 27 & 28
5:30pm PST ~ 7:30pm CST ~ 8:30pm EST

WITH THE EPARCHIAL DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT,
SYROCREATIVES &
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LENTEN RETREAT

ORGANIZED BY ST. THOMAS SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

LED BY REV. FR. ROY PALATTY CMI

MARCH 26 - 28

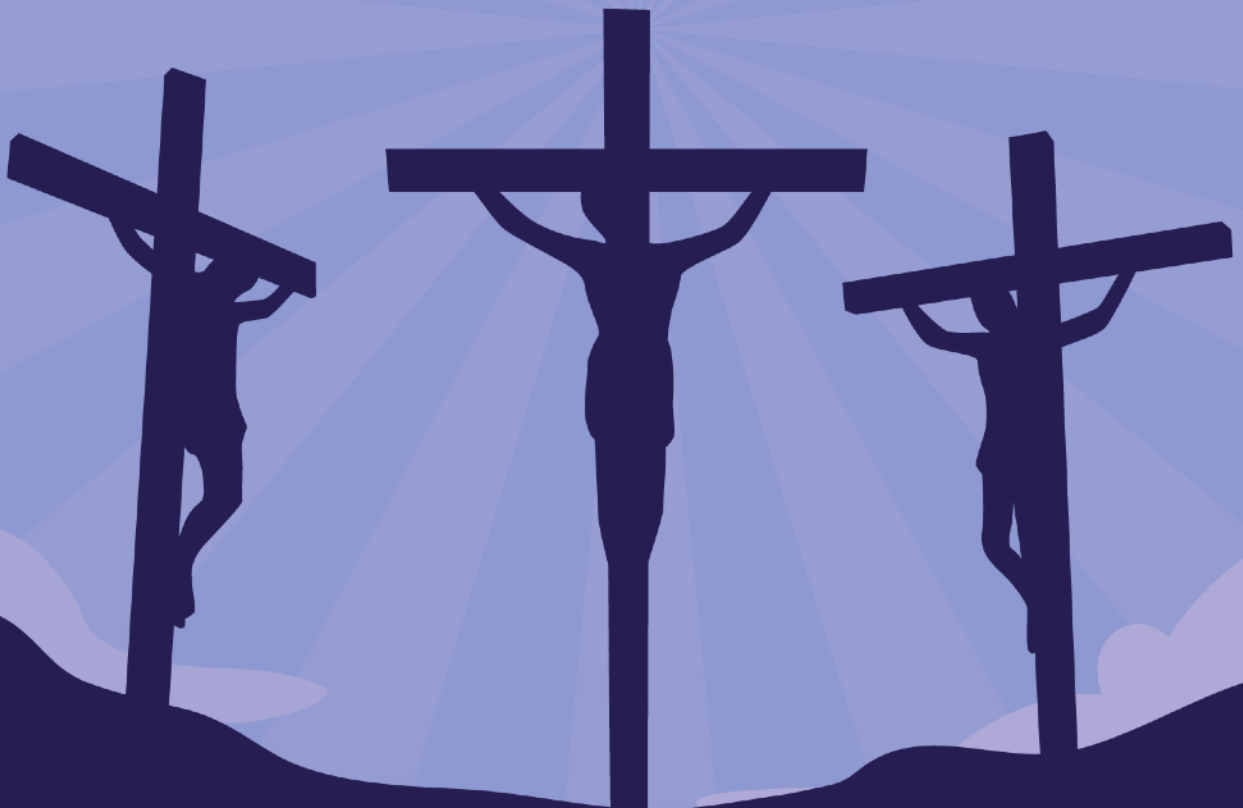
7-10 PM EST

YouTube Links for the Retreat

Day 1: <https://youtu.be/drkfw6HoPgw>

Day 2: <https://youtu.be/Us8la6coh1w>

Day 3: <https://youtu.be/szj-XmomcnY>



Holy Mass & Services

FOR LIVE STREAMING OF DAILY MASS CLICK HERE

SUNDAY MASS is also open to the public at

Mother of God Community Gym

20501 Goshen Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.



DAY	TIME	WORSHIP SERVICE	READINGS
Saturday, March 27, 2021	9:25 AM	Way of the Cross in Malayalam	Reading 1: Acts 20:22-38 Give testimony to the Gospel Gospel: Jn 12:1- 8 Mary anoints Jesus
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena	
Sunday, March 28, 2021	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 1: Gen 49:8-12,22-26 The scepter shall not depart from Judah Reading 2: Zech 9:9-12 The coming of Ruler of God's people. Reading 3: Rom 11:13-24 You have been cut from wild olive tree grafted into a cultivated olive tree Gospel: Mt 21:1-17 Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.
Monday - Wednesday	6:25 PM	Way of the Cross in Malayalam	Click here to see readings
	7:00 PM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	

Weekday Mass Readings

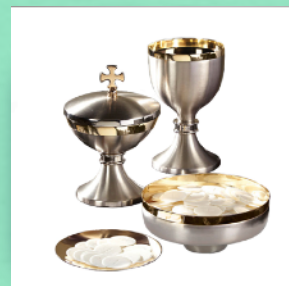
DATE	DAILY MASS READINGS
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021	Reading 1: Heb 1:5-14 The Son is superior to angels. Gospel: Jn 11:47-57 Plot to kill Jesus.
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021	Reading 1: Heb 5:1-10 Merciful high priest. Gospel: Jn 12:20-26 Whoever serves me must follow me.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021	Reading 1: Heb 9:15-28 New covenant. Gospel: Jn 12:27-33 Son of man should be lifted up.
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 Pesaha Thursday	Reading 1: 1 Cor 11:23-29 The Institution of the Lord's Supper. Gospel: Jn 13:1-14+ Mt 26:26-30 Washing of the feet and Institution of Holy Qurbana

LENTEN

Sacrifices

**Please bring your Lenten
Sacrifice offerings to the
Easter Vigil Service on
Saturday April 3rd at 7 PM.**

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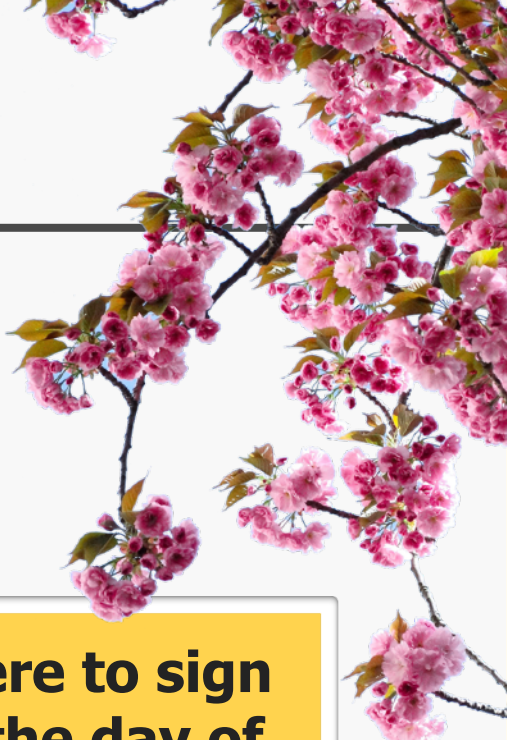


**FIRST HOLY MASS
OFFERINGS AT THE
NEW CHURCH**

March 29 - 31

Prayer & fasting for success of the Church construction

Day	Family
Monday	Tessie Alapatt & Family
Tuesday	Sajeev and Pushpa
Wednesday	Jijo and Saly family



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

The following are suggestions for each family on their the day of prayer and fasting for the success of our Church construction:

- 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



The
joy
of
baking



Cakes by
Rana Roy



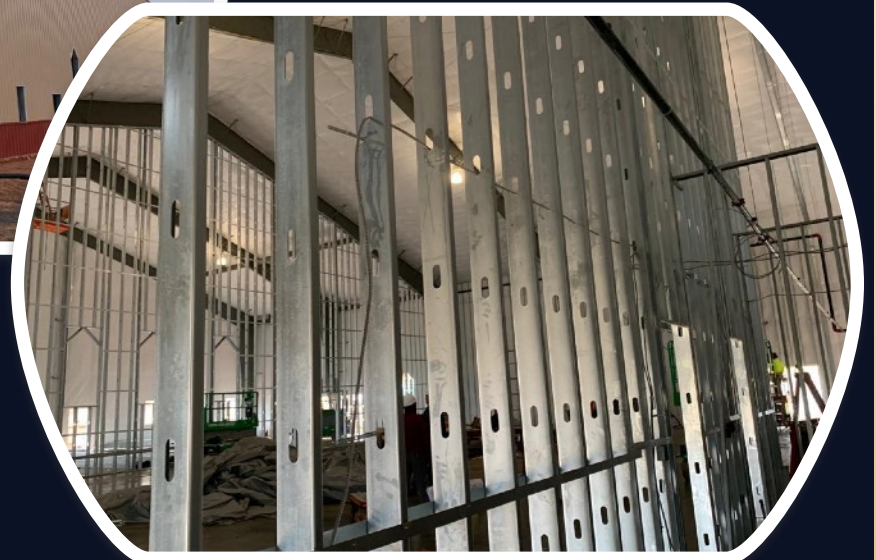
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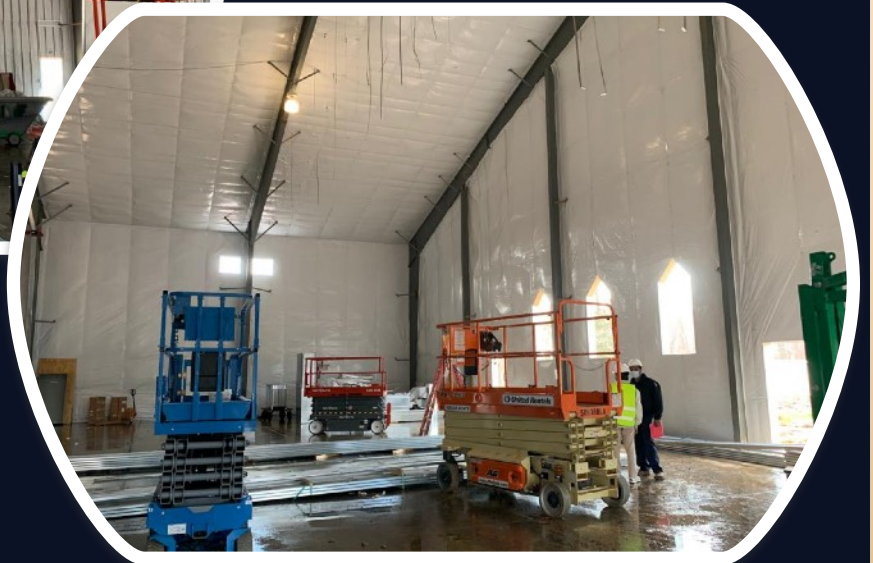
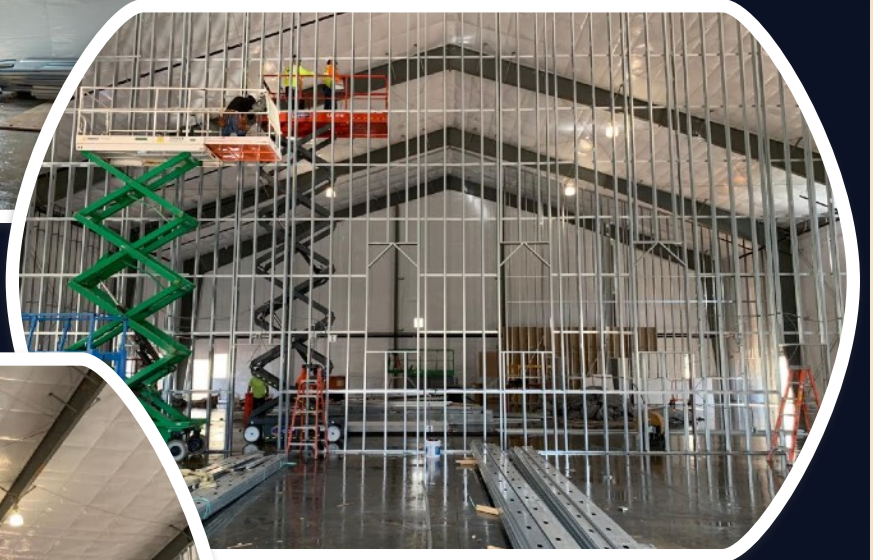
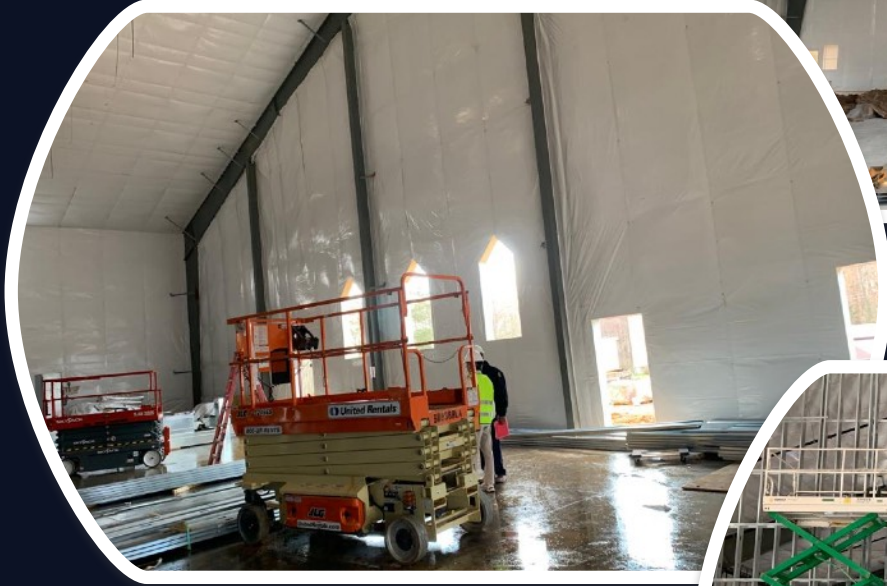
Mariamma Mathew
1958-2021

Mariamma Mathew is the mother of Anish Mathew.
Heartfelt condolences to Anish, Sincy and Jennifer.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



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GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Thomas and Suneetha are from Pala, Kerala. Thomas graduated with a PhD in Biochemistry from Rajiv Gandhi Center for Biotechnology, Trivandrum, Kerala before moving to the US for his Postdoctoral fellowship at NCI, Frederick, MD. He is currently working at the US FDA. Suneetha moved to the US along with Thomas in 2001, and is currently working as a Sr. Scientist at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. They moved to the US in 2001, and have lived in Maryland since then. They have three children, Atul is a High School Junior, Anjali is a High School Freshman and Ashlyn is a 3rd grader.

Something you love about the OLPH community:

★ OLPH community is our extended family, We are blessed with people who can encourage us and are together in sorrows and joys.

Favorite Bible verse or phrase:

★ "With God all things are possible.
Mathew 19:26

Favorite family vacation spot:

★ Kerala

Favorite family activity:

★ Watching movies together and going on road trips

Thomas & Suneetha Anchukandathil

---★ Atul
---★ Anjali
---★ Ashlyn



Thomas, Suneetha and family are very active members of OLPH Church. Thomas is a member of the Parish Council and Church building committee. In the past Suneetha was a CCD teacher and Marian Sangham President.

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