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From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

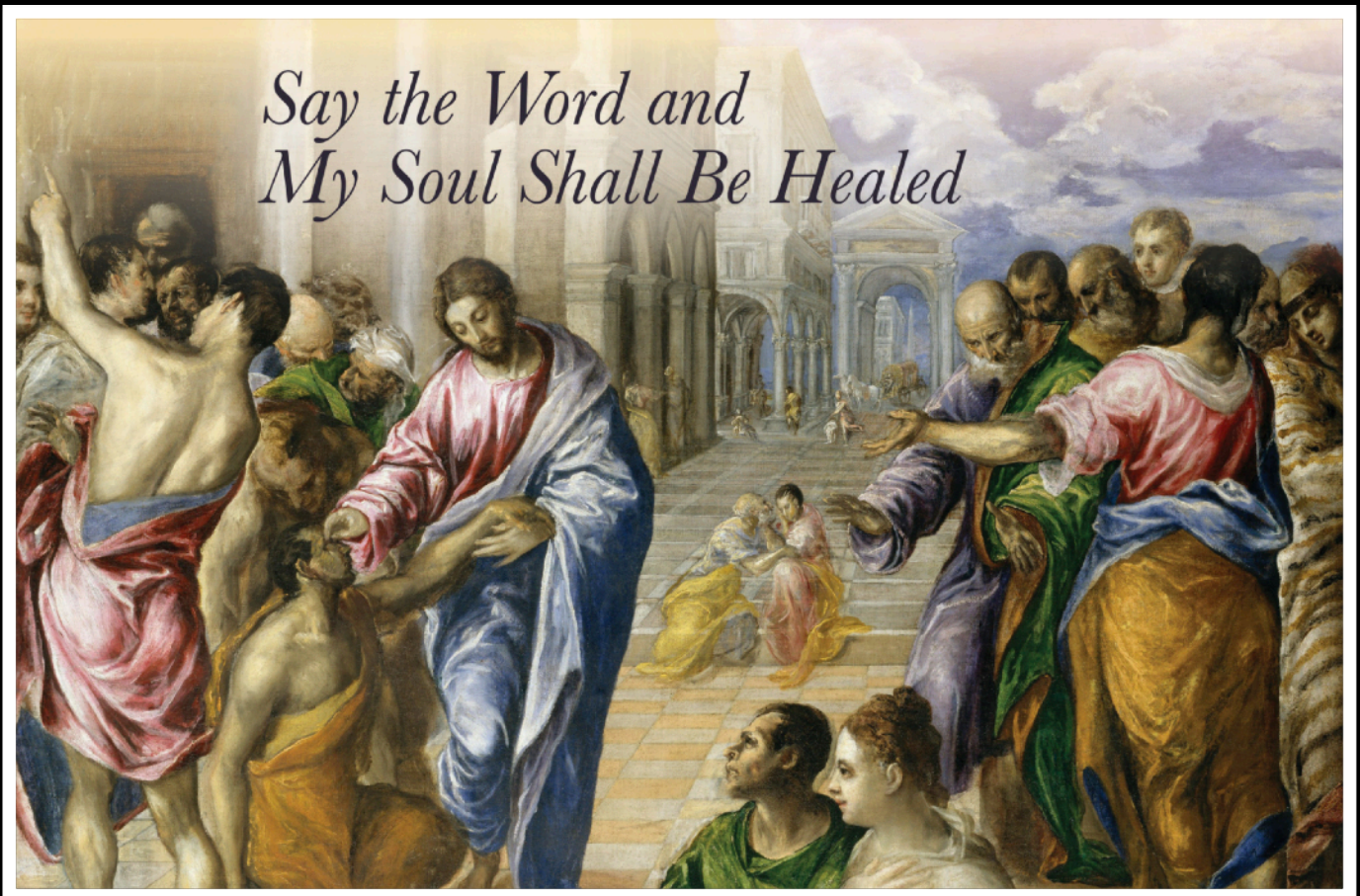
Sunday September 19th is Catechetical Sunday. All baptized people are called to be a witness to the Gospel and to proclaim their faith to others. However, many people are called by God to render their time talent and treasure specifically in the ministry of Catechesis. At the center of Catechesis is the living encounter with Christ. Therefore, this year's theme "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed" is very apt for Catechists, as they guide the children to know more about the Divine Healer.

On Sunday we will commission and celebrate the Catechists of our OLPH Church after Holy Mass in English.

With love,
Royachan
Fr. Roy Moolechalil
Vicar

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 19, 2021



Catechists are Christians who receive a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers them for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others into the Christian life.



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Circular Letter #84/2021

September 10, 2021

Dear and Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters and Parishioners,

Catechetical Sunday: (September 19, 2021)

Due to Covid-19 last year, the Churches were only partially opened, Catechism Classes were online, use of masks was enforced in all areas and some of the employment was done from homes. This year, thanks to the Lord, we have our churches opened for our regular Holy Qurbana though the masks are strongly advised, and catechism classes are "in person" with due regard to the guidelines of the civil authorities.

I am really grateful to all our priests, Sisters, Parents and Teachers for all their wholehearted support for our Faith Formation Program. Last year the 'online' classes were really something 'new' to us; despite all inconveniences, all of us adjusted with the needs of the time. This academic year as we have started or about to start with shortages of classrooms. time and space regarding the celebration of Holy Qurbana in English. Let us patiently put up with all these limitations to glorify the Lord and to build up our community.

This year Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has elevated the teaching of Catechism to the level of "Ministry" in the Church. Joining with the Holy Father, I congratulate all our Directors of Religious Education, all teachers and all the parents as they are the first and best teachers.

To observe the Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, certain special activities are announced by the Director of Catechism, Rev. Dr. George Danavelil on the website of our Diocesan Catechism. Please do the best in your parish/ mission.

I am glad to announce that this academic year the Catechism Department will conduct Bible Quiz Program online. Since it is going to be online, there will not be any registration fee; so, I encourage all of you to register for this online "Dei Verbum" Bible Quiz of our diocese.

May the Lord, bless all our personnel and activities of our Faith Formation Department of this academic year.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Mar Jacob Angadiath
Bishop

OLPH CCD Class Roster

Pre-K - Grade 4

Names	Grades	Teachers
Jacob Thomas Thekkenattu	Pre-K	Tisha Thachenkary, Tabitta Sebastian & Bridget Paulose
Gianna Nettikadan		
Joel Jiju		
Hannah Jeffy Mattathil	Kindergarten	Annu Abraham & Deepa Joby
Suzanne Thachenkary		
Jacob Mathew		
Joseph Thomas Thekkenattu	Grade 1	Tima Thomas
Ken Joby	Grade 2	Mariat Mathew
Siona Thomas		
Christine Tenny		
Dan Jose		
Joshua Jiju		
Sebella Sojan		
Anna Kanappilly	Grade 3	Saly Jijo and Asha Justin
Sarah Alapatt		
Cris Joby	Grade 4	Deepa Deepu & Sany Boby
Isabel Thachenkary		
Nameya Sojan		
Sophia Alapatt		

OLPH CCD Class Roster

Grades 5 - 8

Names	Grades	Teachers
Fiona Thomas	Grade 5	Joice Joyal & Shalet Jayan
Amesha Choorakuzhy		
Ameya Choorakuzhy		
Savio Nettikadan		
Rita Roy		
Nathan Joseph		
Emma Puthenkalam		
Maxin Mathew	Grade 6	Anila Mattathil
Nidav Sojan		
Kenny Palathingal		
Joseph Jeffy Mattathil	Grade 7	Sajit Mathew Kunnumkal
Alisha Justin		
Jonathan Alapatt		
Julianne Joyal		
Saleisha Sojan		
Georgiana Issac	Grade 8	Pinkle Alapatt & Kevin Boby
Abigail Nettikadan		
Dhanya Jose		
Jeslyn Joyal		

OLPH CCD Class Roster

Grades 9 - 12

Names	Grades	Teachers
Jaiden Puthenkalam	Grade 9	Annie Joseph & Melwin Mathew
Anjali Thomas		
Alvin Kanappilly		
Serin Palathingal		
Elizabeth Issac	Grade 10	Binoy Mathews
Catherine Tenny		
Nikhil Justin		
John Mannikoikal		
Anugrah Bob Zachary	Grade 11 & 12	Tessie Alapatt & Dignamartha Kakkanattu
Pearl Joby		
Isabelle Thomas		
Rona Roy		
Karen Boby		
Jeffrey Joyal		
Venassa Jijo		
Atul Thomas		
Riya Roy		
Dave Jose		



Department of Faith Formation

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago

Dei Verbum - 2022

(Diocesan Bible Quiz)

General Guidelines and Schedule

The Diocesan Bible Quiz will be part of the Faith Formation program. It will be conducted at three levels (Parish, Semifinal and Diocesan) for various age groups (Sub-Junior, Junior, Senior and Adult). There will not be a Zonal grouping as there was last year. The Dei Verbum 2022 Bible Quiz will be conducted **online** at all levels.

All CCD students from 4th grade and above are strongly encouraged and expected to participate in the Bible Quiz.

The adult group can choose either the English or Malayalam version of the quiz at all three levels. The English Bible Quiz is based on **The New American Bible**, Revised Edition (NABRE) whereas the Malayalam one is based on the **POC Malayalam Bible**. The Malayalam quiz option is only available to the adult group.

Groups

- Sub-Junior (Grades 4 - 6)
- Junior (Grades 7- 8)
- Senior (Grades 9 -12)
- Adult (Above 12th Grade; Youth and Adults)

Books (for all groups)

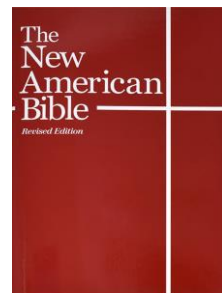
- Parish level : Gospel of **Luke**
- Semifinal : Gospel of **Luke** & Letter to **Romans**
- Diocesan level : Gospel of **Luke**, Letter to **Romans** & The Book of **Revelation**

Bible Quiz Dates

- Parish Level : Sunday, **December 5th, 2021**
- Semifinal : Saturday, **February 5th, 2022**
- Diocesan Level : Saturday, **April 23rd, 2022**

Registration

DREs have to promote and coordinate registration and Bible Quiz related activities in their parish/mission. Registration sheet will be sent to the DREs in advance. Complete and submit the registration no later than **Sunday, October 17th, 2021**. There is **no registration fee** this year.



Holy Mass & Services

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

20533 Zion Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Day	Time	Worship Service	Readings
Sunday, September 19, 2021	9:00 AM	Rosary, Adoration Confession	Reading 1: Deut 8:11-20 Those who forget God will perish
	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 2: Is 33:13-24 The Lord lives in Zion
	11:00 AM	Holy Mass in English	Reading 3: Phil 2:1-11 Christ who emptied himself
	12:30 PM	Catechetical Sunday Celebration & CCD intro class	Gospel: Mt 4:12-17 Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand
Monday, September 20 to Friday, September 24	6:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration Confession	See next page for readings
	6:30 PM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	

Weekday Mass

DATE	DAILY MASS READINGS
Monday, September 13, 2021	Reading 1: Phil 4:10-14 I can do anything through the One who strengthens me Gospel: Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemy
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	Reading 1: Heb 11:23-26 Suffer for Christ's sake Gospel: Mt 9:9-13 Jesus chooses Levi as disciple.
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	Reading 1: 2 Cor 13:5-10 Hold on to your faith Gospel: Mt 21:18-22 Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.
Thursday, September 16, 2021	Reading 1: 2 Pet 2:20-22 Those who are entangled in the defilements even after knowing Christ. Gospel: Mt 11:11-19 The kingdom of heaven has suffered violence
Friday, September 17, 2021	Reading 1: 2 Pet 1:20-2: 3 False prophets Gospel: Mt 15:1-9 The tradition of the elders.



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