



OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

We begin the **Season of Annunciation** on **Sunday, November 29, 2020**. It also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year of the Syro-Malabar Church. The four weeks in preparation to the feast of the Nativity of Jesus constitute this season. This season is also called "*subbara*" in Syriac language, meaning declaration or announcement. The Church recalls during these days the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, and also the joyful event of the birth of John the Baptist. As a preparation for the celebration of the mystery of incarnation, this season also recalls creation, disobedience of our first parents and its consequences, the miserable state of the broken humanity, the promise of salvation offered by God, God's covenant with humanity, and the prophecies about the Savior. During this season we also meditate on the role of Mary in the history of the plan of salvation. The readings, prayers and hymns of the season remind us to walk towards Jesus and give place in our hearts for Jesus to be born.

The **25 days "nombu"** or fasting begins on **December 1st** to prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus. As we are in the process of constructing a Church for our Lord, let us first prepare a beautiful manger for Him in our hearts. Each family should come together and prepare a place for Jesus in your home. Please encourage children to take part in this Season of Advent to inculcate this tradition in them to be passed on to future generations. See Page 2 for our weekly Advent calendar of activities for CCD students.

With love,
Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil
OLPH Mission Director

Advent Calendar for CCD students



1st week of Advent	Activity
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Pray three Hail Marys
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Read Luke 1: 26-38
Thursday, December 3, 2020	Say "Jesus come into my heart" 3 times
Friday, December 4, 2020	Pray "Glory be" 3 times
Saturday, December 5, 2020	Do a kind deed or say a kind word to someone



2020 OLPH VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Send a picture of your Christmas decorations OR a Christmas theme family picture to shellinjose@yahoo.com



Send a video of Christmas based songs/music/dance videos under 2 minutes by families. It will be aired on our [YouTube](#) and [FB group](#) on Saturday evening **December 19, 2020 around 5 pm.**

**DEADLINE FOR SENDING PICTURES AND VIDEOS
DECEMBER 12, 2020**



...And finally, we will have a [Zoom caroling](#) on **December 20, 2020 at 4 pm.**

Calling all OLPH families to
join for some fun and
fellowship



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, November 28, 2020	9:30 AM	Adoration & Rosary	Reading 1: 1 Pet 4: 1-10 Gospel: John 12: 37-43
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass	
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena	
Sunday, November 29, 2020	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 1: Gen 17:15-22 Reading 2: Is 43:1-11 Reading 3: Eph 5:21-6:4 Gospel: Luke 1:5-25
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, November 30, 2020	St. Andrew's feast day Reading I: Rom 10:9-18 Gospel: Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	25 DAYS FASTING BEGINS Reading I: Rom 13:8-14 Gospel: Lk 1:18-20
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Reading I: 1 Cor 1:4-9 Gospel: John 8:26-30
Thursday, December 3, 2020	St. Francis Xavier feast day Reading I: 2 Cor 6:3-10 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
Friday, December 4, 2020	First Friday Reading I: Rev 14: 1-7 Gospel: Luke 19: 45-48

Weekly Schedule

DATE	ROSARY LEADERS	DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, November 29, 2020	No Rosary before Mass	Mark 10-11
Monday, November 30, 2020	Augustine & Gladis Family	Mark 12-13
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Rani Kariyil Family	Mark 14
Wednesday, December 2, 2020	Bijesh & Ashy Family	Mark 15-16
Thursday, December 3, 2020	Babu & Jasmine Family	Luke 1-3
Friday, December 4, 2020	Noble & Annie Family	Luke 4-5
Saturday, December 5, 2020	Thomas & Briget Family	Luke 6-7

Nov 30 - Dec 4

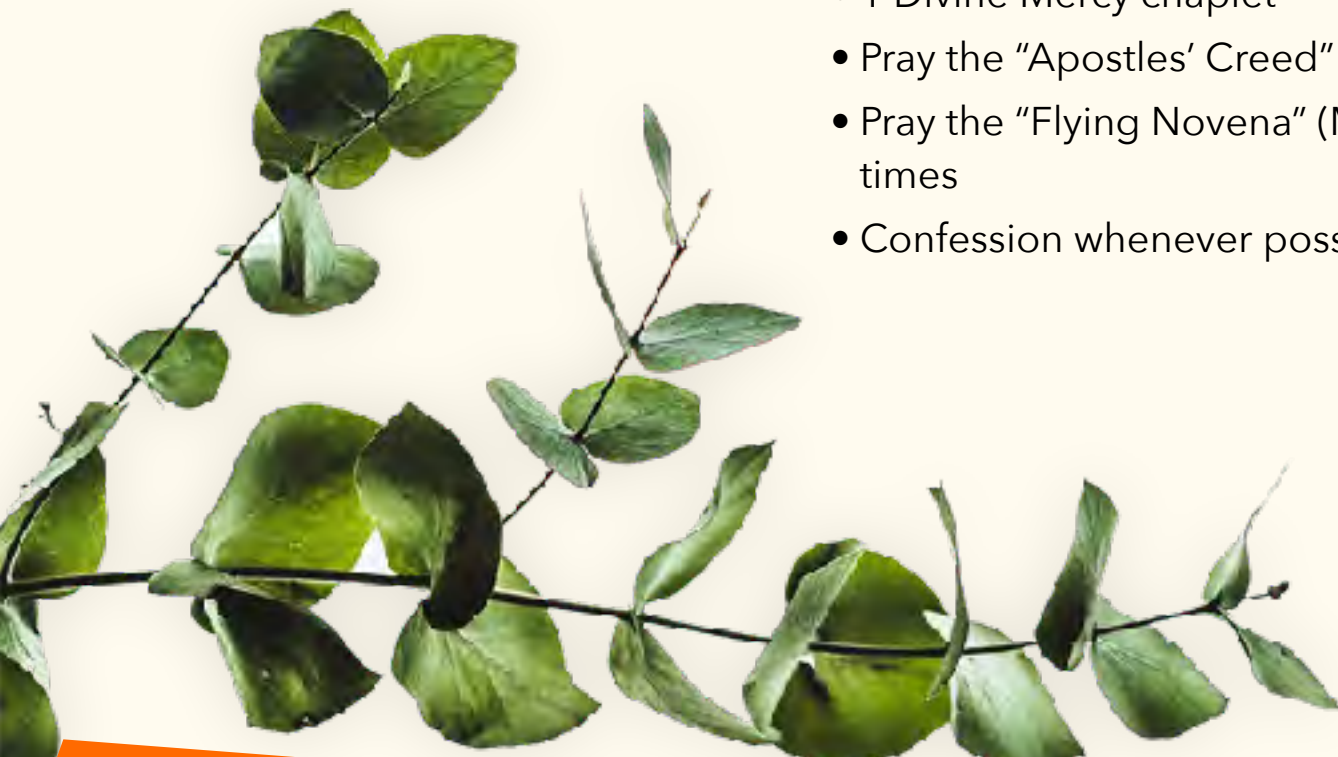


Day	Family
Monday	Alexander and Jessy
Tuesday	Manoj and Mariat
Wednesday	Roby and Selin
Thursday	Viju & Reena
Friday	Ponnu & Sajit

**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



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 (\$)
Lights - Driveway & Parking Lots	<input type="checkbox"/>	72,000
Chapel Floor Tiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	45,000
Sound System	<input type="checkbox"/>	30,000
Chapel Lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	20,000
Chairs - Gym: 300 (sponsor 50 or its multiples)	<input type="checkbox"/>	8,000
Altar Chairs: 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	6,000
Sign Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Sacristy Counter Top	<input type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Sacristy Cabinets	<input type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Kitchen Counter Top	<input type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Kitchen Cabinets	<input type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Flag Pole - Outside	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Refrigerator	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Vicar's Office Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Parish Office Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	3,000
CCD Office Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	3,000
Tables - Gym: 30 (sponsor all or half)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Warming Oven	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Stove	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Altar Servers' Dress	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Total		230,000

Committed items

Description	Yes	Amount (\$)
Altar Design & Build-Out	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75,000
Pews: (20 x \$1,500) With Naming Right	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30,000
Grotto of Our Lady	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25,000
Tabernacle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10,000
Altar Table	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10,000
Altar Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Monstrance (Arulika)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Confessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Baptismal Font	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Bema	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Bethgazza (2 X \$1500)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,000
Ceremonial Umbrellas: 24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,000
Lecterns: 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2,500
Golden Procession (Outside) Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Mass Procession Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Roof Top Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Altar Cloths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,500
Vestments: 5 Sets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,500
Silver Procession Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,500
Crucifix for Sacristy & Good Friday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,500
Chalice: 2 Sets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Statue of St. Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Statue of St. Joseph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Statue of Mother Mary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Nilavilaku	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Candle Stands: 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Statue of St. George	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Sanctuary Lamp (Eternal Flame)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Microwave Oven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	500
Incense Burner (Thurible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	200
Total		202,200



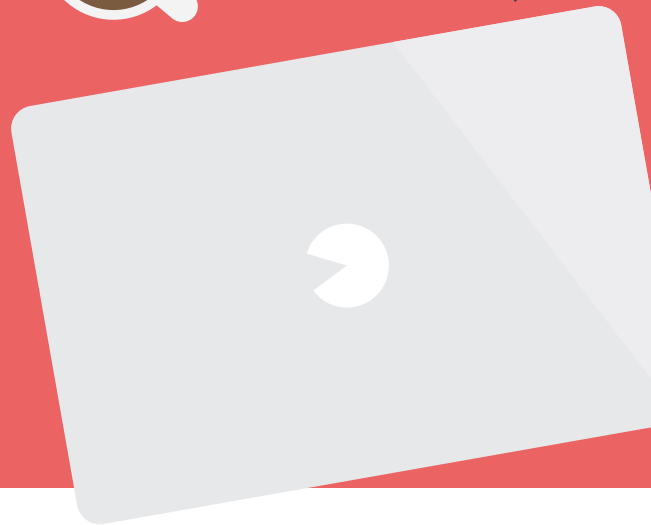
**Calling all OLPH ladies to
join the**

MARIAN SANGHAM

The Marian Sangham of our OLPH Church is devoted to supporting our Church in various ways, including prayers and charitable works.

Marian Sangham has pledged to buy Altar cloths for the new Church. Consider joining the OLPH Marian ladies in contributing to this beautiful cause.

BE A PART OF THE OLPH SOUVENIR



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

Obituary



Mr. Cherian C. Kottoor

1941-2020

Mr. Cherian C. Kottoor passed away on November 22, 2020 in Udayamperoor, Ernakulam. The funeral was held at All Saints Church in Udayamperoor. The Community of OLPH extends our heartfelt condolences to Pushpa, Sajeev, and Anugrah (Zach).

Condolences & Prayers

Building Construction Updates



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GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Jeril's family is originally from Peruva, Kottayam while Jemi's family is originally from Kothamangalam, Ernakulam. However, both their families now live in Miami, FL. Jeril grew up in New Delhi, and moved to Miami with his family in 2004. He works for the Department of Homeland Security - U.S Coast Guard. Jemi moved to the U.S at the age of 12 from Kothamangalam and lived in Coral Springs, FL before moving to DC after their wedding. She currently works for Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in VA. Jeril and Jemi moved to Maryland in 2011. They have two daughters, Freya (5 years old) and Ameya (3 years old).

Something you love about the OLPH community:

- *It's a loving and growing community. They have helped us grow in our faith.

Favorite Bible verse:

- *Proverbs 3:3-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Jeril & Jemi Sakaria

☆ Freya

☆ Ameya



Jeril & Jemi are active OLPH members. Jeril is a CCD teacher and maintains a “GoFundMe” page to raise funds for OLPH Church Building. **Click here to be directed to the GoFundMe page.**

Favorite family vacation spot:

- *Paris and Prague, but nothing beats visiting family in Florida.

Favorite family activity:

- *Movie Nights, Ice-Cream Sundays, Neighborhood walks

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