



OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

On **December 12th** we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. I'm sure you are familiar with the phrase "To Jesus through Mary", but have you really experienced that? Well, here is a nation that came to know Jesus only through Mary. In 1487, people in the Aztec Empire (now Mexico City) believed in human sacrifice and even worse, child sacrifice. There was a time when 80,000 people were sacrificed non-stop for 4 days and 4 nights (this amounts to a person every 15 seconds). On December 12, 1531 that culture of death was crushed with a simple miracle. The image of Our Blessed Mother was emblazoned on the *tilma* of a man named, Juan Diego. The Aztec people, who did not have a written language, used pictures and symbols to convey messages. Our Lady's appearance to Juan Diego, and the image that she left on his *tilma* is a pictograph that the Aztec people would have understood. It is this message through Our Lady, that helped 9 million people embrace Christ and Christianity in less than 20 years.

On **December 18th** we commemorate **The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore**. St. Thomas Mount is a small hill located at Mylapore, Chennai in India. Legend has it that St. Thomas was martyred here with a bow and arrow, and is thought to have clutched a stone cross, bleeding on it during his death. According to tradition, the Cross was chiseled by St. Thomas himself, and was used by him for his personal prayer. According to ancient records, this Cross sweated blood on many occasions. Innumerable miracles have been attributed to this sacred stone cross through mere contact with it in faith, and it has caused the conversion of many unbelievers. Even today, the natural dampness on its surface is a perpetual factor of surprise and devotion. The inscription on the cross says, "Through the Cross, the Messiah brought salvation to the world".

With love,

Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil

OLPH Mission Director

Advent Calendar for CCD students



3rd week of Advent	Activity
Monday, December 14, 2020	Say one Hail Mary
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Say "Jesus, I adore you" 3 times
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	Pray the Creed once
Thursday, December 17, 2020	Read Matthew 1:18-25
Friday, December 18, 2020	Do something nice for a family member
Saturday, December 19, 2020	Pray "Glory be" three times

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION FOR ALL CCD STUDENTS

- ★ Use your imagination – draw, paint, make a collage or pop-up card to show some love to JESUS this Christmas.
- ★ Jesus should be the central theme for the card
- ★ Size of the card: no more than 6" by 8"
- ★ Where to send? Take a picture of your card and e-mail it to newsletter.olph@gmail.com
- ★ DEADLINE: DECEMBER 22nd, 2020

THERE WILL BE PRIZES!!!! SO GET CREATIVE!!!!

*Credit will be given for creativity and for the Christmas message in your card





MISSING CAROLING???

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have canceled the usual home-to-home Christmas Carols. However, we humbly request your help to ensure we don't fall short on funds for the Church building.

You may have received our OLPH Church greeting card and circular with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We will be very grateful if you return the envelope with your donation.

God Bless you for your generosity.





Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Syro Malabar Catholic Church of Greater Washington



Inviting everyone to join us
in  **zoom** Virtual Carol on
Dec 20th Sunday, 5 PM



Families please participate by sending the items below to Shellin(shellinjose@yahoo.com) by **Dec 12th**.

- Complete Christmas decorations and send pictures along with family picture or a family picture in Christmas theme.
- Christmas based songs/music/dance video under 2 minute.

A collective video will be aired on our YouTube and Facebook group on
December 19th, Saturday 5pm.

December 14 - 19

Schedule of prayer & fasting for success of Church construction

Day	Family
Monday	Jithu & Shellin
Tuesday	Reji & Liji
Wednesday	Xavier Joseph & Thankamma
Thursday	Boby & Sany
Friday	Augustine & Gladis

**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

Holy Mass & 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, December 12, 2020	9:30 AM	Adoration & Rosary	Reading 1: Heb 3:12-19 Do not go away from God. Gospel: Lk 11:33-36 The light of the body.
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass	
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena	
Sunday, December 13, 2020	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 1: Gen 18:1-10 A son is promised to Abraham Reading 2: Judges 13:2-7, 24 The birth of Samson. Reading 3: Eph 3:1-13 Paul, the apostle of gentiles. Gospel: Lk 1:57-66 Birth of John the Baptist
Monday to Friday	6:30 PM	Adoration & Rosary	<u>Click here to see readings</u>
	7:00 PM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	

Weekday Mass Readings

DATE	DAILY MASS READINGS
Monday, December 14, 2020	St. John of the Cross Reading 1: 1 Cor 5:1-8 Leave the immorality Gospel: Lk 6:43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits.
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Reading 1: Eph 2:1-10 Salvation is the gift of God Gospel: Mt 3:1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	Reading 1: 1 Thess 2:13-17 Fidelity to the word of God. Gospel: Lk 16:10-13 Be faithful to God.
Thursday, December 17, 2020	Reading 1: Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ. Gospel: Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zachariah.
Friday, December 18, 2020	Reading 1: Eph 2:14-22 Peace is through the Cross Gospel: Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.

Weekly Schedule

DATE	ROSARY LEADERS	DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, December 13, 2020	No Rosary before Mass	Luke 23-24
Monday, December 14, 2020	Roy & Rashmi Family	John 1-2
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Joyal & Joice Family	John 3-4
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	Jeffy & Anila Family	John 5-6
Thursday, December 17, 2020	Jijo & Saly Family	John 7-8
Friday, December 18, 2020	Reji & Liji Family	John 9-10
Saturday, December 19, 2020	Cherian & Shanta Family	John 11-12




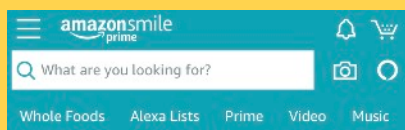
You shop. Amazon gives.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH ONLINE SHOPPING

Another way to support our OLPH Church construction is by connecting your existing Amazon account to Amazon Smile, and choosing to support **Syro Malabar Catholic Mission Of Greater Washington Inc (Olney, MD)** as your charity

How to install Amazon Smile on your phone?

1. Download the Amazon app on your phone
2. Sign in with your account (or create an Amazon account)
3. Click on the the 3 horizontal bars on the top left of screen 
4. Click on Settings (located all the way down).
5. Click on AmazonSmile
6. **TURN ON Amazon Smile and search for Syro Malabar Catholic Mission Of Greater Washington Inc (Olney, MD) as your charity**
7. Your app should now show this on the top:



EVERY PENNY COUNTS!!!
Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Church.

How to use Amazon Smile on your laptop/desktop computer?

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your account (or create an Amazon account)
3. **Search for Syro Malabar Catholic Mission Of Greater Washington Inc (Olney, MD) as your charity**
4. Start shopping
5. After each purchase you will see

Amazon will make a donation to
Syro Malabar Catholic Mission Of greater Washington Inc
See your impact

Remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com (NOT the regular Amazon website) support our Church

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	8,000
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Warming Oven	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,000
Stove	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Total		218,000

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
Gym Tiles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15,000
Tabernacle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10,000
Altar Table	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10,000
Altar Cross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Arulika	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Confessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Sign Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Altar Chairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Gym Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5,000
Baptismal Stand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Bema	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4,000
Ceremonial Umbrellas: 24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,000
Bethgaza (2 x \$1,500)	<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 St. 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
Altar Servers' Dress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000
Microwave Oven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	500
Incense Burner (Thurible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	200
Total		233,200



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GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Rex is from Koothatukulam, Ernakulam, Kerala. He came to Washington DC in 1995 and has lived in Maryland since then. Mini is from Kuravilangad, Kottayam, Kerala. Mini came to New York in 1990, and moved to Maryland in 1997, after their wedding.

They have two daughters, Namitha, a Senior, and Neetha, a Sophomore, and both are in the University of Maryland.

Something you love about the OLPH community:

- *The OLPH community is our extended family. We enjoy every moment spent with the community.

Favorite Bible verse:

- *Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Favorite family vacation spot:

- *Cancun.

Favorite family activity:

- *Watching movies

Rex & Teena (Mini) Mullappally

☆ Namitha

☆ Neetha



Rex, Mini and family are active members of OLPH community. Rex has been a trustee in the past and is currently a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mini is currently a Member of the Marian Sangham and is a Parish Council member. Namitha and Neetha are part of OLPH Youth.

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