



OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved OLPH family members,

The birth of Christ has brought light to the world and illumined the night. "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned." (Matt. 4:16). The joyful fulfillment of God's covenant to man reaches its culmination on the **feast of the Nativity of the Lord** when "Word became Flesh and dwelt amongst us". Christmas Mass readings tell us about Isaiah's prophesy about the Emmanuel, and Micah's prophesy about the one who is to come, who will draw the sons of God, and proclaim the majesty of God, and he himself will be peace. The epistle (Galatians) talks about the fullness of time, when God sent his Son, born of a woman, and finally, the Gospel of Luke reveals the core of the mystery in the proclamation of the great tiding of the messiah being born "today", and is Christ the Lord (Luke 1:11). May the humility and the glory of Jesus' birth touch our hearts as we celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day. I wish all OLPH families a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a blessed season of the Nativity of our Lord. I am sharing a couple of pictures from my visit to the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Israel.

Please see **Page 3** for our **Christmas Mass** schedule and **Page 6** for **Confession** schedule in preparation for Christmas. There will be **no masses** on **December 23rd and 25th**.

With love,
Royachan

Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil
OLPH Mission Director



The Church of the Nativity, is located in Bethlehem. The grotto holds a prominent religious significance to Christians of various denominations as the birthplace of Jesus. The grotto is the oldest site continuously worshipped in Christianity, and the basilica is the oldest major church in the Holy Land. The church was originally commissioned in 327 by Constantine the Great and his mother Helena on the site that was traditionally considered to be the birthplace of Jesus.



Birthplace of Jesus

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CATHOLIC CHURCH OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Virtual CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY DEC 19

5 PM

Click on the links below to view a fun-filled
compilation of videos and pictures of OLPH families
enjoying Christmas 2020 in their homes

**YouTube Link : [https://youtu.be/
fJYoLrxYmx0](https://youtu.be/fJYoLrxYmx0)**

**Facebook Link : [https://
www.facebook.com/events/
2716378935284027/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2716378935284027/)**

Come let us adore Him!



WISHING ALL OLPH FAMILIES
THE JOY AND PEACE OF OUR
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST BORN IN
A HUMBLE MANGER

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24th at 8 PM - Holy Qurbana will be celebrated by **Rev. Fr. Tony Vattaparambil OFM Conv.**

LOCATION: Mother of God Community Gym, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD

LIVE STREAMING: <https://www.youtube.com/c/syromalabarofgreaterwashington/live>

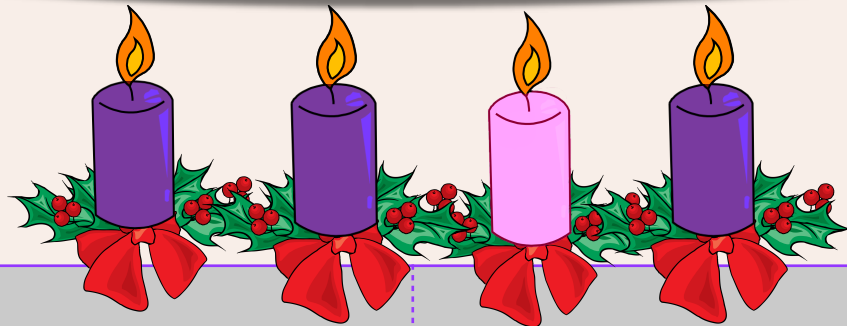
DECEMBER 25th - NO MASS

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 and e-mail 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



Advent Calendar for CCD students



4th week of Advent	Activity
Monday, December 21, 2020	Say 1 Creed
Tuesday, December 22, 2020	Say 3 Hail Marys
Wednesday, December 23, 2020	Pray 1 Our Father
Thursday, December 24, 2020	Say "Jesus come into my heart" 3 times

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.**

CHRISTMAS

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

on Sunday December 20, 2020 at 9:30 AM

Rev. Fr. Albert Puliyan OFM Conv.

will be available for the

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

at Mother of God Community Gym

Day	Time	Worship Service	Readings
Saturday, December 19, 2020	9:30 AM	Adoration & Rosary	Reading 1: Gal 1:11-17 Those who are called by God's grace. Gospel: Jn 3:31-36 Who is from above is above all persons.
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass	
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena	
Sunday, December 20, 2020	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 1: Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah Reading 2: 1 Sam 1:1-18 Samuel's birth and dedication. Reading 3: Eph 5:5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Gospel: Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in birth of Jesus
	1:00 PM	Holy Mass in English	
Monday & Tuesday	6:30 PM	Adoration & Rosary	Click here to see readings
	7:00 PM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	

[Click here for CHRISTMAS MASS READINGS](#)

No Masses on December 23rd and 25th

Weekday Mass Readings


DATE	DAILY MASS READINGS
Monday, December 21, 2020	<p>Reading I: Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously.</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 1:1-5 The Word was in the beginning.</p>
Tuesday, December 22, 2020	<p>Reading I: Gal 4:1-7 You are adopted children of God</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 1:6-13 Jesus the true light was coming into the world.</p>
<div data-bbox="243 1089 613 1425" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Thursday, December 24, 2020</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS MASS READINGS</p> <p>Reading I: Is 7:10-16+9:1-3,6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel</p> <p>Reading II: Mic 4:1-3,5:2-5,8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who to rule in Israel</p> <p>Reading III: Gal 3:15-4:6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son</p> <p>Gospel: Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.</p>

Weekly Schedule

DATE	ROSARY LEADERS	DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, December 20, 2020	No Rosary	John 13-15
Monday, December 21, 2020	Biju & Rani Family	John 16-18
Tuesday, December 22, 2020	Jithu & Shellin Family	John 19-21
Wednesday, December 23, 2020	No Mass & Rosary	Acts 1-3
Thursday, December 24, 2020	No Rosary	Acts 4-6
Friday, December 25, 2020	No Mass & Rosary	Acts 7-8
Saturday, December 26, 2020	Tessie Alapatt Family	Acts 9-10

December 21 - 24

Schedule of prayer & fasting for success of the Church construction



Day	Family
Monday	Jonny & Anniyamma
Tuesday	Rex & Mini
Wednesday	Fr. Roy
Thursday	Elsamma Pachikara

**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




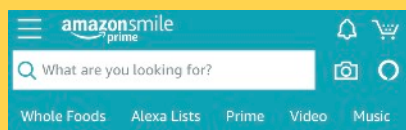
You shop. Amazon gives.

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:



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. Another option is to [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to [OLPH SYRO MALABAR CHURCH CHARITY ON AMAZON SMILE](#). Bookmark this page on your browser.
6. After each purchase you should see

Amazon will make a donation to
Syro Malabar Catholic Mission Ofgreater 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

Building Construction Updates



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GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Jeffy is from Kuravilangad, Kottayam, Kerala. He earned a Ph.D in Microbiology from the College of Fisheries, Mangalore, India. He moved to the US as a postdoctoral fellow at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda. He is currently working as a Scientist at Integrated Biotherapeutics, Rockville.

Anila is from Puthenpally, Ernakulam, Kerala. She earned a Masters in Physics from Saint Xaviers College, Aluva, and a B.Ed from Saint Ann's College, Mangalore.

They lived in Mangalore, India before moving to Maryland, USA in 2009. They have three children - Joseph is a 6th grader, Hannah is 4 years old, and little Matthew is 2 years old.

Something you love about the OLPH community:

- *OLPH community is very welcoming, friendly, loving and caring. When there is a need, there is always someone to help.

Favorite Bible verse:

- *Trust in the LORD forever! For the Lord is an eternal Rock. (Isaiah 26:4)

Favorite family vacation spot:

- *Beaches

Favorite family activity:

- *Board games, trying out new recipes, playing and walking outside

Jeffy George & Anila Mattathil Mannullil

☆ Joseph

☆ Hannah

☆ Matthew



Jeffy, Anila and family are active members of OLPH Church. In the past, Jeffy has served in the Parish Council as the Church accountant. He is currently a member of the Knights of Columbus. Anila is in the Marian Sangham, and a CCD teacher.

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