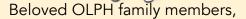
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OLPH VOICE

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



From the Pastor's Desk



February 11th is the **feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes**, one of the most famous apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary that took place in southern France. On this day Our Lady appeared to Bernadette and declared, "I am the Immaculate Conception". It is interesting to note that little more than three years earlier in 1854, Pope Pius IX had proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents, and their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for this who have recourse to thee" However, it was through this humble girl that Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage; of physical and spiritual healing. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there probably are more. These miracles are continuous affirmation that our Mother intercedes for all those who seek her help. Many who visit Lourdes also receive a spiritual healing and return with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God. "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

February 11th is a special day for us OLPH community members - last year on this day, our Church building construction commenced. Let us keep praying to our Mother for her continuous presence and intercession during the construction of our Church.

With love, Royachan Rev. Fr. Roy Moolachalil OLPH Mission Director



Conclusion of



Reading Journey



We are completing the Bible Reading Challenge on February 7, 2021.

Congratulations to all the participants!!!

As part of the conclusion, together we will prayerfully dedicate an hour to read the Book of Revelation / വെളിപാട് (Chapters 1 - 22) in the presence of the Blessed Eucharist on February 28th from 10:45 to 11:45 AM.

Participants will need to bring their own Bible. Chapters will be assigned to those who have participated and completed the Bible Reading Challenge. There will also be sharing of Personal **Experience/Testimony based on the Bible Challenge Program.**

Those who have completed this challenge will receive a token of appreciation. If you are lagging behind in the Bible reading, please try to catch up by February 28th.

We invite all parishioners to join us during this Holy Hour to read the Book of Revelation together, whether you are at home or in Church.

HOLY HOUR & BIBLE READING CHALLENGE CONCLUSION DAY:

When: Sunday February 28, 2021; 10:45 - 11:45 AM

Where: Mother of God Community Gym (20501 Goshen Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879)

If you have participated, please give your names to: Rashmi Roy or Teena (Mini) Thomas

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, February 6, 2021	9:30 AM	Adoration & Rosary	Reading 1: 1Cor 3:10-17 Foundation is Jesus Christ Gospel: Lk 11:14-23 Jesus and Beelzebul.	
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam		
	10:45 AM	OLPH Novena		
Sunday, February 7, 2021	9:30 AM	Holy Mass in Malayalam	Reading 1: Deut 24:14-22 Be merciful to others Reading 2: Is 63:7-16 Lord redeems His people Reading 3: Heb 8:1-6 Jesus the mediator of new covenant Gospel: Jn 3:22-31(3:22-4:3) Jesus and John the Baptist.	
Monday - 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, February 8, 2021	Reading 1: 1 Jn 5:6-12 Witness to the son of God. Gospel: Mk 3:13-19 Jesus appoints the twelve.	
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	Reading 1: 1 Jn 1:5-10 God is light. Gospel: Jn 9:35-39 Jesus removes the spiritual blindness.	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021	Reading 1: Rom 14:1-6 Do not judge another. Gospel: Jn 8:31-38 Truth will make you free.	
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021	Reading 1: Rev 12:1-6 The woman crowned with stars. Gospel: Jn 2:1-11 Do whatever He tells you	
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021	Reading 1: 1 Cor 15:39-49 The resurrection of the body. Gospel: Mt 25:31-40 Crown of justice to those who do good	

Weekly Rosary Schedule

DATE	ROSARY LEADERS	
Monday, February 8, 2021	Roy & Rashmi Family	
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	Jeffy & Anila Family	
Wednesday, February 10, 2021	Thomas & Suneetha Family	
Thursday, February 11, 2021	Jijo & Saly Family	
Friday, February 12, 2021	Reji & Liji Family	
Saturday, February 13, 2021	Renju & Tisha Family	

February 8 - 12

Prayer & fasting for success of the Church construction

Day	Family	
Monday	Anthony and Sheena	
Tuesday	Reji and Liji	
Wednesday	James and Alphonsa	
Thursday Thomas and Briget		
Friday	Augustine and Gladis	



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 (\$)
Sound System (Out of \$30K)		\$25,000
Chapel Lights		20,000
Chapel Tiles		20,000
Site Light Poles (11 x \$1,500)		16,500
Altar Tiles		15,000
Vestibule Tiles		10,000
Chairs - Gym: 300		8,000
Sacristy Cabinets		5,000
Kitchen Counter Top		5,000
Kitchen Cabinets		5,000
Refrigerator		4,000
Vicar's Office Furniture		4,000
CCD Office Furniture		3,000
Roopakkoodu (2 x \$1,500)		3,000
Warming Oven		2,000
Stove		1,000
Total		146,500

Committed items

Description	Yes	Amount (\$)
Altar Design & Build-Out	~	\$75,000
Pews: (20 x \$1,500) With Naming Right		30,000
Grotto of Our Lady		25,000
Gym Tiles	V	15,000
Tabernacle	~	10,000
Altar Table	V	10,000
Altar Cross	V	5,000
Arulika	V	5,000
Confessional	V	5,000
Sign Board	V	5,000
Altar Chairs	V	5,000
Gym Equipment		5,000
Sacristy Counter Top	7	5,000
Sound System (Out of \$30K)	V	5,000
Flag Pole - Outside	, in the second	5,000
Baptismal Stand		4,000
Bema Sema		4,000
Ceremonial Umbrellas: 24		3,000
Bethgaza (2 x \$1,500)	, j	3,000
Parish Office Furniture	V	3,000
Lecterns: 2	J	2,500
Golden Procession (Outside) Cross	J	2,000
Mass Procession Cross	J	2,000
Roof Top Cross		2,000
Tables - Gym: 30		2,000
Altar Cloths		1,500
Vestments: 5 Sets	-	1,500
Silver Procession Cross	Ž	
	- J	1,500
Crucifix for Sacristy & Good Friday		1,500
Chalice: 2 Sets	<u> </u>	1,000
Statue of St. Thomas		1,000
Statue of St. Joseph		1,000
Statue of St. Mary		1,000
Statue of St. George	Y	1,000
Statue of St. Antony		1,000
Statue of St. Jude	V	1,000
Nilavilaku	Y	1,000
Candle Stands: 2	V	1,000
Sanctuary Lamp (Eternal Flame)	V	1,000
Altar Servers' Dress	S	1,000
Microwave Oven	~	500
Altar Book Stand	✓	500
Incense Burner (Thurible)		200
Total		255,700





GET TO KNOW AN OLPH FAMILY

Justin and Asha are from Ernakulam, Kerala. They were in Bangalore before moving to the US in 2001. In the US, they lived in Virginia before moving to Maryland in 2003. Justin is currently employed at Amtrak, while Asha is employed at MCPS. They have three children - Anjali is a Sophomore at UMD, Nikhil is a 9th grader and Alisha is a 6th grader.

Something you love about the OLPH community:

OLPH community is our extended family.

Favorite Bible verse or phrase:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Favorite family vacation spot:

☆ Disney World.

Favorite family activity:

Exploring new places, watching movies.

Justin & Asha Madathiparambil

``--☆Anjali ``--☆Nikhil ``--☆Alisha



Justin, Asha and family are active OLPH Church members. Justin is currently a member of the Knights of Columbus, OLPH Church building Committee member, and OLPH Voice editorial board member. He also maintains the website for our Church. Asha is currently a CCD teacher, and Marian Sangham member.





Tessie Alapatt Boby Augustine

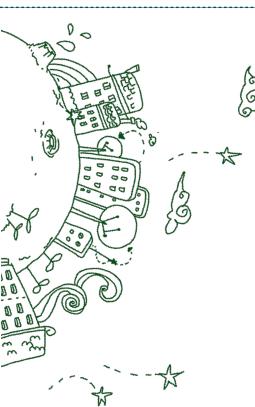
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