



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Byzantine Catholic Church

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DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday - 9:00AM

Holy Days - 9:00AM

Confessions:

Before Liturgy or by appointment

Pastor: Very Reverend Francis Rella

Admin Asst/Cantor: Jim Skopkowski

Trustees: Calvin Bastedo, Stephen Kurilla

Senior Trustee: George Kresan

GCU Representative: David Simon



OCTOBER 19, 2025
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!



We sing in church as an expression of faith. Our singing is rooted to early Christian traditions where worshipers gathered to sing hymns and psalms. It has evolved and serves as our spiritual anchor in worship. Our singing is designed to elevate our minds and souls toward the divine, creating an atmosphere of prayer. Our liturgy is sung or chanted, which sets the tone for our worship. Cantors and Priests often chant the Epistle and Gospel slowly to communicate the message of God, making the experience feel like a conversation with God. This emphasizes the sacredness of the liturgy and encourages participation from the people. Our music also serves to connect worshippers to their heritage. As the chant tradition has developed, it has incorporated local customs enriching worship. This blend of tradition and modernity allows the faithful to feel a sense of belonging and connection to their ancestors. Our singing is an expression of faith, brings our community together and connects people to their spiritual roots, culture and heritage. This plays a central role in the liturgical life of our church.

LITURGIES AND SERVICES			
SUNDAY	October 19	9:00am	Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost +Cantor Michael Smoyak By Maryann and Joseph Sczitzca
SUNDAY	October 26	9:00am	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost +Cantor Michael Smoyak

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

George Kresan, Debra Minnuies, Nancy Balazs, Dottie Simkovich, Cal Bastedo, Michael Bereschak, Connie Klimeck, Jozef Ochlan, Terry Andrejko, Geri Marks, Ed Bilavsky, and Teresa Carter-Keating.

Welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish!

If you like attending liturgy at OLPH and enjoy our church please consider registering as a parishioner. Father, Jim or any member of our parish family will be happy to be of assistance. You can also email: admin@olphtr.org for more information. Offering envelopes are available in the church vestibule and by request. Support OLPH through your time, talent and offerings.

LITURGIES AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS - Email jskopkowski@olphtr.org or submit your request online at: OLPHTR.org. Masses available in September - December.

THANK YOU - We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the building fund in memory of +Helen Babiak by Ms. Stanie Beck. May Helen's memory be eternal.

WELCOME FR. SPERA - On Sunday, October 26th and November 2nd we welcome Fr. James Spera.

BIBLE STUDY - On the first and third Sunday of each month after social hour. Studying the Book of Joshua. Bible study dates: TODAY and November 2nd and 16th. Thank you Cheyenne for leading our group.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP - This prayer group continues to meet on the second Friday of every month at 6:00am. All men from the parish are welcomed to join in this fellowship.

SOUP SALE - Mushroom Barley! Next Sunday, October 26th. Place your orders today. \$10 per quart.

ST PHILLIP'S FAST - Begins on November 15th. The Nativity Fast anticipates a joyful event. Described as an expectant fast in the wonder and mystery of the coming of Our Savior. Yet, it is a time of reserved joy in which practices of fasting and almsgiving are encouraged. Abstinence or fasting is suggested as a spiritual discipline, as an invitation and a response. It is our "yes" to being open to welcoming Christ on Christmas Day.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION - Sunday, December 7th after Liturgy. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00am on December 7th followed by brunch. All are welcomed to celebrate St. Nicholas the Patron Saint of the Byzantine Rite.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 - October 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Our parish goal is \$9800. You can contribute using the pledge form you receive at home, using the green monthly stewardship envelopes provided in your box, electronically through **PayPal/Eofferings** or online at: eparchyofpassaic.com.

READERS OF THE EPISTLE			READINGS & PROPERTS FOR LITURGY TONE 1 - Page 130 Epistle: 2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15
Sunday	Oct 19	Christina Simon	
Sunday	Oct 26	Ed Dormer	
Sunday	Nov 2	Richard Rella	

It takes more courage to be humble than it does to be prideful. – Matthew Hagee