

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Byzantine Catholic Church

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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



SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu! Glory Forever! Slava Na Viki!



The **liturgical year** begins on September 1. This date was tied into the fiscal calendar and tax year of the Byzantine Empire. Salvation history then unfolds from that date. The first major feast day of the liturgical year is September 8, the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. This is the logical beginning of the Christian salvation story. The last major feast day of the liturgical year is the Dormition on August 15. There are fixed and moveable feast days. The seasons of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost depend on the date of Easter Sunday, a moveable feast. The actual date of Easter was discussed and settled at the First Ecumenical Council. Orthodox churches using the Julian calendar tend to celebrate Easter later than the Western celebration. There have been discussions about fixing the date of Easter to one particular Sunday in April. It would be a great triumph if all of Christianity once again celebrated Easter on the same day.

LITURGIES AND SERVICES				
Sunday	August 31	9:00am	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost For our parishioners living and deceased.	
Sunday	September 7	9:00am	Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross +Michael & Anna Busela, Michael Busela Jr, Ann Marie Russo and Ann Dobnik by Kristine Russo	

The Rosary is recited on the first Sunday of every month beginning at 8:30am.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

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.

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

<u>MEN'S PRAYER GROUP</u> - 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.

<u>CHOIR</u> - Rehearsal Saturday, September 6th at 10:00am. No musical experience necessary. We invite all to attend.

<u>CHURCH CONSTRUCTION</u> - Construction continues. Foundations and the subbasement nears completion. Please continue to be careful when entering church property. Enter church at the door nearest the kitchen. Park away from the building in the main parking lot. Updates and guidance is available on our church website: <u>OLPHTR.org</u>, on Facebook and in the bulletin. If you have any questions or concerns please call the rectory or see Father or Jim.

<u>3rd ANNUAL ST. THERESE PIGRIMAGE</u> - Saturday, September 20th, Holy Annunciation Monastery Sugarloaf, Pa. For information call 1 (800) 822-0028 or www.byzantinediscalcedcarmelites.com

<u>COME AND SEE</u> - <u>A Journey into Eastern Catholicism</u>. A one day workshop exploring the beauty, history and spirituality of the Eastern Catholic tradition. Saturday, October 11th, 10-5pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Byzantine Catholic Church in Trenton, N.J. For more information visit the website at stmarybyzcatholictrenton.org



Labor Day is more than just a long weekend; it is an opportunity to honor the dignity of work and the contributions of those who labor tirelessly in various fields. As we celebrate this day, it's essential to pause and seek God's blessings over our work, acknowledging that all we do is a gift from Him. Whether you're a professional, a tradesperson, a homemaker, or engaged in any other form of work, dedicating your labor to God through prayer can bring a renewed sense of purpose and fulfillment.

READERS OF THE EPISTLE			READINGS & PROPERS FOR LITURGY
Sunday	Aug 31	Richard Rella	TONE 3 - PAGE 135 Epistle: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Gospel: Mt 19:16-26
Sunday	Sept 7	Christina Simon	
Sunday	Sept 14	David Simon	

I work hard, pray hard and leave the rest to God!