



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
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DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday - 9:00AM

LENTEN PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Friday - 6:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Before and After Liturgy

Pastor: Very Rev. Francis Rella

Director of Music: Pani Tammy Rella

Trustees: Calvin Bastedo, Stephen Kurilla

Trustee Emeritus: George Kresan

GCU Representative: David Simon

Parish Bookkeeper: Lori Grobelny

Hospitality: Ed Bilavsky

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Great Lent

SUNDAY	March 1	9:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Great Lent +All Souls
FRIDAY	March 6	6:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts +Michael McGrath

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READER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 1—Edward Dormer

SUNDAY MARCH 8—Richard Rella

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: Thank you to all parishioners and visitors attending Divine Liturgy today in person and online. Our parish has undergone many changes since we broke ground last May and I am sure we will see more in the future. Since the beginning of the year we welcomed two more families as registered parishioners including three children. We celebrated two Confirmations (Chrismation), a Marriage, and in two weeks, in the Eastern Catholic Tradition, the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, & Holy Communion) for our youngest parishioner, Theodore Joseph. Our online presence and viewership has doubled in addition to tremendous growth of our Radio Station. Keep up the great work. We are truly blessed!

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated Fridays during Great Lent at 6 p.m. Confessions will be available before and after Liturgy.

THE GREAT FAST: The following are the minimum fasting requirements: All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. All adults who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of Lent, Monday, February 16th, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 3rd.

VOLUNTEER MEETING: We will have a general meeting today, March 1st immediately following Divine Liturgy during social hour.

RADIO STATION - Listen to **Eastern Catholic Radio**, our parish internet radio station on **TuneIn**, the **Live365** app, or at olphtr.org.

MONTHLY ROSARY - Recitation of the Holy Rosary is prayed on the first Sunday of each month beginning at 8:30 a.m. before Liturgy.

MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY GROUP - Meets in the hall for Catholic study, prayer, and fellowship, the second Friday of each month at 6:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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 at **PayPal/Eofferings** or eparchyofpassaic.com.

PARISH DONATIONS - We will be posting monthly donations for the month of February next week.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - Please pray for our parishioners and family members that are in need of healing and are not able to attend liturgy, especially, Geoff Gawdun, Nella Jawernycky, and Ron Jawernycky. Please let us know if there are others that we need to add to our list.

HELP US GROW: Please attend church weekly and bring a friend, neighbor, or family member.

YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION: This summer, encounter The Heart of the God-Bearer at the 2026 Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Convocation, July 31st to August 2nd at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Young adults ages 18-35 will gather for fellowship, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and three days of faith, friendship, and transformation. For more information and regular updates, go to www.heartofthegodbearer.org.

March Birthdays

**May God Grant You
Many Blessed Years!**

Melonne Ade - 3rd
Martha Guzenski - 3rd
Jozef Ochlan - 6th
Barbara Rogasis - 9th
Joseph Juchniewicz - 15th
Bozena Chaba - 22nd
Christine Vinegra - 24th
Deacon Nicholas Krivacs - 26th
Richard Rella - 27th
Diane Carter - 30th
Peggy Carter - 31st

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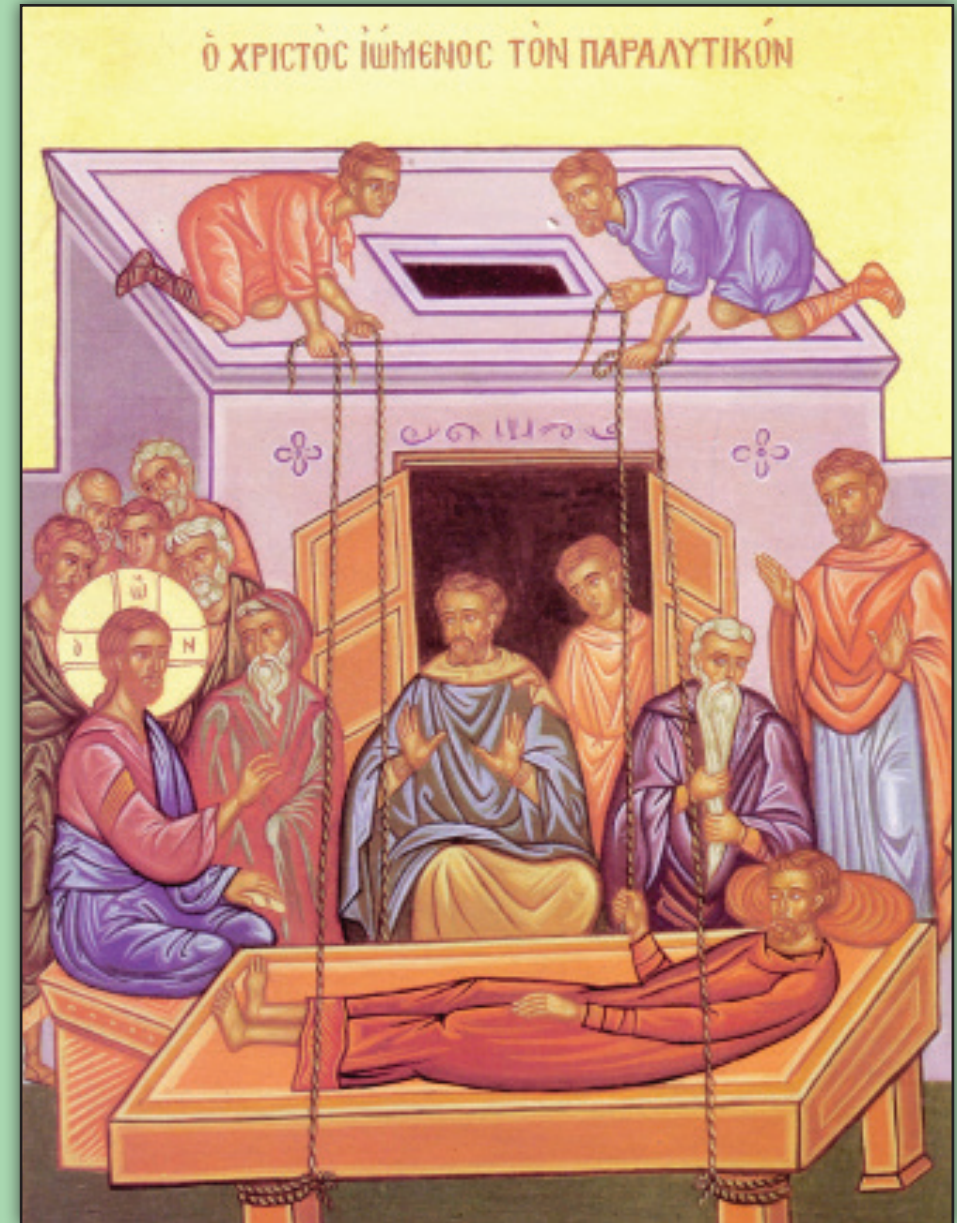
You are Forgiven and Healed

In Capernaum Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. As He preaches to the crowd, four friends of a paralyzed man lower him on his mat through the roof so that he can be close enough for Jesus to see him and cure him. Jesus responds to this act of faith, not by healing the man immediately, but by touching off the first of a series of controversial dialogues with the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven," He is as much as saying, "It is God whom you approach." In the Old Testament, only God is capable of forgiving sins; and it was expected that He would do so only at the end of time. It becomes clear why the Scribes murmur "he is blaspheming" and why Jesus brings it all out in the open. His claim to be able to forgive sins better reveals His identity as Son of God than do the miracles He performs.

Aware of the silent censure His forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" by commanding the man to rise and walk in the sight of everyone. In concluding this miracle, Mark asks his readers to praise God for His presence in their midst as the forgiver-healer, just as the crowd did, even in the face of those who did not believe.

It is significant that Mark has chosen to present this miracle and teaching about Jesus' power to forgive sins so early in his Gospel drama. It shows that the need for the experience of God's forgiveness was as important to first-century Christians as it is today. Mark's readers praise God for saying clearly, and even today, "My sons, my daughters, I absolve you from your sins."

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



Icon of Healing the Paralytic