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## **News Release**

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### ***Our Lady of Victory's "Simbang Gabi," a popular Philippine tradition - Dec. 20 starting at 5:00 p.m.***

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov 22 - The Filipino community and OLV parishioners will sponsor its second annual "Simbang Gabi" to be held at *Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church* at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, with *OLV Pastor Father David Werning* concelebrating with visiting Philippine priest, *Father Jaime Noel Deslate*.

Sponsored by the Philippine Community of OLV and Our Lady of Victory Parish, the "Simbang Gabi" is open to all interested parties. After the OLV "Simbang Gabi," a potluck dinner, open to all, will be held at the Hess Auditorium of OLV.

Invited to the *Simbang Gabi* are Philippine Embassy's employees and their families; Past TOFA Awardees (*Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad*) and their families; prominent Filipino leaders and their families; and various officers and members of several Filipino prayer groups and their families.

The "Simbang Gabi" is a popular Philippine tradition will start December 15 and ends on December 23 in celebrating Christmas and of the coming of the birth of Jesus Christ. Known as the "Misa de Gallo" (Rooster's Mass), it is called "Simbang Gabi" or "Night Mass", a very important Filipino Christmas tradition. It is considered as the nine-day novena by the Catholic faithfuls. In the Philippines, in some parishes, the masses begin as early as five in the morning; others start in the late afternoon or in the evening. Completing the nine-day novena is a manifestation of the Catholic faith to most devotees.

The "Simbang Gabi" complete schedules of the Holy Mass which are all held at the District of Columbia start Dec. 15, 2008, Monday at Church of Annunciation; Dec. 16, Tuesday, St. Anne's Catholic Church; Dec. 17, Wednesday, St. Matthews Cathedral; Dec. 18, Thursday, St. Stephen's Catholic Church; Dec. 19, Friday, Epiphany Catholic Church; Dec. 20, Saturday, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church; Dec. 21, Sunday, Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament; Dec. 22, Monday, Nativity/ St. Dominic Church; Dec. 23, Tuesday, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. #



# "Simbang Gabi"

A Philippine Tradition of Advent

Sponsored by the  
Philippine Community of OLV

&

Our Lady of Victory Parish  
"Simbang Gabi" Holy Mass

Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 • 5:00 p.m.

*Father David Werning, Pastor • Father Jaime Noel Deslate*

(Concelebrating)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
4835 MacArthur Blvd., NW • Washington, D.C. 20007  
*Potluck Dinner Reception at Hess Auditorium*

*Every one is welcome !*

December 15th to 23rd is the usual tradition of celebrating Christmas, the coming of the birth of Jesus. Known as the "Misa de Gallo" (Rooster's Mass), it is called as "Simbang Gabi" or "Night Mass", a very important Filipino Christmas tradition. It is considered as the nine-day novena by the Catholic faithfuls. In some parishes, the masses begin as early as five in the morning; others start in the late afternoon or in the evening. Completing the nine-day novena is a manifestation of the Catholic faith to most devotees.

## "Simbang Gabi"

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*Choir Singers Needed - Every One Is Welcome*

Practice every Friday at 7:00 p.m

Nov. 28

Dec. 12 • Dec. 18 (Thu)

*ONE HOUR ONLY - Anyone who can sing*

Inside the church

Our Lady of Victory Church

Archdiocese of Washington  
Complete Schedule of the Filipino  
"Simbang Gabi" 2008 Advent

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December 15 • Monday • 6:00 P.M.  
Church of Annunciation  
3810 Massachusetts NW

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December 16 • Tuesday • 12:00 noon  
St. Anne's Catholic Church  
4400 Wisconsin Ave., NW

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December 17 • Wednesday • 5:30 P.M.  
St. Matthews Cathedral  
1725 Rhode Island, NW

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December 18 • Thursday • 6:30 P.M.  
St. Stephen's Catholic Church  
Pennsylvania Avenue NW

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December 19 • Friday • 7:00 P.M.  
Epiphany Catholic Church  
2712 Dumbarton St., NW

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December 20 • Saturday • 5:00 P.M.  
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
4855 MacArthur Blvd., NW

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December 21 • Sunday • 3:00 P.M.  
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament  
6001 Western Avenue, NW

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December 22 • Monday • 5:00 P.M.  
Nativity/St. Dominic Church  
16th St., NW

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December 23 • Tuesday • 3:00 P.M.  
St. Margaret of Scotland  
410 Addison Road, NW

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