

January 10, 2016

Sunday After Theophany

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

We followers of Jesus Christ are involved in a battle. It is a monumental battle to regain fallen nature for the Kingdom of God. Usually, if we think of this at all it is in terms of our own salvation, namely our battle against the passions and the vices that seek to drag us down to the pit of darkness. But the Church, wise mother and patient teacher, addresses all of creation in a holistic manner and reaches out and reclaims a bit here and a bit there hoping to reclaim this world piece-meal for God's greater glory. But, why should the church be concerned about physical things? She is concerned not just about the spiritual but also about the physical because she seeks to restore the usefulness of creation for working out our own salvation. Therefore, we bless anything that might help us in our salvation - and by blessing it we reclaim it for the Kingdom of God. For that reason, among all things we bless water because it was used by Christ in his baptism and it is used by us for our very lives.



For the purpose of our lives there are not too many things more useful than a home. In our homes we pray, we work, we talk to others, we live our lives, we raise our children, we care for our aged and our young, we work out our marriages, we enjoy our meals and in our homes we find our nightly rest. What more important place to reclaim for the Kingdom of God! Yet, it is surprising to find that there are people who don't bother to have their homes blessed. I know that to our modern ears it sounds superstitious, but hear me clearly: For the working out of our salvation (Phil. 2:12), we must drive the enemy out of our homes, and keep him far away by invoking the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, by our prayers, by our charitable living, and by the yearly sprinkling of Holy Water at Theophany.

Recall how great and wonderful our God is! Being so incredibly breathtaking and majestic, do you think he would need to fight the devil head-to-head? The devil would be flattered by such a proposition. To crush him, the one who is responsible for broken marriages, for all forms of abuse, cruelty, barbarism and spiritual vice, God sends him crushing defeats through the most innocent means of water. A small baby can be immersed in Holy Water, an elderly grandmother can drink Holy Water, all without ill effect. But, not the devil. Within water that has been blessed there dwells a very definite power of the Holy Spirit. Use it, and use it with faith in Christ, that he is the victor!

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **FREE CPR and Heart Defibrillator Class** will take place on **Monday, January 18th** in the church hall from **Noon until 3pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the “saving” person of one of your brothers or sisters. We need **at least two people from each Liturgy** to attend this class. Knowing how to operate this device can save a life, and it may be your loved one’s life.
- **If you purchased a Christmas poinsettia**, please take it home after Liturgy today. We thank you for your kindness.
- **Fr Jason is available for house blessings between now and Feb. 6**. If you do not want your house blessed, please call the office. Otherwise, Fr Jason will call ahead to bless houses by neighborhoods.
- **Get Ready!** Lent is coming soon! To make this the most memorable Lent of your life we’ll be doing “30 Challenges for 30 Days.” More information to come!

Prayer List: Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don’t have a prayer list, contact the office and we’ll send you one. Keep in your prayers: Stephanya Borszcz, Pauline Danesky, Alice Haritan, Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, Daniel Holowaty, Theophil Konecky, Pat McGuire, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Anna Szmul, Tillie Volanski, Pete Wheat, Theresa Zozula and Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003.

The First All Souls Day is Saturday, January 30th. Please turn in your “Blue Envelope” *Remembrance of our Beloved Dead* found in your box of church offering envelopes, and/or pick up a *Sorokousti sheet* from the church vestibule. **Please return these names by Wednesday, January 27th**. You can simply place your names in the church basket, email us at holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com, mail them or stop by the rectory.



2016 Malanka Dance will be next **Saturday, January 16, 2016** at the Ukrainian Club, Carnegie * Door and Kitchen opens at 7:30pm * Music from 8:30pm to 12:30pm * Cash Bar – Ukrainian Food extra. Admission: \$15 by calling in advance, \$20 at the door, Children: \$2 at door with adult ticket holder * Admission includes music by Fred Yasnowsky Orchestra *

No carry in liquor, food or drink. Table Reservations: Call Debra 412-276-4007 or dwalench@gmail.com.

“Christ Among Us” Ukrainian Catholic radio program on station WPIT at 730AM dial can be heard each Sunday from 2:00 – 2:30pm. **They are interested in hearing opinions and feedback on this radio program.** Please contact the rectory with your responses.

A Flea Market of used books, framed art work, etc. will take place at the Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Ave, Carnegie) on Friday, Jan 22nd and Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 9am – 3pm, (closed on Sat. from Noon – 1pm) Donations accepted or for questions, call 412-276-0366.

Our group (Men Following Jesus Christ) has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) this **Monday January 11th**. We need at least seven volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.) Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? Thank you for helping on November 9th. *May the peace and harmony of these magical Nativity Holy Days fill each of our lives! May the light of the Bethlehem star always guide our life’s journey, and may the peace of the Christ-Child always be with you and all your loved ones.*

Sisters seek volunteers for Ukraine in 2016: After last year’s successful English catechetical camp in Skole, Ukraine, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great have been invited to organize similar week-long camps in four different areas of Ukraine: Ivana-Frankivsk, Zutomyr (near Kyiv), Mukachev and Lviv. Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM and Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, and their accompanying volunteers will collaborate with the Basilian Sisters and seminarians in Ukraine to hold these English language catechetical camps.

In order to hold these camps for the children (ages 10 to 16), the Sisters are seeking volunteers to teach English (i.e. basic grammar, reading, writing and/ or pronunciation, etc). Room & Board will be supplied for the volunteers but they are asked to pay for their own airfare. Volunteers may come for one, two, or three weeks. Depending on the number of volunteers participating and camps held, the Sisters will also visit orphanages and psychiatric institutions.

This year’s Basilian Volunteer Program is tentatively scheduled from May 27 to June 27, 2016, and will be limited to humanitarian efforts in Western Ukraine. The Basilian Sisters invite the faithful to join them as they bring their ministry of evangelization, support and comfort to the poor and needy of Ukraine. If you can’t join us this year please pray for a safe and successful mission.

For an application and additional information concerning the Come and Serve with the Sisters in Ukraine Program, please contact: Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM 412-260-1607 srann@aol.com. Early application is advised to ensure acceptance. Monetary donations to this worthy cause may be made on line at www.stbasils.com or mailed to: Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior, 710 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19111-4118



A World Youth Day (WYD) Trip to Krakow Poland & Western Ukraine

is being organized by the Eparchial Youth Committee from the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma. WYD is an international event of young people organized by the Catholic Church, & initiated by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1985. WYD has occurred every 2-3 years since at locations all over the world. The next WYD will be held in Krakow Poland from **7/23 to 8/5 (tentative dates)** and this event will be blessed with the presence of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. If you are between the ages of 16 and 40 years old and are interested in participating in this Trip, please contact Deacon Myron @ [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086) or mjspak@verizon.net

A Kick-Off Meeting for World Youth Day (WYD) will take place this **Sunday, January 10th** at 1:00pm (immediately after the 11am Divine Liturgy) in the Holy Trinity Church Hall: *All those interested in WYD this summer in Krakow, Poland, are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.*

Our Lady Grace Church in Scott Township has invited Holy Trinity to join their *March for Life Bus Trip to Washington DC* on **Friday, January 22nd**, 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The trip includes visiting the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, travelling to the national mall and participating in the March for Life. **Costs:** \$5.00 for individuals under the age of 18 years old, \$15.00 for individuals over the age of 18 years old. **Reservations** -contact the parish office no later than Monday, January 18th to reserve your seat on the bus.



The Parish Youth Group will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) on **Friday, January 29th at 6:00pm** in the Church Hall for distribution to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District on Saturday morning, January 30th. The total cost of this project is approximately \$300.00. Each lunch contains 2 bologna (or other meat) and cheese sandwiches (2 slices of meat and 2 slices of cheese), a drink, fruit, a snack, and two condiment packages. If you would like to support the Youth Group with this project please contact Bohdan Mykhailiv at [412-726-8309](tel:412-726-8309) or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com

The Church was a Mother to you in Life, providing for your Spiritual Needs: Please Remember the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma in your Last Will and Testament. The wording to do this is as follows:

“I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, ___% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$_____].”

Vital Stats: \$3,132 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$151 for candles, \$10 for the Eparchy, \$316 for energy, \$37 for Special Collection, \$25 for Christmas Offering, \$341 Initial Offering, \$268 for Circumcision of our Lord, \$7 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$10 prosphora donation, and \$318.50 from the “frozen” Pyrohi project, all for a grand total of \$4,615.50. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: January 16 at 4pm: Angela Honchar
- Sunday: January 17 at 8:30am: Terry Styran & at 11am: Cantor

What’s happening in our parish this week . . .

Sat. *The holy martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia*

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10:30am *DRC Meeting in the church hall*

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski
requested by Stephen P. Zaletski & Family followed by blessing of
Icon commissioned in their blessed memory JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko
requested by Mike Makar IS

.....*followed by Shchedriy Vecheer in the church hall*

Sun *Our holy father Gregory, bishop of Nyssa*

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8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Santiago
requested by Yurko Honchar IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Nick Koss
requested by his wife, Esther IS

Mon 1/11	<i>Our venerable father Theodosius, founder of the monastic life in Palestine</i>		
		The Pastor's day off	
Tues 1/12	<i>The holy martyr Tatiana, deaconess</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Irene & Michael Shiwarski and Frank Warholak requested by an anonymous person	JC
Wed 1/13	<i>The holy martyrs Hermylus and his friend Stratonikus</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Joyce & Robert Morton	JC
Thurs 1/14	<i>Our venerable fathers martyred in Sinai & Raithu</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Alice Haritan requested by St. Josaphat's Society	JC
Fri 1/15	<i>Our venerable fathers Paul and John</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Lesya Protynyak requested by Rebecca & Chris Egidi	JC
Sat. 1/16	<i>Veneration of the honorable chains of St. Peter the apostle</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Bob & Deb Sestili	JC
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Bob & Judy Krisovenski	IS
Sun 1/17	<i>Our venerable and God-bearing father Anthony the great</i>		
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of John Jr. & Mary C. Zaletski requested by Mary Suzanne Dennis	IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

JC

.....also Divine for the repose of Arlene Daniels requested
by Charles & Donna Sradomski

IS



JANUARY Birthdays

Lubomyr Chubko	Luba Hlutkowsky	Dan Pituch
Nataliya Milligan	Volodymyr Sabuzhak	Roman Lutsiv
Ronald Artinger	Vasyl Zhurybida	James Bogdon
Jonanthan Hoover	Sheerena Zaletski	Judy Krisovenski
Adrienne English	Bohdan Mykhailiv	Yuri Wowczuk
Voldamyr Matviiev	Natalia Charron	Sophia Chubko
Braden Hoover	Roman Konecky	Nestor Lernatovych
Stephen Medwig	Jessica Petrovych	

Quote:

*Evil has no substance of its own,
but is only the defect, excess, perversion,
or corruption of that which has substance.*

-- Blessed John Henry Newman

Quote: The modern man is no longer a unity, but a confused bundle of complexes and nerves. He is so dissociated, so alienated from himself that he sees himself less as a personality than as a battlefield where a civil war rages between a thousand and one conflicting loyalties. There is no single overall purpose in his life. His soul is comparable to a menagerie in which a number of beasts, each seeking its own prey, turn one upon the other. Or he may be likened to a radio that is tuned in to several stations; instead of getting any one clearly, it receives only an annoying static.

--Fulton J. Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949 (Does this quote still apply)