

January 17, 2016

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let's seize the opportunity and jump into Lent instead of letting Lent creep up on us! Either way the Great Fast will soon be upon us and we will either a) ignore it (thereby gaining nothing) or we will b) enter into it. If we enter into it, then we have two further options: We can be dragged into it or we can jump into it. Being dragged into Lent is like being thrown into a pool with your clothes on. You can grumble and complain about getting wet and in so doing spoil your own mood and the mood of those at the party. Or, you can make the best of the situation, let out a whoop of glee and swim a lap in the pool wearing your best Taffeta ball gown whilst swimming the backstroke. Seize your opportunities and don't let them seize you!

So it is with Lent. Let's make this Great Fast the most productive and memorable in living memory. The Church throws us into these sad waters every year. The demanding regime of fasting, praying more and giving to those in need is a shock to our ego. Now, good friend, realize though that the Church gives this to us not to make us suffer needlessly but to bring us to repentance. By changing 180 degrees from our sinful ways to holier ways we encounter God in a new way, a deeper way, and life gains a new freshness. Shopping can't do this. Technology can't do this. Christ can. Again, the purpose of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is to change our lives.

My responsibility as pastor is to help you along the way. This year I personally want to do something different and I would like to invite you to join me. Here is what I'm asking. Choose one of the practical options below and strive with all your might to follow it during the Great Fast. Just imagine how your life will look by the time Easter will come around. This new habit you form may just stay with you for the rest of your life and you'll be able to look back and say, "The Great Fast of 2016 did that to me!" So, here are the proposals:

- Meditate each day at a set time on a Gospel passage
- Talk to one stranger each day
- Re-evaluate one long-held belief each day
- Practice (at least) one completely selfless act each day
- Take a 30 minute walk each day
- Write a 25,000 word novel in 30 days about your life
- Learn how to draw a human face in 30 days
- Media-fast for 30 days
- Pick one bad habit you already have and ditch it for 30 days
- Keep a journal
- Don't complain for an entire day

I'll follow up next week to see how this goes!

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **FREE CPR and Heart Defibrillator Class** will take place *this 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.” Read “From the Desk of the Pastor.”
- **Please Pay Attention:** The wooden box with red leather that is near the last pew in the church is **NOT** an ashtray nor a garbage pail. Please only put church offerings or letters in this box. Thank you!!!

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: Anastasia Chruszcz, 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.



Mark your Calendars: Climbing the Stairs to Mercy: *Let us approach the throne of grace to find mercy! (Hebrews 4:16)* Our church will host a program for the Year of Mercy on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, beginning at 9:30am with registrations and ending at 3:30pm. *Confessions will be heard around the clock.* This program will feature 3 presentations, followed by group discussion to share insights. (1) - “What do we know about Mercy from the Scriptures?” (2) - “Do we pray for Mercy in the Liturgy?” (3) - “How can we practice Mercy in our lives and parishes?”

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

“**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.

10 Complimentary “Admit One” Tickets for the January 22-24 Remodeling Expo 2016 at the David Lawrence Convention Center are available at the rectory. Either stop by or call the rectory 412-279-4652.

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.

The next HTUCC St. Josaphat Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 19th** at 7pm in the church hall. The topic of discussion will be the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner.

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Ukrainian Selfreliance of West. PA Federal Credit Union will be **Sunday, February 28th** at 3:00pm at the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club (302 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie). Call 412-481-1865 to make your reservations by February 22nd.



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 srannl@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

In order to raise funds for a trip to World Youth Day, the HTUCC Youth Group will be holding one of many fundraisers: The Italian Bread Place Hoagie and Pepperoni Roll Sale for Super Bowl Sunday (February 7th) is presently underway. Order forms are available in the church vestibule or from Youth Group members. Please make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Youth". Orders can be submitted by completing an order form and leaving it in the "box" in the vestibule. Orders can be submitted up to Sunday, January 24th. Orders will be available for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th after the 11:00am Divine Liturgy. For more information about the Parish Youth Group/Youth Group Fundraising, please contact Bohdan Mykhailiv [412-726-8309](tel:412-726-8309) or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.

40 Days for Life Pittsburgh Kick Off will be **February 9th** at 7pm at Synod Hall, Oakland, with guest speaker Rev. Dr. John Guest. 40 days for life (February 10th thru March 20th) is a peaceful prayerful and proven effective pro-life campaign. For additional information: 412-926-9413 or nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com.

Our Lady Grace Church in Scott Township has *invited Holy Trinity* to join their *March for Life Bus Trip to Washington DC* this **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) next 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 \$ ____]."

Quarterly Reminder (January 2016): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Once more we remind our readers that our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com –then click the link for policies.

Vital Stats: \$1,500 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$106.39 for candles, \$20 for the Eparchy, \$22 for energy, \$12 for Special Collection, \$425 for Christmas Offering, \$70 Initial Offering, \$35 for Circumcision of our Lord, \$418 for Theophany, \$38 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$45 for the Youth Group Sandwich Project, \$359 Shchedri Vechir free will offering and \$151 from the “frozen” Pyrohi project, all for a grand total of \$3,201.39. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: January 23 at 4pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Sunday: January 24 at 8:30am: George Honchar & at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. *Veneration of the honorable chains of St. Peter the apostle*
 1/16

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 *Our venerable and God-bearing father Anthony the great*
 1/17

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

Mon *Our father among the saints, Archbishop Athanasius*
 1/18 The Pastor’s day off

12:00pm *FREE CPR and Defibrillator Class in church hall until 3pm*
 *** I expect we will have a large turn out of parishioners for this important class***

Tues 1/19	<i>Our venerable father, Bishop Macarius</i>	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stella Richmond requested by the Thursday Night Guild (OLPH)	JC
Wed 1/20	<i>Our venerable and God-bearing father Euthymius the great of Palestine</i>	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Crazmus, Katherine Kudlak, Helen Kudlak and Verna Padlow (OLPH)	JC
Thurs 1/21	<i>Our venerable father Maximus, confessor</i>	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theodore & Sophia Popivchak requested by an anonymous person	JC
Fri 1/22	<i>The holy apostle Timothy, bishop of Ephesus</i>	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Lesya Protynyak requested by Rebecca Egidi & Family	JC
Sat. 1/23	<i>The holy priest-martyr Clement, bishop of Angora</i>	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sophie Popivchak requested by Helen M. Zaletski	JC
		also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Tom & Ming Medwig	IS
Sun 1/24	<i>Our venerable mother Xenia of Rome & her two servants</i>	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Otchych requested by Diane Kuffner	IS
		11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
		also Divine Liturgy to mark the 10 th anniversary of the late Les Zaliszczuk & all deceased in the Zaliszczuk family & to mark the 40 th day for Anna Zaliszczuk Zhylyk requested by Marika Zaliszczuk & Bohdan & Ann Konecky Families	IS



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lubomyr Chubko
Nataliya Milligan
Ronald Artinger
Jonanthan Hoover
Adrienne English
Voldamyr Matviiev
Braden Hoover
Stephen Medwig
Anastasia Chruszcz

Luba Hlutkowsky
Volodymyr Sabuzhak
Vasyl Zhurybida
Sheerena Zaletski
Bohdan Mykhailiv
Natalia Charron
Roman Konecky
Jessica Petrovych

Dan Pituch
Roman Lutsiv
James Bogdon
Judy Krisovenski
Yuri Wowczuk
Sophia Chubko
Nestor Lernatovych
Andrew Sywy

Quote:

Theologians enumerate eight signs of predestination.

*First, a good life;
secondly, the testimony of a good conscience;
thirdly, patience in adversities for love of God;
fourthly, relish for the light and the word of God;
fifthly, mercy toward those who suffer;
sixthly, love of enemies;
seventhly, humility;
eighthly, special devotion to the Blessed Virgin.*

--Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, *Life Everlasting*