

January 3, 2016

Sunday Before Theophany

***From the Desk of the Pastor***

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!  
Happy New Year!

*Theophany*. Quite an unusual word, and frankly a very unused word. Literally, it means “God-manifestation,” or “God-revealing.” There are a few places in the Old Testament where God peeled away a layer of mystery separating us from Him. One thinks of Abraham meeting the three guests, or of Moses going up to the mountain and the encounter with Him in the giving of the Ten Commandments, or of the time when God revealed Himself to Moses as the great “I am who am,” the LORD. One may think of the Prophet Elijah’s encounter with the LORD in the passing breeze on the rocky cleft of a forsaken face on Mt. Carmel. All of these were types of “theophanies.” But none of them were truly a *Theophany* like that which happened in the Jordan River at the baptism of our Divine Savior, Jesus Christ. On that blessed day when Jesus was baptized by John the voice of the Father was heard saying “This is my beloved Son,” and the Spirit appeared in the form of a dove. Thus, the one God revealed Himself as a Trinity persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is not finished with us yet. Although everything needed for salvation was given us two thousand years ago, with each passing year the Holy Trinity works month after month, day after day to win us over. Each New Year brings new souls into this world who have the fresh prospect of discovering anew those things which have always been discovered yet which never grow old: life and love, joy and light and, ultimately, happiness itself. With each New Year new people encounter these gifts and are led by them to their source, God. Although, to be truthful, it seems each year becomes increasingly wicked in the race to the bottom which we see in popular culture, we also have to see that God does not want to “pull the plug” on us yet because to do so would mean new souls would never have the chance to exist and discover Him and all the saints, angels and the majesty of the great age that awaits those who love God. Each passing year also brings the possibility of sinners converting. If God were to end our age now, then those lost in sin’s slavery and darkness would suffer the eternal pain of Hell. Yet, His *mercy* endures and we have been given another year, a year of mercy.

Please, join with me in making this year a year of mercy so that people who are no longer active in their faith may find in our community the mercy of God. For many people, discovering a God of mercy and truth will be a shocking *theophany*.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

## New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- *Please Note: Our parish e-mail has been changed to holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com*
- Pastoral message of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA can be found in the vestibule of the church. Also inside your bulletin, you will find Theophany cards from His Beatitude Sviatoslav.
- Next Saturday after the 4pm Liturgy Fr. Jason will bless an icon of the Holy Trinity donated to our church by Steven and Helen Marie Zaletsky in memory of their late parents

**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: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, Joe Popivchak and Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003.

**DRC (Diocesan Resource Committee)** will have a meeting next **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in our church hall.** Two people from our parish will be selected to attend this meeting. ***This is an invitation to an open meeting for ALL Western PA Ukrainian Catholics! See you there...Bring a friend!*** The purpose of this open meeting is to brainstorm new ideas and programs to aid Bishop Bohdan and the Eparchy.



**2016 Malanka Dance** will be **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](mailto: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.



**Thank You, LORD!**

**Shchedriy Vechir “Bountiful Supper”** will be next **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** after the 4pm Divine Liturgy in the church hall. **Please bring baked goods!!!**

**Our group (Men Following Jesus Christ)** has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) on **Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 9<sup>th</sup>. *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.*



**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](mailto:mjspak@verizon.net)

**A Kick-Off Meeting for World Youth Day (WYD)** will take place on **Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** 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.*



**The Parish Youth Group is planning on Christmas Caroling** at parishioners homes on **Friday, January 1st, 2016** between **1pm to 7pm**. If you would like Christmas Carolers at your home, please contact the parish office. Please support our parish Youth Group with this wonderful Christmas tradition!



**The Parish Youth Group** will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) on **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Church Hall for distribution to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh’s Hill District on Saturday morning, January 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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:** \$2,548 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$312 for candles, \$250 for the Eparchy, \$141 for Special Collection, \$9,928 for Christmas Offering, \$20 Initial Offering, \$20 for Maternity of Holy Anna, \$2 for Theophany, \$1 for Circumcision of our Lord, \$28 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$100 for the Persecuted Christians in Syria, \$100 for Youth Group Caroling, \$25 Memorial Donation for William & Rita Medwig, \$557.75 for the Christmas Bread, \$30 for Poinsettias, \$63 for Directory Sales, \$30 for Pray for Ukraine bumper stickers, all for a grand total of \$14,155.75. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

### Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: January 9 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: January 10 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk & at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. 1/2	<i>Our father among the saints, Sylvester, pope of Rome</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sam Davis requested by the Davis Family	JC
	.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Deb & Bob Sestili	IS
Sun 1/3	<i>The holy prophet Malachi</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Rev. Vladimir Jaworski requested by George Honchar and Family	IS

11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
	.....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Denise Neczypir requested by Steve, Steve Jr. and Mark Neczypir	IS
Mon 1/4	<i>Synaxis of the holy 70 apostles</i>  The Pastor's day off	
Tues 1/5	<b>Vigil of Theophany</b> - <i>This is a holy day of obligation requiring attendance at church either at the vigil this evening or tomorrow. It is also an obligatory fast day: no meat may be eaten by those 14-59 inclusively. *The blessing of waters takes place at this service.</i>	
	7:00pm Vespereal Divine Liturgy for the health of John Maslany requested by The St. Josaphat Society	JC
Wed 1/6	<b>The holy Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ -a holy day of obligation</b>	
	11:00am Divine Liturgy at HTUCC for the people	IS
	5:00pm Divine Liturgy at OLPH Wheeling	JC
Thurs 1/7	<i>Synaxis of the holy, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist</i>	
	8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Michael & Jane Popivchak requested by an anonymous person	JC
Fri 1/8	<i>Our venerable father George the Chozebite</i>	
	8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Thomas Witkowski requested by Stephen & Ruth Zelinsky (OLPH)	JC
Sat. 1/9	<i>The holy martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia</i>	
	10:30am <i>DRC Meeting in the church hall</i>	
	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*

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Sun *Our holy father Gregory, bishop of Nyssa*

1/10  
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



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### 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	

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Quote:

*Teach me to feel another's woe,*

*To hide the fault I see;*

*That mercy I to others show,*

*That mercy show to me.*

(Alexander Pope)