

November 20, 2016

27th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First of all, I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving! If you want to be humbled, begin to count all the ways God has blessed you and your loved ones in life. I bet that even some of yesterday's difficulties are on that list of today's "Thank you" list to God. Because He is so good He works trials into triumphs. For all these blessings, we thank Him, especially for the blessing of our free exercise of religion.

Also, today we close out the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. At the request of Bishop Bohdan, we will hold a special Moleben of Mercy at the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy today. However, as this special year draws to a close, let none of us think that God's mercy ends with it. If we need His mercy, then let us show it to others for "...with the merciful you will show yourself merciful, and with the upright man you will show yourself upright." (2 Samuel 22:26)

To ask for mercy should mean that we know what mercy is in the first place. But, what society understands of mercy is not the same as how Jesus understands mercy. In explaining this I simply cannot improve upon Bishop Sheen's explanation on mercy. The following words are from him.

"As the world grows soft, it uses more and more the word mercy. This could be a praiseworthy characteristic if mercy were understood right. But too often by mercy is meant letting anyone who breaks the natural or the Divine law, or who betrays his country simply get away with such acts with impunity. Such mercy is an emotion, not a virtue, when it justifies the killing by a son of his father because he is "too old." To avoid any imputation of guilt, what is actually a murder is called *euthanasia* (or mercy-killing, ed.).

Forgotten in all such mercy pleas is the principle that *mercy is the perfection of justice*. Mercy does not come first, and then justice; but rather justice first, then mercy. The divorce of mercy and justice is sentimentality, as the divorce of justice from mercy is severity. Mercy is not love when it is divorced from justice. Love can be stern, forceful, or even fierce, as was the love of the Savior. It makes a scourge of ropes and drives buyers and sellers out of temples; it refuses to give the courtesy of speech to moral triflers like Herod, for it would only add to his moral guilt; it turns on a Roman Procurator, boasting of Totalitarian law, and reminds him that he would have no power unless it were given him by God. When a gentle hint to a woman at the well did no good, He went to the point ruthlessly and reminded her that she had five divorces.

If mercy meant the forgiveness of all faults without retribution and without justice, it would end in a multiplication of wrongs. The moral man is not he who is namby-pamby, or who has drained his emotions of the sterner stuff of justice; rather he is one whose gentleness and mercy are part of a larger organism, whose eyes can flash with righteous indignation, and whose muscles can become as steel in defense, like St. Michael, of the Justice and the Rights of God.

May our parish, in mercy and in thanksgiving, approach our Lord Jesus with awe and love!

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Wine and Cheese Bible Study!** Wednesday evenings in November from 7-8pm in Church Hall. Topic: *The Book of James* Class limit: 10 people. Register by email: holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com or call the office.

- **Christmas Caroling** at Holy Trinity parishioner's homes by our Youth Group will take place on **Friday, December 30th** (predominately English) 6pm-10pm and on **Friday, January 6th** (predominately Ukrainian) 6pm -10pm. *Please call the rectory if you would like the carolers to come to your home!* 412-279-4652. The Christmas Caroling is a big fundraiser for our Youth Group, so any donations are gratefully accepted.



- **Mark your calendars:** Our St. Nicholas Party will be on **Sunday, December 4** after the 11am Divine Liturgy.



- **Remember,** the last day to order pyrohi for Christmas is **Dec. 9th**. Also, we will need volunteers during Pyrohi Marathon week, Dec.12-16.

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, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, Eugene Szestak, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik, and Frances Ingram.

Thanksgiving Day Open House: Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church here in Carnegie is hosting a Prayer Service at noon, Thursday, November 24th, followed by free diner served from 1-5pm. Eat in or Take out. For more info. call 412-600-9585

English & Ukrainian Choir Practice will be Tuesday, **November 29th** (skipping the 22nd before Thanksgiving) at 7:30pm in the church to practice for Christmas.



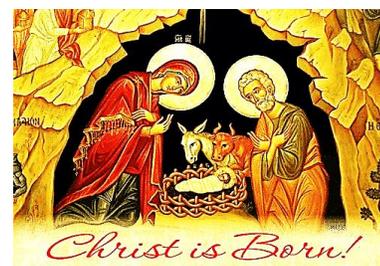
Spiritually Adopt a Priest Program. Our priests are indispensable. They give their lives to their saving mission of Christ and His church. It is our duty to pray for our priests. And so we are officially starting our "Adopt a Priest Program." We will send interested parishioners a prayer card with the specific name of a priest, bishop or seminarian for whom to pray. And each year thereafter, at the beginning of our church year, September 1st, we will send a different priest to include in your prayers. **To**

participate, please e-mail your name and address to: spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com. Indicate your preference for an English or Ukrainian prayer card. Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.

ПРОГРАМА ДУХОВНОЇ ПІДТРИМКИ СВЯЩЕНИКІВ
Наші священики незамінні. Вони присвятили своє життя для спасительної місії Христа і Його Церкви. Наш обов'язок молитися за наших священиків. І тому ми офіційно починаємо програму духовної підтримки священиків. Ми направимо зацікавленим парафіянам молитовну картку з ім'ям певного священика, єпископа або семінариста, за кого слід молитися. Щороку на початку нашого церковного року, 1 вересня, ми будемо посилати Вам ім'я іншого священика, щоб додати його до Ваших молитов. **Для участі надішліть будь-ласка своє ім'я та адресу на електронну пошту: spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com.** Складаємо щире подяку від імені наших священиків за Вашу турботу.

HTUCC Poinsettias for Christmas offering envelopes are in the church vestibule. \$22 for a 10 inch (we ordered 8) and \$15 for an 8 inch (we ordered 36). You can drop your envelope in the collection basket. **Deadline: Wed., December 14th.**

Christmas Cards are on sale to raise money for Holy Trinity's general fund. Cost: \$16 for a pack of 15 beautiful gold & red colored cards. HTUCC will profit \$8 per pack. Inside message: *Behold a mighty wonder! In Bethlehem, in a manger of dumb beasts, a young Child is born who is the eternal God! Glorify Him!* To purchase the cards: Call the rectory or send an email: to holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com. **Only 14 packs remain!**



Pancake Breakfast Bar will take place at All Saints Polish National Catholic Church on Sunday, December 4th from 7:30am – 11:30am in the church auditorium (514 3rd Avenue, Carnegie). Cost: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under the age of 12. Menu includes: pancakes with toppings, sausage, fruit cup, orange juice, coffee & tea. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Ukrainian Selfreliance Credit Union- Promotional Loan Offer: Between Oct. 1st and Dec. 31st, the credit union is offering “Triple Play” { $\$1,000 * 1\% * 1 \text{ Year}$ }. The monthly payment is \$83.79. Use this for gifts, car repairs, tires, kitchen appliances, home furnishing, payoff bills, etc. Rate is APR-annual percentage rate. Loan is for qualified member with proof of income, credit report & completed loan application. Call for additional information: 412-481-1865

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 \$_____].”

Do you need Estate Planning, Last Will and Testament, Living Will?

If so, consider giving John Sembrat a call. His number is: 412-260-8605

Quarterly Reminder: 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. 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.

Vital Stats for Sunday Nov. 13th: \$1,550 was offered in the collection with another \$107.50 for candles, \$15 for the Eparchy, \$30 for Utilities, \$264 for Priest’s Retirement, \$37 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, all for a grand total of \$2,003.50. The Pyrohi Project brought in a “*net amount*” of \$2,502, and the Art, Crafts & Food Bazaar grossed \$2,657. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, Nov.26 at 4pm: Mary Reabe
- Sunday, Nov. 27 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo
- Sunday, Nov. 27 at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. *The holy prophet Obadiah*

11/19

4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 33rd anniversary of the late Walter Zaletski requested by Rebecca Zaletski IS

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 1st anniversary of the late Carol Kulik Carroway requested by Bruce & Veronica Alstad and Family JC

Sun. 11/20	<i>Prefeast of the Entrance into the temple of the Theotokos</i>		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by Catherine & Richard Briola		IS
	<i>.....followed by a Moleben of Mercy</i>		
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
	<i>....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon requested by Vasyl & Nadia Nakonechnyy</i>		IS
	<i>.....followed by a Moleben of Mercy</i>		
Mon. 11/21	Entrance into the temple of the Theotokos		
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theresa Zozula requested by Pat McGuire		JC
Tues. 11/22	<i>The holy apostles Philemon and those with him</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Alex Syrylo (OLPH) requested by Suzie Syrylo		JC
Wed. 11/23	<i>Our father among the saints, Bishops Amphilochius & Gregory</i>		
Thurs. 11/24	Thanksgiving Day: Holy great martyr Catherine of Alexandria		
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Mishtal requested by Eleanor Patross		JC
Fri. 11/25	<i>Priest-martyr Pope Clement & Archbishop Peter of Alexandria</i>		
Sat. 11/26	<i>Our venerable father Alypius the stylite</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 st anniversary of the late Arlene Daniels requested by the Daniels Family		JC
	<i>....also Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda for the victims of the Holodomor requested by New Ukrainian Wave</i>		IS
	<i>....followed by a social and movie in church hall</i>		

Sun. *Holy great martyr James of Persia*

11/27

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 44th anniversary of the late Robert Esterburg requested by Arlene Esterburg IS

....with Rite of Preparation on Tetrapod

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

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arseni & Vera Patross requested by Eleanor Patross IS

....with Rite of Preparation on Tetrapod



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Medwig

Carol Ostaffe

Jean Kincak

Karen Colaizzi

Volodymyr Lernatovych

Elizabeth Artinger

Lubow Matviiev

Helen Koss

John Milligan

Oksana Mykhayliv

Jia Kohl

Anna Kohl

Evhen Sushko

Stephen Sywy

Zach Sudiak

Frances Ingram

Rosemarie Zagorsky

Ludmyla Kalachuk

Betty Bolye

John Besspiata

Daniel Holowaty

Angela Honchar

Anna Kuzemka

Alex Pretka



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

Christian tradition regards sin as an illness, which distorts one's divine image. In one of the troparia of the Parastas service, we sing, "I am the image of your ineffable glory, though I bear the brands of transgressions." Therefore, a sinful person does not so much deserve condemnation as require healing - God's mercy and forgiveness. Thus, a sinner is ill and Christ is the physician. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Mt 9:12) (# 757)

Pyrohi Volunteers are NEEDED!!!

Christmas Pyrohi Marathon

December 12th thru 16th

***Any Time* between our work hours!!!**



We'll supply the coffee, snacks & one dozen free pyrohi...

You supply the pinches...or if you prefer kitchen duty, dough rolling, pyrohi packing etc. You name it, there's a job for you!!!

Work Hours: Thurs & Fri. 7:30 - 11am

Hours open to the Public: Thurs. 9am - Noon; Fri. 9am - 2pm