

November 27, 2016

28th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A couple weeks ago Halyna and I had a chance to enjoy a three day visit to Washington, DC; while there we visited the National Gallery of Art. I really like the Impressionists and, so was very pleased to see an original painting done by the now famous Dutch painter, Vincent Van Gogh. Not a few days passed after returning home and we saw an international story about a collection of his lost sketches which have now been made available for purchase in book format. The fame around this man continues to grow over a century after his death. He produced more than 1,700 paintings and drawings in his lifetime. Despite this, did you know that he sold only one of them – for a mere \$85?

Van Gogh died thinking he was a failure. Yet, a century later his painting *Dr. Gachet* sold for \$82.5 million. Van Gogh never saw in his lifetime what he hoped to see. He never heard what he hoped to hear. Yet, like the prophets and kings of old, he stayed the course. The story of Van Gogh prompts me to ask: what is my chief motivation in staying the course which I am pursuing?

As Christians, we are in hot pursuit of God's Kingdom. That is our motivation. Do our possessions help us to that end or do they distract us? In today's Gospel, our lovely Jesus says this to us, "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.... You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (Luke 12: 35, 40). Today is the first Sunday in St. Philip's Fast, and as such this reading reminds us to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming, to ask ourselves what is our motivation for staying the course? Why do we come to church every Sunday? Like Van Gogh, we have very little to gain in this world from this pursuit of ours. Unlike Van Gogh, we are certain that greatness awaits each of us after this life when Jesus establishes his Kingdom. What prevents me from pursuing this goal with more zeal? These weeks leading up to Christmas are a wonderful time to prepare our souls for His coming and to purify our motivation.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Needed! One of our parishioners** is in need of renting a room or an apartment for two or three months. If you can help him, please contact rectory 412-279-4652.
- **PAC meeting this Tuesday in Church Hall at 7pm.**
- **Stairway to basement is being painted**, retreaded for anti-slip on the stairs and new carpeting on the landing. Also, we have cleaned out and repainted the storage room where flour for pyrohi and Sunday School supplies are kept.
- **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.



- **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 **Friday, Dec. 9th**. **Pick up is Wed, Thurs. & Fri. Dec 14th, 15th and 16th from 9am – 4pm.** 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, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik, Frances Ingram and John Mosur.

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 щирю подяку від імені наших священиків за Вашу турботу.

English & Ukrainian Choir Practice will be Tuesday, **November 29th** at 7:30pm in the church to practice for Christmas.



On Saturday, Dec 10th we will be making cabbage rolls, (**Holubtsi**) and we need HELP! We will be cooking from 8 am until 4 pm. If you are able to help, in any way, please call Lyudmyla Kalachuk at 412-498-7142 or lyudmyla.kalachuk@gmail.com.



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. 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!**



Taste of Heaven Cookie Sale will take place at *St. Gregory of Nazianzus Church* (2005 Mohawk Road, Upper St. Clair PA (near South Hills Village Mall) on Saturday, **December 3rd** from 8am – 12 noon. Containers provided for you to select your favorites from a large assortment of homemade cookies and holiday treats. Small container \$8,

large container \$15. For directions visit their website: <http://stgregoryusc.org/php/contact.php> or call the Parish office 412-835-7800.

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.

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

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 \$_____].”

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. 20th: \$1,637 was offered in the collection with another \$68 for candles, \$100 for Utilities, \$10 for Priest’s Retirement, \$181 for Entrance of the Theotokos, \$145 for Thanksgiving Day, \$22 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$350 for help for a pregnant woman, and \$205 from the CCD Hoagie Sale, all for a grand total of \$2,718. The Pyrohi Project brought in a “*net amount*” of \$2,497. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday, Dec. 4 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk, and at 11am: Sophia Charron

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

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
also Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda for the victims of the Holodomor requested by New Ukrainian Wave	IS
	<i>....followed by a social and movie in church hall</i>	
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Sun. 11/27	<i>Holy great martyr James of Persia</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 44 th anniversary of the late Robert Esterburg requested by Arlene Esterburg	IS
	<i>....with Rite of Preparation on Tetrapod</i>	
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
	<i>....with Rite of Preparation on Tetrapod</i>	
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Mon. 11/28	<i>The holy venerable martyr Stephen the younger</i> The pastor's day off	
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Tues. 11/29	<i>The holy martyrs Paramon & Philomenus & the 370 others martyred with Philomenus in 250 A.D.</i>	
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Stein (OLPH) requested by Olga Cienki, Mike Glowa & Janet Cienki	JC
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Wed.	The holy & most praiseworthy apostle Andrew, the first	

11/30

called by the Lord.

8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Lysa Protynyak requested by Rebecca & Chris Egidi JC

Thurs. *The holy prophet Nahum*

12/1

Fri. *The holy prophet Habakkuk*

12/2

Sat. *The holy prophet Zephaniah*

12/3

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Arlene Dorn JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Kuzbida & Popovich Families & Stephen Simek requested by Mary Simek IS

Sun *The holy great martyr Barbara*

12/4

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Ted Konecky requested by the St. Josaphat Society IS

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

....also Divine Liturgy for the health of Marko requested by Lyudmyla Kalachuk and Family IS

NOVEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

Mark Medwig	John Milligan	Rosemarie Zagorsky
Carol Ostaffe	Oksana Mykhayliv	Ludmyla Kalachuk
Jean Kincak	Jia Kohl	Betty Bolye
Karen Colaizzi	Anna Kohl	John Besspiata
Volodymyr Lematovych	Evhen Sushko	Daniel Holowaty
Elizabeth Artinger	Stephen Sywy	Angela Honchar
Lubow Matviiev	Zach Sudiak	Anna Kuzemka
Helen Koss	Frances Ingram	Alex Pretka

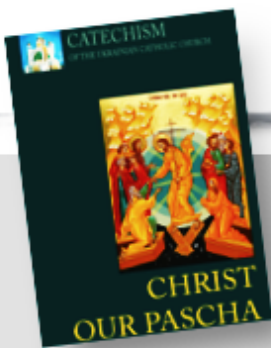


DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Peter Colaizzi
Eric Hanzel
Yuriy Pavlyshyn
Kathy Sembrat
Steve Neczypir
Matthew Klim

Oleg Mykhayliv
Walter Kalyn
David Moss
Russ Zorey
Faith Markle
Euphemia Medwig

Pat Johnson
Terry Styran
Helen Moskal
Jennifer Styran
Martha Charron



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

Sin is, first of all, a person's state that manifests itself in actions, and a sinful deed is the conscious and voluntary violation of God's commandment. Violation of even one of God's commandments is a violation of all of God's Law. "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable (guilty) for all of it. For he who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become transgressor of law" (Jas2:10-11). As one illness can cause another, so one soon leads to another. Saint John of Damascus emphasizes that there are eight evil "thoughts" (in Creek, *logismoj*), that give rise to sin: gluttony, lust, avarice(love of money), melancholy, anger, acedia (depondency), vain glory and pride. We call them the capital sins as they are the root of all other sinful acts. (# 758)

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

