

February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Great Lent

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

A friend of mine writes a weekly column for a church and he did such a great job of it I thought I'd simply pass it along to you all! This is the Sunday of Orthodoxy and I hope you enjoy his explanation as much as I have. Thank you, Deacon Dozier!

The word “orthodoxy” comes from two Greek words: “*orthos*” (meaning “straight”) and “*doxa*” (meaning either “opinion” or “glory”). We use the first part of this compound word in many different contexts. We speak of “orthodontists” as a form of dentistry tasked with the straightening of teeth. Or an “orthopedic surgeon” as a doctor who straightens up the skeletal structures of children. In the context of our faith, “orthos” refers to something that is straight or true, and not crooked. The second part of that compound word, “doxa” can mean “notions,” “beliefs” or “glory.” We speak of certain types of prayers in Scripture and our liturgical texts as “doxologies,” since they offer words (logos) of praise and glory to God. When we put them together, “orthodoxy” means either “true faith” or “true worship.” This is rather fitting since as Byzantine Christians especially if we want to discover more fully what we believe, the content of our faith, we need to hear and see how we worship. Liturgical texts and actions are a living catechism for the Christian faith. In the Liturgy, for instance, the teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles and the whole Bible comes to life before our very eyes, ears and all our senses. The Latin phrase “*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*” means “The Law of Prayer (is) the Law of Belief.”

Christianity was never really a religion of the classroom, but a religion of the temple, and worship for us is a form of discipleship in Christ. In our worship we learn how to live the Gospel, we are immersed in the glory of its Kingdom, and we are empowered to live it out faithfully. This is one of the reasons why Byzantine Christians especially are very conscientious in the way we celebrate our traditions of worship. Words, actions, objects – all these things communicate the truth and the glory of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of the Holy Trinity. Today is called the “Sunday of Orthodoxy” or “The Triumph of Orthodoxy” since it recounts the great triumph in the 8th century by the clergy, the monks and the faithful of the party of the iconodules (“the lovers of sacred icons”) over the iconoclasts (“the destroyers of icons”). Iconoclasm was a heresy that taught that the use of sacred icons was forbidden by divine command, mis-applying an interpretation of the Ten Commandments against idolatry to the holy use of sacred images of Christ and the saints. This particular heresy was taught especially by the Byzantine Emperors at that time, who engaged in an open persecution against the

“lovers of icons” for 117 years. Churches and icons were destroyed, many martyrs and confessors suffered and gave their lives to protect these holy images and the faith of the people. Some even took them and hid them in houses, barns, places of work and monasteries. It was not until the Ecumenical Council of Nicea II in 787 A.D. that the heretical teaching of the iconoclasts was condemned and the full Christian teaching upholding the rightful use of icons depicting Christ and the saints as a form of “the Gospel in color” was upheld. Soon after the “orthodox” or “right believing” and “right worshipping” clergy, monks and faithful paraded in the streets with the icons they had hidden away from the persecutors and brought them triumphantly in grand processions to the Churches of Constantinople and around the Byzantine Empire where they were restored to the sanctuaries.

I hope this explanation will be of help to you in understanding why we call today the Sunday of Orthodoxy and why we dedicate this Sunday to the veneration of the Holy Icons.

In Christ,

Jason

priest and sinner.

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- ******Another Lenten activity in our parish: “The Three Foods.”** Mark your calendar for 7pm on **February 26th**. At that time we will have nationally renowned Catholic author and speaker Mike Aquilina come to our parish and speak after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. There will be food for the soul (pre-sanctified liturgy), food for the mind (Mike’s lesson on the role of the Christian family in converting the ancient word) and food for the body (everyone brings one dish – potluck!) ****
- ******Parish Retreat: Fr. Teodosy Kraychuk**, a monk and priest in our church from Canada, will be directing our parish retreat **March 11-13**. Attend!****
- **Something new in our parish: “In Loving Memory” cards.** Have you ever attended the funeral of a friend who belongs to another church and wanted to assure them that you are doing something for them or their late loved one in a meaningful way? Today, you can find cards in the vestibule of the church. When they open the card they see that you have requested a Liturgy or a Panakhyda or a Parastas for the deceased to be remembered here at Holy Trinity. The price of the card (only) is \$2. It is customary to donate \$10 to the priest for a Liturgy and a lesser amount for the Panakhyda or Parastas.

NUT ROLLS-\$12.00 will be available for Easter. **Orders** must be in by **Tues., March 1st** and pick up is March 17th or 18th from 9am until 4pm. When ordering you need to specify your pick-up date. Call 412-276-9897 to place nut roll orders.

PYROHI will be available for Easter. Orders must be in by March 11th and pick up is March 17th and March 18th from 9am until 4pm. When ordering, please specify type of pyrohi and pick-up-date. Call 412-276-9897 to place PYROHI orders.

PASKA BREAD -\$7 plain, \$7.50 raisin will be available for Easter. **Orders** must be in by **Friday, March 18th** and pick up is March 22nd and March 23rd from 2pm until 5pm. *LIMITED QUANTITY – Order early.* When ordering you need to specify type of bread and pick-up date. Call 412-276-9897 to place PASKA bread orders.

- **Eparchial Days of Mercy** will be held here at HTUCC on **March 4th and March 5th**. This will be a wonderful time to go to Confession during the Holy Fast of Lent. Bishop Bohdan has requested that our church be a regional site for confessions. All day Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th, our parish will be open for confessions with numerous priests available.
- **Pregnant woman** in Crafton area in need of assistance. Through Fr. Jason's work with the Pro Life movement he has learned of a woman in the Crafton area who has chosen to keep her child but has been abandoned by the child's father. If you'd like to help email or call the parish office.
- **A Painting Workshop** will take place this Monday, February 15th from 10am until 12pm in the church hall. All supplies will be provided. Ages: 5 and up! 
- **PYSANKY** Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating workshops will be held at our church hall *every Sunday* beginning **Feb. 28th and March 6th, 13th, and 20th**, from 2pm until 4pm. All supplies are provided * Ages: 10 and up * Cost: Free will donations * Registration is required- call Halyna Charron 412-489-6248 

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, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe

Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Anna Szmul, Tillie Volanski, Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003.

An international student who will be attending Seton LaSalle High School is in need of a host family to provide her room and board. If interested in helping, call Fr Jason for more details.

Coffee & Catechesis will be Saturday, **February 20th**, from 10:15am until 11:15am at the Carnegie Coffee Company (Old Carnegie Post Office Building).  Please put questions in the wooden box in the back of the church or email Deacon Myron Spak at mjspak@verizon.net or holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com. Bring a Friend!



Sarris Candies will be sold again this year *to help underwrite Parish Youth Group Activities*. Order forms are available in the church vestibule. Please make your check payable: "Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Youth". **Orders can be submitted** by completing an order form and leaving it in the box in the vestibule **up to Sunday February 28th**. Orders will be ready for pick up on Palm Sunday, March 20th. For more information, call Bo 412-726-8309 or bohdamnykhailiv@yahoo.com.

Fighting the Good Fight of Faith is this year's theme for the Eparchy of St. Josaphat **Lock-in-Retreat** for teenager and young adults to be held at St. Anne's (4310 Kirk Road, Youngstown, OH 44511) on Saturday 2/27 and Sunday 2/28 (1:30pm to 11am). **Deadline to RSVP is Monday, February 15th**. Contact Deacon Myron Spak 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net. *Please note: February 15th is the date when Tee-Shirts are ordered, and food planning begins. Registrations can occur and are encouraged on the event day, but there will be no guarantee of a Tee shirt.*



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 **Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5, 2016**. *Confessions will be heard around the clock on both days!* The Saturday program will begin at 9:30am (registrations) and end at 3:30pm. This program will feature 3 presentations, followed by group discussion to share insights: (1) "What do we know about Mercy from the Scriptures?" {Rev. Fr. Jason Charron} (2) "Do we pray for Mercy in the Liturgy?" {Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Appleyard} and (3) "How can we practice Mercy in our lives and parishes?" {Rev. Fr. Michael Polosky}.

49th Annual Ukrainian Pysanky Sale will take place at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (220 Mansfield Blvd, Carnegie) on **Sunday, March 20th** from 11am until 4pm. With over 1,200 Pysanky Easter eggs and over 300 specialty eggs, this is still the biggest egg sale in town! For more information, visit www.orthodoxcarnegie.org or phone 412-527-5359 or 412-279-2111.

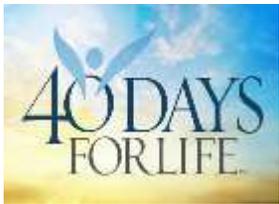
The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Ukrainian Selfreliance of West. PA Federal Credit Union will be **Sunday, February 28th** at 3:00pm at the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club (302 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie). Call 412-481-1865 to make your reservations by February 22nd.

Take responsibility to protect your life! Prepare NOW for a sudden emergency. You could be anywhere - at work, school, home, or in the car. How will you communicate, find each other and know if your children, family members and parents are safe? Where will you meet, where will you go, and what will you eat? Our church's fallout shelter may not provide for everyone's needs - regardless of how many frozen pyrohi are stored. There will be three (1) hour presentations beginning at 1pm in the church hall. Attend these presentations produced by the PA Emergency Mgt. Agency, NRA and the American Red Cross and learn that awareness and preparedness is your key to personal safety and survival.

Class #1 "Emergency Preparedness" will be *this* Sunday, Feb 14th

Class #2 "Refuse to be a Victim" will be on March 6th

Class #3 "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors" will be on April 10th



Our Vigil for 40 Days for Life is next Sunday, February 21st in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic (933 Liberty Avenue) downtown Pittsburgh from 3pm to 7pm. (Time Slots are 3-4pm, 4-5pm 5-6pm and 6-7pm. Please bring a friend. Call Deacon Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspark@verizon.net. **PRAY TO END ABORTION!**

\$2,000 post-secondary scholarship will be awarded to a student by Pennsylvania American Water. To apply, students must complete the Stream of Learning Scholarship application at pennsylvaniaamwater.com. Deadline is March 21, 2016. **All applications** must be postmarked by **March 21, 2016**. Any questions, call 724-743-3103.

A Winter Soup Sale will take place on Saturday, March 5th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (218 Alter Street, East Carnegie) from 9am until 1pm. Homemade savory soups: Vegetarian Chili, Beef Barley, Chicken Noodle & Manhattan Clam Chowder, \$3.50 / pint \$7 / quart. Pre-orders can be made by calling 412-279-3615 no later than February 21st.

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: \$2,540 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$291 for candles, \$15 for the Eparchy, \$425 for Utilities, \$45 Special Offering, \$270 for Presentation of our Lord, \$35 Initial Offering, \$25 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$25 for Persecuted Christians in Syria, \$100 for the Youth Group, \$10 for prosphora, \$1,200 donation for the Church books, and \$2,461.50 from the Pyrohi Project, all for a grand total of \$7,442.50. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Friday: February 19 (Pre-Sanct.) at 7pm: George Honchar
- Saturday: February 20 at 4pm: Dr. Justine Perhosky
- Sunday: February 21 at 8:30am: Terry Styran & at 11am: Cantor
- Friday: February 26 (Pre-Sanct.) at 7pm: George Honchar

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

Sat. *Our venerable father Martinian, the hermit of Caesarea*
2/13

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the health of Theresa Zozula and Patricia McGuire requested by St. Josaphat Society JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Nick Volanski requested by his wife Katherine & Mary Ann IS

Sun *The passing of our venerable father, Cyril, teacher of the Slavs*
2/14

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels requested by George Honchar & Family IS

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

.....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 1st anniversary of the late John Shiwarski requested by his wife Mary & Family IS

Mon 2/15	<i>The holy apostle Onesimus, the slave of Philemon</i>		
	<i>Pastor's day off</i>		
Tues 2/16	<i>The holy martyrs Pamphillius, Valentine & Porphyrius</i>		
	8:30 am	Matins	
Wed 2/17	<i>The holy great martyr Theodore of Tyre</i>		
	6:30 pm	Pre-sanctified Liturgy in Wheeling, WV, OLPH	JC
Thurs 2/18	<i>The father among the saints, Leo, pope of Rome</i>		
	8:30 am	Matins	
Fri 2/19	<i>The holy apostle Archippus, one of the 70 apostles</i>		
	7:00pm	Pre-sanctified Liturgy for the repose of Michael V. Zaletski requested by John Zaletsky	JC
Sat. 2/20	<i>Our venerable father Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily</i>		
	8:30am	Parastas for those enrolled in Sorokousti	JC
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Mishtal requested by Dr. Justine Perhosky	JC
	also Divine Liturgy to mark the birthday of the late Julia Maksin requested by Conrad & Margie Kulik	IS
Sun 2/21	<i>Our venerable father Timothy the Symbolite</i>		
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of John Moskal requested by his wife Helen.	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
	also Divine Liturgy to mark the 11 th anniversary of the late Mykola Neczypir requested by the Neczypir Family	IS



BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Alstad

Halyna Ciarallo

Ted Sywy

Maria Hanzel

Olga Konecky

Alex Konecky

Chris Kohl

Natalia Lutsiv

Joseph Wowczuk

Pat Baessler

Ivan Slota

Cesare Ulrich

Vivian Ulrich

Heidi Sciulli

Anne Konecky

Rebecca Zaletski

Maxim Milligan

Gabby Blythe

Donna Sradomski

Mary Kurzawski

Loretta Luebbert

Tillie Volanski

Mark Popivchak

Alice Johnson

Daniel Saad

Quotes: “Pay attention carefully. After the sin comes the shame; courage follows repentance. Did you pay attention to what I said? Satan upsets the order; he gives the courage to sin and the shame to repentance.”+ St. John Chrysostom