

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

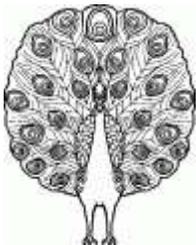
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Today, Jesus enters into Jerusalem and the events of this great day are rich in meaning. There is the symbolism of the palms, in addition to the symbolism of riding on a donkey. There is deep meaning in the greeting which the people give to Him, *“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.”* How to take all this in?

Well, in order to explore these deep meanings, let’s first take a step back and look at the big picture. In our modern society the vast majority of people are literate, 99%. In Haiti, just a two-hour flight from Miami, the literacy rate is only 48.7%. So, in the ancient world, we should not be surprised to learn that the early Church and the Divine Author and human writers of the Holy Bible did not hesitate to use symbols to help people understand important truths for the salvation of souls. Symbols played an important role in helping the vast majority of the ordinary people deepen their faith and strengthen their hope. These ancient Christian symbols were often codes in times of persecution, or also ways of making loud statements that all would understand. Understanding today’s reading means looking at the events with the eyes of a Jew living in Jerusalem in 33AD. Look at the following symbols and fill in their meaning with a pen.









For today’s homily we will look at these above symbols and use them to help us better understand the power of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, the city which kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!

In Christ,

Jason (priest and sinner)

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Remember to contribute to our Natalia in Ukraine Fund.** The box is at the entrance of the church. Last week we had less than \$10 to support this handicapped woman.
- **Fresco on ceiling** above the holy altar is peeling. This was discussed at last PAC meeting. After Easter we will move forward with the best way to resolve the problem. Fundraiser to come, so keep your spare change handy!
- **Elections have consequences.** Please read the article towards the end of today's bulletin about the *Little Sisters of the Poor*. They are being taken to the Supreme Court by this present Administration for the purported crime of following the teachings of our holy faith! Pray for the Sisters. They are suffering on our behalf, that we may still say we are "free" in the "Land of the free and the home of the brave." Come, Lord Jesus!
- **SVIACHENE 2016** will be **Sunday, April 17th** in the church hall, after the 10:30am bi-lingual Divine Liturgy.
- **In accord with the Particular Law of the UGCC**, our parish will soon begin the practice of reciting the Third Hour prayers before the celebration on the Divine Liturgy on Sundays.
- **Parish Movie Day: The Passion of the Christ** in Church Hall Palm Sunday from 2pm-4pm.
- **Veneration at the Grave of the Lord** sign up sheet is posted in the church vestibule. Please sign your name for the hour you can pray on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- **Fr. Jason has asked Mr. Michael Jula** for help in designing a Museum Room here at Holy Trinity. Space is at a premium, but Michael's creativity is not! The goal is to have a well-appointed space for visitors to see all that parishioners (living and deceased) have done over the years to make this parish a reality. We wish to thank the Estate of Emily Stecko for helping with initial start-up costs of this project. Again, if you have ideas, please put them in the collection basket or contact the office.
- **PASKA BREAD Pick up** is **Tues., March 22nd & Wed., March 23rd** from 2pm until 5pm in the church hall.

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 & Kathleen Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Anna Szmul, Tillie Volanski, Bishop Richard Seminack, our former pastor, Donald Schultz, & Pat McGuire.



Easter Flowers for the Altar sheets and envelopes are in the church vestibule. We have ordered (70) 6-inch Lilies at \$7.00 each, (2) 8-inch Tulips at \$14.00 each and (4) 8-inch Hydrangeas at \$17.00 each. Please complete your envelopes and **return by March 23rd**.

Sheptytsky Arms is in need of some furniture for 2 of their residents: a coffee table, bed stand, table lamps or tall standing lamps, a small sofa or 3 or a love seat. Please call, Sister Olga at 412-766-8802



49th Annual Ukrainian Pysanky Sale will take place at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (220 Mansfield Blvd, Carnegie) **this 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.

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 & know if your children, family members & parents are safe? Where will you meet, where will you go, & what will you eat? Our church's fallout shelter may not provide for everyone's needs - regardless of how many frozen pyrohi are stored. The last presentation "**Disaster Preparedness for Seniors**" will be on **April 10th at 1pm** in the church hall.

Holy Trinity Fundraising. We have a number of costs facing our parish. First, the fresco of the Most Holy Trinity on the ceiling above the altar is chipping again. I understand this happens every few years. We will need to hire an expert to examine the root causes of this problem before we begin restoration work. Any painting done there, however, will have to fit into a color scheme which compliments the rest of the church. Second, the wooden base around the gutters on the church roof are beginning to rot. Third, we will need to do renovation work on the washrooms in the church hall, as well as the floors of the church office itself. Pyrohi funds can help with some of this,

but the rest we will need to look at fundraising ideas. If you have an idea, please write it down and put it anonymously in the collection basket.

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner will take place at the Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Ave, Carnegie) **Saturday, April 2nd** from 4pm until 7pm. Chicken & dumplings, gravy, salad, peas, applesauce, rolls, choice of dessert, beverage. Adults: \$12.95, children 5 to 12 yrs: \$5.95, children 4 & under, Free. Tickets must be purchased by March 28th. Call 412-276-0366 to reserve your tickets.

Pennsylvania American Water is conducting its 13th annual Protect Our Watersheds **Art Contest** which is open to 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. **Deadline for entries: Wed., March 30th**. The Grand Prize winner receives a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble, plus will have his/her artwork printed on unique seed-filled cards that when planted and watered produce flowers. For more information go to www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com.

The 4th series in “Discovering ways to live the Year of Mercy” from our Eparchy is printed in English and Ukrainian and placed in the church vestibule. Please take one home. You can also find this on the eparchy website: www.stjosaphateparchy.com

Climbing the Stairs to Mercy will be at Pokrova Church (Parma, OH) on Saturday, April 16th with speakers Archimandrite George Appleyard and Very Rev. Protopresbyter Bryan Eyman, D. Min D. Phil. If you are unable to attend, see it live at <https://livestream.com/ECEDlivebroadcast/events/4833496>.

9th Annual Blessing of the Bikes will be sponsored by Carnegie Presbyterian Church (219 Ewing Rd, Carnegie) on April 23rd. Registration: 10am, Blessing: 11am. Visit their website to pre-register www.cpcriders.org



Remember---PRAY TO END ABORTION! “Many people are very, very concerned with the children in India, with the children in Africa where quite a number die, maybe of malnutrition, of hunger and so on, but millions are dying deliberately by the will of the mother. And this is the greatest destroyer of peace today. Because if a mother can kill her own child -- what is left for me to kill you and you kill me - there is nothing between.” ~Bl.Mother Teresa

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: \$2,133 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$123 for candles, \$257 for the Eparchy, \$22 for Utilities, \$30 Special Offering, \$52 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$18 Lenten Retreat Lunch free-will offering, \$1 for Persecuted Christians in Syria, and \$675 memorial donation on behalf of Donna (Popivchak) Angle, for a grand total of \$3,311. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God. Pyrohi amount will be combined with amount from “Marathon Week” amount.

Lector Schedule:

- **Holy Tuesday:** March 22 (Pre-Sanct.) at 7pm: Cantor
- **Holy Wednesday:** March 23 (Pre-Sanct.) and Anointing Service at 7pm:
Angela Honchar (Pre-Sanct.) & Sandy Krivonyak (Anointing)
- **Holy Thursday:** March 24 at 7pm: Stephanie Fedora
- **Good Friday:** March 25 at 7pm: Mary Reabe & Angela Honchar
- **Holy Saturday:** March 26 (Jerusalem Matins) at 10:30am: Zac Sudiak
(Easter Vigil) at 4pm: Zac Sudiak & Sandy Krivonyak
- **Pascha Sunday:** March 27 (Resurrection Matins) at 8am: no reader needed
(Pascha) at 9am: Serhiy Chovnyk (in Ukrainian) & Sophia Charron (in English)

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

Sat. 3/19	Saturday of Lazarus: <i>The holy martyrs Chrysanthus & Daria, his wife</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy to mark the 12 th anniversary of the late George Fedora requested by Stephanie and Family	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by Helen Moskal	IS

Sun. 3/20	Palm Sunday: <i>Our venerable fathers martyred at the monastery of St. Sabbas</i>	
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8:30am	Divine Liturgy to for the health of Tillie Volanski requested by the St. Josaphat Society	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parishalso Divine Liturgy for the health of Theophil Konecky requested by the St. Josaphat Society	JC IS
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Mon. 3/21	Holy and Great Monday: <i>Venerable father Bishop James</i>	
9:00am & 12:00pm	Bridegroom Service and Confession	
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Tues. 3/22	Holy and Great Tuesday: <i>Holy priest-martyr Basil</i>	
9:00am & 12:00pm	Bridegroom Service and Confession	
7:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy for the health of Dan Holowaty requested by the St. Josaphat Society	JC
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Wed. 3/23	Holy and Great Wednesday: <i>Holy venerable martyr Nikon</i>	
9:00am	Bridegroom Service and Confession	
7:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy and Holy Anointing for the health of Helen Novak requested by the St. Josaphat Society	JC
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Thurs. 3/24	Holy and Great Thursday	
9:00am	Matins and Liturgy at Cathedral in Parma	
7:00pm	Vespers and Liturgy of the Lord's Supper for the health of Mary Simek requested by the St. Josaphat Society	JC
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Fri. 3/25	Holy and Great Friday & Annunciation of the Theotokos (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)	
9:00am	Strasti (12 Gospels) and Confession	

7:00pm Annunciation Liturgy and Great Vespers for the health of Anna Szmul requested by the St. Josaphat Society JC

Sat. **Holy and Great Saturday**

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10:30am Jerusalem Matins: the Wake of Christ

3:00pm Blessing of Paschal foods

4:00pm Paschal Vigil Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski requested by Stephen P. Zaletski JC

....also Paschal Vigil Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels requested by Jean Daniels & Family IS

5:30pm Blessing of Paschal foods

Sun. **Great and Holy Pascha**

3/27

8:00am Resurrection Matins

9:00am Paschal Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

....also Paschal Divine Liturgy for the health and 90th Birthday of John Maslany requested by John Mark, Pam, Matt & Tony Maslany IS

....followed by Blessing of Paschal foods

7:00pm Agape Vespers



Palm Sunday

March Birthdays

Jo Ann Pretka

Olga Medwig

Richard Hurey

Peter Hlutkowsky

Anna Karpa

Frank Zuk

Evhen Czuczman

Mary Ann Volanski

Arlene Esterburg

Mary Suzanne Dennis

Veronica Alstad

Frances Wengryn

Janet Dupilka

Tim Davis

Irene Was

Pat McGuire

Roseann Duhig

Tetyana Chubko

Katherine Volanski

John Maslany

Helen Marie Zaletski

Stanislav Davyda

Thomas Medwig

Victoria Ulrich