

April 3, 2016

Thomas Sunday

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! ~ Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Along with the glory and triumph of Pascha (Easter), there comes over a man an otherworldly fearlessness. Christ has overcome Hades and the prince of this world! Our Blessed Lord said that He would rise again on the third day and that is exactly what occurred. He is alive today in that same risen and glorified state as He was nearly 2,000 years ago. With that, how could we not take courage and proclaim the truth? Not as the world would have us proclaim things, but as He would!

Someone who lived that Paschal courage here in the U.S. was a little nun in Alabama named Mother Angelica. Providentially, she passed into her heavenly reward on Easter Sunday itself, a mere seven days ago. From absolutely nothing she built the world's largest religious media empire, proving to the "professionals" that prayer and truthfulness go a lot further than organizational charts and swanky advertising. It is hard to dispute that she was not from God after all: Bishop Sheen, America's first televangelist died in 1979 and Mother Angelica began her work in 1980. Throughout the years of her life it was faith in the resurrection of Christ, her love for Him in the Divine Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Mother of God that kept her going in the face of incredible odds. She was always humble, always truthful. I visited her monastery and television studio once in 1996 and was struck by the piety, love and deep faith of all the people around her.

Her humility led her to speak with paschal courage. After the terrorist attacks of September 11th, she said something that rattled many people. She identified "pornography, abortion, child prostitution, the spread of drugs, the destruction of youth by an immoral media and the suppression of religious expression in public places as 'other' terrorisms that must be addressed. She condemned abortion saying it had "deprived the nation of millions of people who would otherwise be there to defend the nation." We all think this, but how many of us say it? She did!

As God raised up Mother Angelica to replace the great Bishop Sheen, please pray that the Risen Christ will send our nation another prophet aflame with paschal courage!

In Christ,

Jason (priest and sinner)

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Camp Heritage at Trinity Acres** will be held 3 weeks this summer. Week 1: June 20-24, Week 2: June 27 – July 1 & Week 3: July 5-7 (mini-camp), Ages: 4-12, Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm. **Early Bird Registration Cost BEFORE May 15th: Weeks 1& 2 @ \$75 / wk, Week 3 @ \$50.** Hot lunch and daily snacks provided. Faith, Fun & Friendship!!!
- **Congratulations to Harry Kohl, Mark Medwig and Russell Zorey** for being elected for a three year term on PAC (Pastor's Advisory Committee).
- **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!
- **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.

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.

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 **Next Sunday, 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.



Mother's Day (May 8th) offering envelopes and cards are in the church vestibule. Deadline to submit your envelopes listing your mother's name is Wednesday, May 4th. Please place in the collection basket.

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>.

Bishop Canevin High School presents GUYS and DOLLS on Thursday, April 21st, Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23rd * ShowTime: 7:30pm Call 412-922-7400 x 210 to reserve your tickets [\$10 / \$7]



The Parish Youth Group will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) for the homeless on **Friday, May 6th** at 6pm in the church hall. Distribution of these lunches to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District takes place on Saturday morning, May 7th. The total cost of this project is approximately \$300.00. If you would like to support the Youth Group with this project please contact Bo Mykhailiv at [412-726-8309](tel:412-726-8309) or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com

The 9th Annual Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. 5K Run/Walk will take place on **Saturday, April 23rd** 8am sharp at the Carnegie Municipal Borough Bldg. Registration fee through April 1 is \$15. Entry forms are available at www.carnegieborough.com or call 412-276-1414 ext. 1421. All proceeds benefit the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept.

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



FREE Mammography and Women's Wellness Day takes place on **Saturday, April 23rd** at St. Clair Hospital Breast Care Center *for women 40 and older* who do not have health insurance from 8am-1pm. **Free transportation** will also be available. **Pre-registration is required.**

Call 412-942-7811 by Wed. April 20th.

Are you looking for work? Alorica, a new company has opened in Greentree, is looking to hire 30-40 employees for customer service. Visit aloricajobs.com or call 412-650-3813.



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

Quarterly Reminder (April 2016): 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. Once more we remind our readers that 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.

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: \$8,692 was offered in the collection last weekend (Pascha / Easter Sunday) with another \$321.60 for candles, \$5 for the Eparchy, \$5 for Utilities, \$30 for the Seminary Collection, \$1 for Bishop's Collection, \$191 for Palm Sunday, \$976 for Good Friday / Holy Land, \$855 for the Annunciation, \$1 for Presentation, \$1 for Veneration of the Holy Cross, \$75 for Special Offering, \$10 prosphora donation, \$30 for the Persecuted Christians in Syria, \$87 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, and \$60 for the Pysanky Project, for a grand total of \$11,340.60. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God!

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, April 9th at 4pm: Veronica Alstad
- Sunday, April 10th at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk
- Sunday, April 10th at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. 4/2	Bright Saturday: <i>Our venerable father & miracleworker Titus</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy to mark the 3 rd anniversary of the late Becky Alstad requested by the Alstad Family	JC
also Divine Liturgy for all deceased in the Bohonok Family requested by Katherine & Mary Ann Volanski	IS
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Sun. 4/3	Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers: <i>Our venerable father Nicetas, confessor & hegumen of the Medicium monastery</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by James Hanson	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eva Kalymon requested by Jan Deimozur & Family	IS
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Mon. 4/4	<i>Our venerable father Joseph the hymnographer</i> The pastor's day off	
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Tues. 4/5	<i>The holy martyrs Theodolus, Agathopodes & those with them</i> Pastor away at Eparchial clergy conference in Ohio through to 4/7	
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Wed. 4/6	<i>The passing of our father Archbishop Methodius</i> Pastor away at Eparchial clergy conference in Ohio through to 4/7	
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Thurs. 4/7	<i>Our venerable father Bishop George of Mitylene</i> Pastor away at Eparchial clergy conference in Ohio through to 4/7	
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Fri. *The holy apostles Herodion, Agabus, & Asyncretus*
 4/8
 8:00am Divine Liturgy for the health of Nancy Mather requested
 by John Besspiata and Family JC

Sat. *The holy martyr Eupychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia*
 4/9
 4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by
 Katherine & Mary Ann Volanski JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sophie Popivchak
 requested by Judith Popivchak IS
baptism of Charleston Colaizzi 

Sun. **Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women:** *The holy martyrs*
 4/10 *Terence, Africanus & 38 others at Carthage*
 8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels requested
 by the Abbott-Stevens Family IS
 11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia
 Kalymon requested by John & Irena Kalymon IS



April Birthdays

Christine Medwig	Halyna Charron	Richard Pietratonio
Bernard Ciarallo	Liliya Didoshak	Dr. Ivan Colaizzi
Brian Medwig	Maggie Saad	Mary Sembrat
Vasyl Koutsyk	John Pretka	Rosemary Zuk
Oksana Slota	Esther Koss	Sophie Popivchak
YurkoHonchar	Avery Artinger	Katya Charron
Anthanasia Medwig		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

If a person has true virtue, nothing whatever can change him; he is like a rock in the midst of a tempestuous sea. If anyone scorns you, or calumniates you, if someone mocks at you or calls you a hypocrite or a sanctimonious fraud, none of this will have the least effect upon your peace of soul. You will love him just as much as you loved him when he was saying good things about you.

--St. Jean Vianney