

May 1, 2016

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

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Wherever God is found there is light and life. We know this from faith. In the Holy Bible we hear these words: “In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1: 4-5) Also, in today’s Gospel reading we hear these words from our Blessed Savior Jesus Christ before he heals a man’s visual darkness, “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (Jn 9:5). God = Life = Light.

Now, if you have family, neighbors or friends who are not faith-filled, followers of Christ, they may object to this and say that there is no connection between light and life (despite what our Christian faith has been telling us for 2,000 years). Any connection between light and life is merely coincidental, they say, or if there is a connection it is that way because we have forced a connection in our mind because we want to make order and sense where none exists. If you know of a loved one like this, they may want to know what a recent scientific discovery has taught us. Just this past week *The Telegraph* from London, UK, has reported on a study which found that an explosion of sparks erupts at the precise moment human sperm meets the female egg. Watching the video posted online is a remarkable moment. It shows, yet again, that science and faith complement one another like two wings assist a plane to fly. How comforting to know that each of us is brought into life with light amidst love. Religion in math terms:  $L^3$ .

Allowing all this to filter into our mind’s eye we step back and wonder, “How is this going to play itself out in the Gospel today?” For there we are faced with a man born blind who is given light into his eyes and beholds gilded creation’s streaming beams for the first time. We see that his soul reflects the property of light. Light by its definition wants to go beyond itself. It explodes! Light is like the village fool: it wants to tell everything to everyone, everywhere! Light spreads itself. This is exactly what happens to a soul that comes into contact with God, He who is the origin of Light and Life: it sparks and spreads the joy of this new life with everyone, everywhere!

Delight in your God-given faith. Allow yourself to be like the Man Born Blind and share with everyone this same testimony: that we were blind but now we see. He has given us His very self, and He is the Light of the World. Now, go and get busy having a good day! How could you not? After all, you have the Life and Light in you and above you, over you and under you!

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

## New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- Camp Heritage at Trinity Acres will be held 3 weeks this summer for age group 4 -12 from 9:30am – 3:30 pm daily.

Week 1: June 20-24 (Monday – Friday)

Week 2: June 27 – July 1 (Monday – Friday)

Week 3: July 5-7 (mini-camp) (Tuesday – Thursday)

Early Bird Registration Cost BEFORE May 15<sup>th</sup>: Weeks 1& 2 @ \$75 / wk, Week 3 @ \$50. Hot lunch and daily snacks provided. Faith, Fun & Friendship! Registration Forms can be obtained either from the rectory or on our website.

- Please say a prayer that the Holy Trinity will guide our own Michael Jula who has very graciously agreed to develop a color scheme and design for the iconography above the altar to replace the current one which is peeling off. I have asked Michael to ensure that his design reflects the best that our ancient Byzantine tradition has to offer in accordance with the canon and traditions that guide iconography.
- We are in need of men who can commit to work at Trinity Acres building a platform for dances and music. The date will be all-day on Saturday, May 14th. Please call 412 279 4652 to inform Fr. Jason if you will be there. Afterwards workers will enjoy good company and great food as a tribute to their hard work for the parish.
- Ми потребуємо чоловіків, які може зробити роботу в Трінті-Акрес ПОВУДОВА платформу. Дата буде Суботу, 14 травня. Будь ласка, зателефонуйте 412 279 4652, щоб повідомити Fr. Джейсон, якщо ви будете там. Після цього працівники будуть насолоджуватися хорошою компанією і смачна їжа, як данина їх важкої роботи для церкви.
- Starting this week we'll be doing "Spare Change" collections at the end of Liturgy for the Fresco above the altar.
- 2016 Acolyte & Youth Convention: June 15, 16 & 17 at the Gilmary Center (Coraopolis) for Middle and High School Students. \$95 registration fee due June 7<sup>th</sup>. [www.StJosaphatYAC.org](http://www.StJosaphatYAC.org)
- Next week, we will use the blue envelopes to take up the collection for "Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe." The funds collected from these envelopes will be sent by Bishop Bohdan's office to support the work of priests

helping our faithful in Eastern Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Siberia where our church is in great need. In addition, a portion of these funds will be designated for our own mission activities within our Eparchy in Tennessee, North Carolina and to establish mission parishes in South Carolina and Kentucky.

- Minutes for the 4-20-16 PAC Meeting are available by calling the rectory.

**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, Bishop Richard Seminack, our former pastor, Donald Schultz, Pat McGuire & Teresa Zozula.

**A Seasonal Reminder:** Our Cemetery Rules: Only live flowers planted within 2 feet (24 inches) in front of a marker are permitted. Bushes, shrubs or the use of wood or stone, at the sides of the back of the marker are not permitted. Artificial flowers are permitted on all holidays, but must be removed in 2 weeks.

**Three** Scholarship Programs are available: 1) Ukrainian Technological Society – the only application form is on **www.utsphg.org**. It is important to contact your school's registrar *immediately* for official transcripts - *Deadline: July 8<sup>th</sup>*, 2) St. Josaphat Society Scholarship Program for a senior in high school that is a member in good standing at HTUCC for at least 3 years and has been accepted into an undergraduate program - *Deadline: July 9<sup>th</sup>*, and 3) Estina Franzak Scholarship Fund for students of Ukrainian ethnicity attending Duquesne University - *Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>*. Call the rectory for an application for #2 & 3.

**Job openings** at the Omni William Penn Hotel. If interested, visit their website.

**Вам потрібна робота?** Можливо, ви знаєте, хто потребує роботи? Якщо це так, Omni William Penn Hotel в центрі міста Піттсбург шукає працівників.



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



The Parish Youth Group will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) for the homeless *this Friday*, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of this project is approximately \$300.00. If you would like to support the Youth Group, please contact Bo Mykhailiv at [412-726-8309](tel:412-726-8309) or [bohdamykhailiv@yahoo.com](mailto:bohdamykhailiv@yahoo.com).

**Men Following Jesus Christ** has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on March 14<sup>th</sup>*. We need at least seven volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.). Please contact Fr. Deacon Myron at [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086) or [mjspak@verizon.net](mailto:mjspak@verizon.net)

**Shereena** Zaletski has a cleaning service for home, apartment, commercial business. She is insured and available Monday thru Saturday. Veterans and seniors get \$10 off cleanings

**Saints & Sojourners Seminar** will take place next Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at the Epiphany Center (820 Crane Ave, Beechview) with a reading and discussion of Fr. Richard Infante's novella, "Saints and Sojourners" from his book, Last Priest Standing. For more information: call 412-279-7070.

**A Pentecost Fine Arts Festival** will take place on May 12-15 at Our Lady of Grace (310 Kane Blvd. Pittsburgh 15243). Live entertainment (Mike Gallagher) and readings of short fiction & poetry, an Exhibit of original works by parish artists, a reading by Fr. Richard Infante from his recently released book, Last Priest Standing at La Bella Bean Coffee House & Eatery (609 Washington Ave.), Joe Negri, jazz guitarist and Dr. Sam Hazo, Poet Laureate will recite selections of his published poetry. More information: call 412-279-7070 x 15 or [j.baker@olgscott.org](mailto:j.baker@olgscott.org).

**A Roast Pork Dinner**, sponsored by the Apostleship Of Prayer of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, (4136 Jacob St., Wheeling, WV) will take

place on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Menu: roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy vegetable, cole slaw, applesauce, dessert, and coffee and iced tea. Cost: \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children ages 6 to 12 years, free under 6 years. Location: Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carryout available. Telephone 304-232-1777. Everyone is welcome.

**Ukrainian Spring Food Festival** will take place at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Hall (73 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. South Side) on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 4pm. Menu: Holubsti, Pyrohi, Halushki, and Kobassa on a stick. Also, a plant sale, baked goods, Eat in or Take Out!

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: Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>:** \$1,575 was offered in the collection with another \$63.80 for candles, \$280 for the Eparchy, \$10 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$813 free will offering from Sviachene for the Youth Group for a grand total of \$2,741.80. **Vital Stats: Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>:** \$1,803 was offered in the collection with another \$133.25 for candles, \$25 for the Eparchy, \$50 for Easter, \$23 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund and \$20 for the Youth Group-Sandwich Project, for a grand total of \$2,054.25. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God!

### **Lector Schedule:**

- Wednesday (Ascension) May 7 at 7pm: Stephanie Fedora & Angela Honchar
- Saturday, May 7 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) at 8:30am: Terry Styran
- Sunday, May 8 at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. *The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian*  
4/30  
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Frank and John Maslany  
requested by John Maslany

JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stella Uzar  
requested by Harry & Annal Kohl and Mary Simek IS

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Sun. **Sunday of the Man Born Blind: *The holy prophet Jeremiah***  
5/1

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon  
requested by Halyna Zelunka IS

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

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Piotr Kalymon  
requested by John and Irena Kalymon

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Mon. *Our father among the saints, Anastasius*  
5/2 The pastor's day off

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Tues. *The passing of our venerable father Theodosius of the Cave*  
5/3

8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary K. Stein (OLPH)  
requested by Betty Ruskkeruch JC

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Wed. *The holy venerable martyr Pelagia of Tarsus*  
5/4

7:00pm Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the **Ascension** for the repose  
of Anna Zaletski requested by Eleanor Patross JC

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Thurs. **Ascension of Our Lord-Holy Day of Obligation**  
5/5 Father will be at OLPH

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Fri. *The holy and just Job, the long suffering one*  
5/6

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Sat. *The appearance of the sign of the holy Cross in Jerusalem*

5/7

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sam & Mary Suska  
requested by John Maslany

JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
the late John Makar requested by Mike Makar and  
Chris Ruehrshneck

IS

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Sun. **Mother's Day/ Sun. of the Fathers of 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council**

5/8

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Carol Kulik Carraway  
requested by Margie & Conrad Kulik and Family

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

JC



....also Divine Liturgy for all the mothers of the parish  
living and deceased

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## MAY Birthdays

Teresa Shaheen

Jeff Sradomski

Elizaveta Bohonok

Walter Demain

Ludmyla Pavlyshyn

Rev. Fr. Jason Charron

Michael Jula

John Yenchik

Eryna Honchar

Douglas Blythe

Frances Yuschak

Borys Wowczuk

Taras Davyda

Sophia Charron

Yuri Korenovskyi

Bohdan Didoshak

Peter Moss

Douglas Pierce

Faith Markle

Marie Smereka



Quote: "An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an  
adventure wrongly considered." (GK Chesterton)