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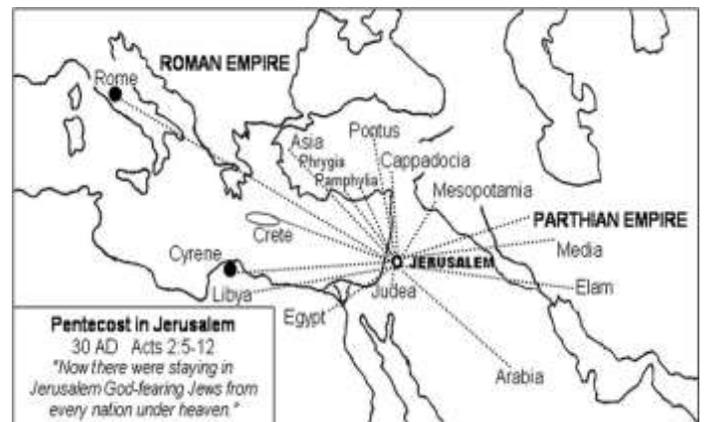
## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Friday, I received an email from a friend in Germany. He recently attended a baptism, but it was not your typical run-of-the-mill baptism with adoring godparents, cute baptismal dresses, smiles and cameras. It was like something out of the early church because by the very act of baptism the newly baptized man knew he was taking a radical step that would turn him into a friend of God, and turn his friends against him. You see, the newly baptized young man is from Iran and had turned his back on Islam and embraced Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and life. By this action he can never go back to his earthly homeland lest he forfeit his life.

Forfeiting one's homeland, for example Iran, to discover new life is not new. In fact, reading today's epistle teaches us that those first people who were baptized by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost were from a great number of nations, among them Parthia (modern-day Iran). This chart to the right shows us the locations from which those first Christians hailed. This is a great testament to us that when we respond to God with gusto, He responds to us with a great gust of wind!



Pentecost is God's gift of wind to our wings. But, what good is wind if we won't open our wings? The whole purpose of wind is to push us out from our comfy nests so that we may go to the "four winds" and proclaim all that God has done for us! God didn't create us to have the best fertilized lawn, the nicest car or the trendiest clothes. He made us to know Him, to love Him and to be eternally happy with Him. All He asks of you this day is to get out and cause some trouble by sharing this news with all people from every tribe and tongue. Who am I going to share God's spirit with between now and tomorrow?

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.

- **Our good bishop, Kyr Bohdan Danylo**, has made a point of sharing with his priests the need to make our parishes vibrant and missionary homes where people encounter Christ. To that end, please visit the site and use the booklet for prayer between now and Pentecost. English and Ukrainian versions are here:

[http://www.stjosaphatcathedral.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/01-I.MissionDays\\_Guidebook-english-screen.pdf](http://www.stjosaphatcathedral.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/01-I.MissionDays_Guidebook-english-screen.pdf) For hard copies call rectory.

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- \*\*\*We have started doing “Spare Change” collections at the end of Liturgy for two projects in need of attention, the icon above the altar and work at Trinity Acres. For the icon above the altar please use the box near the tetrapod at the front of the church. For the work at Trinity Acres, please use the miniature wooden barns which the Medwig children have so kindly assembled. These are located at both entrances.
- 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)
- Youth Group Outing to the Adirondacks! June 8<sup>th</sup> evening – June 12<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow!

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY MARONITE CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, INVITES YOU  
TO JOIN HER IN WELCOMING THE RELICS OF ST. SHARBEL.**

The Relics will be at Our Lady of Victory Church for 48 hours: from 10 am Wednesday, May 18 to 10 am Friday, May 20, 2016.

**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, Tillie Volanski, Bishop Richard Seminack, our former pastor, Donald Schultz, Pat McGuire & Teresa Zozula, and Dr. Justine Perhosky.

**Keep in your prayers** the soul of Anna Szmul, mother-in-law of Kristina Kincak Szmul who died on Mother's Day, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>. She was buried from John Gmitter Funeral Home on the South Side with services held at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church. May her memory be eternal.

**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.

**Memorial Day** is Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. In the vestibule you will find Memorial Day Service envelopes to list the names of your deceased to be remembered during the **Memorial Day / Blessing of the Graves Service held at Holy Trinity Cemetery at 9:30am.** Please turn in your names by Wed., May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Three** Scholarship Programs are available: **1) Ukrainian Technological Society** – the only application form is on **www.utspgh.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.

**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. Please call 412-787-1892 and leave a message.

**Spring Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon** will be held at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair (2005 Mohawk Rd, Upper St. Clair, PA, 15241) on Saturday, May 21 from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Phyllis' Fashions of White Oak and the Meadowlands will be presenting clothing from its Spring and Summer line of clothing, accessories and jewelry. Items can be purchased and taken home that day or gift certificates may be purchased for use in one of the stores at a future date. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased or reserved in advance by calling Barbara Douglas at (412) 220-2310, or Susan Flynn at (412) 720-3542. For directions, please visit: [www.stgregoryusc.org](http://www.stgregoryusc.org)

**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.

**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:** \$2,131 was offered in the collection with another \$165.80 for candles, \$15 for the Eparchy, \$167 for Utilities, \$405 for Ascension, \$333 for Aid to the UGCC Mission, \$10 for prosphora, \$100 for the Young Mother in Crafton, \$50 for the Youth Group Projects and \$66 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, for a grand total of \$3,442.80. The Pyrohi Project brought in a *net amount* of \$1,388.63. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God!

### Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, May 21 at 4pm: Angela Honchar
- Sunday, May 22 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk
- Sunday, May 22 at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. **5<sup>TH</sup> and Last All Souls Saturday**

5/14

9:00 am	Parastas for those enrolled in Sorokousti	JC
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by Helen Koss	JC
	....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eileen Jackson requested by the John Besspiata Family	IS

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Sun. **Pentecost Sunday: *Our father Bishop Isaiah***

5/15 8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the late Eudokia Kalymon requested by Wladyslaw & Janina Kalymon

11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
	....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels requested by Stephen H. Zinski	IS

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Mon. **Pentecost Monday: *Our father Theodore the sanctified***

5/16	9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Arlene Esterburg	JC
Tues. 5/17		<i>The holy apostle Andronicus &amp; those with him</i> <i>Father will be away today</i>	
Wed. 5/18		<i>The holy martyr Theodotus of Ancyra</i>	
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by Michael Pazin	JC
	6:30pm	Rosary followed by Bible Study on Mary's Role in Salvation	
Thurs. 5/19		<i>The holy priest-martyr Bishop Patrick of Prussa</i>	
Fri. 5/20		<i>The holy martyr Thaleleus and those with him</i>	
Sat. 5/21		<i>The holy great king, Constantine &amp; his mother Helena</i>	
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Rebecca Zaletski	JC
		....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Luanne Kerchansky requested by Tom Kerchansky	IS
Sun. 5/22		<b>Sunday of All Saints:</b> <i>The holy martyr Basiliscus</i>	
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 19 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Tanka Spinda requested by grandson, Michael & Jodi Hanczar	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
		....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pearl Charnecki requested by John & Irene Kalymon	IS

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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	Larissa Spak
Fr. Dcn. Myron Spak		



Quote: “Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple.  
They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven  
and earth meet.” — [N.T. Wright](#)