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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the verses leading up to today's Gospel we read these solemn words from the mouth of our Blessed Savior Jesus Christ: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

This reminds me of the story of a young woman, who recently finished medical school, went to an impoverished country to work among the poorest of the poor back in the 1970's. One day she treated an opposition leader. The secret police learned about it, arrested her, and tortured her. She later wrote about those experiences and said: "After four days of physical pain...I was left completely alone in a small room...Incredibly, I was filled with joy, for I knew ...that God was with me and that nothing they could do to me could change that."

Again, I come back to Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." In today's world we hear of increasing attacks on decent people. Nuns are taken to court by the federal government for refusing to pay for abortions and contraception. A Catholic diocese is now being taken to the Supreme Court for the crime of following the true faith regarding marriage. Initially, these experiences cause a chain reaction in us. What will I do if or when this comes to my door step? How will I escape from this nonsense? Ultimately, all these questions are rooted in fear. Our Jesus tells us to "Be not afraid!" For the greater the trial is the greater the consolation afterwards. So, the questions in our minds should be concerned with how much room am I willing to make for the joy God has prepared for those who love Him?

What am I most afraid of in my life? What do I say to Jesus about it?

"Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction"

St. Bernadette Soubirous.

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)

Registration **Cost AFTER May 15<sup>th</sup>**: Weeks 1& 2 @ \$95 / wk., Week 3 @ \$70.

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:

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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>. Parent meeting Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Church Hall after 11am Liturgy.

**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.

**Lost and Found:** Please call the rectory if you have lost a house key on a key chain with a brown leather strap and black compass/thermometer whistle. This was found in the women's church hall bathroom. Also, please call if you lost a gold clip-on earring with a greyish green stone. This was found in the church parking lot by the chalet side close to Washington Ave.



**Graduations** are upon us, and we would like to honor the young people of our parish who are completing high school or college. Please call the rectory before July 6th and provide the names of these students who are making this milestone in their lives. Please include school name, degree earned and future plans. We will also need a list of the names of the family members who will join us in a Sunday Brunch at Papa J's after the 11am Divine Liturgy on July 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Father's Day** is Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Remembrance envelopes and Father's Day Cards can be found in the church vestibule. All fathers, living and deceased may be listed for the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day. The last day to submit the names is Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 next 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 this Wed., May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Subway** (Sandwiches) Store is hiring now. Stop by the Washington Avenue store (next to the new Aldi's) and ask for Sam.

**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.

**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:** \$1,837 was offered in the collection with another \$98 for candles, \$5 for Utilities, \$15 for Ascension, \$435 for Pentecost, \$40 for Aid to the UGCC Mission, an anonymous \$200 donation for Camp Heritage, \$10 for the Icon Fund, \$23 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, and a \$500 donation from Ridna Skola for a grand total of \$3,163. The Pyrohi Project brought in a *net amount* of \$1,291.88. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God!

### **Lector Schedule:**

- Saturday, May 28 at 4pm: Stephanie Fedora
- Sunday, May 29 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo
- Sunday, May 29 at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. *The holy great king, Constantine & his mother Helena*

5/21

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by  
Rebecca Zaletski

JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late  
Stephen & the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late LuAnn Kerchansky  
requested by Tom Kerchansky

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Sun. **Sunday of All Saints:** *The holy martyr Basiliscus*

5/22

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
Mon. 5/23	<i>Our venerable father Michael, bishop of Synada</i> The pastor's day off	
Tues. 5/24	<i>Our venerable father Simeon of the "Wonderful Mountain"</i>	
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Sheliva requested by Eva Morrow (OLPH)	JC
Wed. 5/25	<i>The third finding of the Head of John the Baptist</i>	
8:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Mary Stecko requested by Ted Stecko Family	JC
6:30pm	Rosary followed by Bible Study on Mary's Role in Salvation	
Thurs. 5/26	<i>The holy apostle Carpus, one of the 70 Apostles</i>	
Fri. 5/27	<i>The holy priest-martyr Therapontes, bishop of Sardis</i>	
Sat. 5/28	<i>Our venerable father Nicetas, bishop of Chalcedon</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Clyde Stein requested by Barbara Stein	IS
	....also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
Sun. 5/29	<i>The holy venerable martyr Theodosia the virgin</i>	

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Ann Krisovenski requested by Arlene Esterburg IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Ihor Vykhnevych requested by his wife and children JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the late Msgr. Danylchuck "Fr. Russ" requested by the Daniels Family IS

Mon.  
5/30

**Memorial Day:** *Our venerable father Isaac*



9:30am Divine Liturgy (at Trinity Acres Cemetery) for those enrolled followed by blessing of the graves JC



**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
Bohdan Didoshak	Sophia Charron	Yuri Korenovskyi	Peter Moss
Faith Markle	Marie Smereka	Larissa Spak	Douglas Pierce
Fr. Dcn. Myron Spak			