

# July 17, 2016 - Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Six Ecumenical Councils

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

What do you strive for more than anything? Perhaps it is retirement. Maybe that which you strive for more than anything is recognition. For some people the thing they strive for more than anything else is security. Now, allow me to ask a brief question: When “Bob” retires, or achieves great fame, or acquires enormous security, do you think he could have bouts of irritation, disappointment and disillusionment? Surely! So, even these things don’t give us complete and lasting *joy*. It must come from another source.

Based on Jesus Christ’s life and words I’ve come to see that having life without bounds, that gives us joy; joy in full measure! We don’t realize how much we *crave* after life, precious life, until her comely countenance turns away and slowly sails away from us into the arms of the cold night. Only then do we become violent, striving like a spurned lover with all we have to reverse things to stave off death and disease. Yes, sometimes we are given a second chance: life turning her sweet gaze to our teary eyes and pitying the tears she gently sails back into home and heart. In those moments, when we are aware of possessing life, it is then that we experience a joy far greater than any worldly pleasure we may strive after. So, you see, there is a connection between life and joy. Just these past few days I’ve come to see this as our Martha’s little body turned away from dire depths and reversed course for the harbor of life again...

This is what our Jesus is telling us. We are children. He is our teacher. He tells us in today’s Gospel that knowing God gives us life (John 17:3). Jesus tells us this so that our joy may be complete (John 17:13). Knowing God = full life = full joy.

That’s not to say all is fine. Sadly, in our world today, there is so much sadness. Islamists kill people daily. Politicians lie to us. Media outlets deceive us. Heretics confuse us. Friends abandon us. Family members get sick. But we cannot defeat these things by constantly being on defense. If we only react to evil and do nothing to defeat it, there will eventually come a time when we don’t react enough and we’ll lose. You just can’t keep giving a body antibiotics. Eventually, you have to strengthen the immune system to fight on its own. What is true in the medical world is also true in the spiritual world and in the life of the Church. At a certain point we must go on offense and fight against evil. How do we do this? Well, this Sunday we commemorate the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils. In the face of so many heresies (yes, certain bishops and priest taught heresies to their people then, as well) these brave churchmen proclaimed the truth no matter the cost. People accused them of causing division, rocking the boat. But, the more they spoke against heresy and taught people the true knowledge of God something funny happened. People grew in holiness and division decreased and joy increased! The lesson for us? While it is *life* and *joy* that we strive for more than anything, these only come about by *knowing* God intimately.

What do you strive for more than anything? If it is life and joy, then take the words of Jesus today to heart, just like the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils did, and try to know Him intimately. You will have to fight against error, disease, heresy and sin along the way, but the reward is life and joy without end. Read the bible for 15 mins.

In His Life and Joy,

Jason, priest and sinner

## New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **UPDATE on Martha Charron:** Thank you for your prayers and support! Words fail...all of you have humbled us by your help, prayers and kindness. Martha is moving in the right direction. Soon she will likely be out of ICU. Her recovery from MRSA and septic shock will take a long time, but we are not complaining. She is alive! Most of her tubes have been removed, the surgical incision has been closed and her immune system is fighting. Glory to God for all things!

- **Correction to our Donations Needed List:** In addition to the following items, we will also need Coca-Cola products for our upcoming picnic.

Monetary donations towards meat & kolbassi, chopped onions, coffee, cream, margarine, sugar, hotdogs, hotdog & hamburger buns, Pepsi products, water, ginger ale, ice cubes, orange juice, tonic water, whiskey sours, baked goods (cupcakes, pies, cakes, cookies, candy etc....)



and finally, please consider VOLUNTEERING to help in the following areas: Booth set-up \* Kitchen \* Corn Huskers \* Dish Washers \* Ticket Sales etc.....You can bring your donations to the rectory. Call 412-279-4652!

- \*\*\*\* Please remember to support our handicapped woman in Ukraine, Natalia Protynyak. \$2 goes a long way! *“What you do to the least of these, you do to me.”* \*\*\*\*\*

- **2016 Wedding Anniversaries** for 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and so on, will be celebrated by Bishop Bohdan with Divine Liturgy, followed by reception at a future date in the fall, yet to be determined. If you would like to participate in this event, please call the rectory with your anniversary date.



- **Vintage / Designer /High-End Pre-1970 clothing and accessories around your home?** *Not sure what to do with them?* If so, donate them to Holy Trinity as a fundraiser! There is a store in Shadyside that will buy **men’s and women’s** vintage clothing, such as wide brim hats, mink coats, dresses, stockings, men’s ties, suits, shoes, etc. Note: If your item is not purchased by this store and you would like it back, please either put your initials /phone #



in the item and inform the rectory and it will be returned to you. Your items can be dropped off at the church vestibule or rectory.

- **Save the Date: Bishop's Dinner Dance** – Sunday, **October 23, 2016** at The Airport Marriott Hotel (777 Aten Drive, Coraopolis). More Details to follow.



- **Email Listing** for Holy Trinity is not complete. If you would like Holy Trinity to have your email address, please either email the rectory at [holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com) or phone in your email address 412-279-4652. Thank you!

**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, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Tillie Volanski, Bishop Richard Seminack, our former pastor, Donald Schultz, Teresa Zozula, Dr. Justine Perhosky, Mary Ann Steranka, James P. Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, and Martha Charron, Fr. Jason & Halyna's second youngest daughter.

**Eparchy of St. Josaphat Pilgrimage** will take place on September 17, 2016 at Holy Trinity Church (526 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. 11am Divine Liturgy, 1pm Lunch, 3pm Moleben. Call 330-744-5820 to reserve lunch by August 14<sup>th</sup>, \$15 per person. [yngholtrinity@att.net](mailto:yngholtrinity@att.net).

**A Ukrainian student from Syracuse NY** will be attending the University of Pittsburgh this August and is looking for an apartment starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know anyone that may have an available apartment, please contact the rectory. Any information will be helpful!

**Ukrainian Selfreliance of Western PA** has a new website: [www.samopomich.com](http://www.samopomich.com)  
CD rates with \$1,000 minimum deposit: 6 month: 0.20%, and 1 year: 0.30%, for more information, call 412-481-1865 or email [ukfcupal@verizon.net](mailto:ukfcupal@verizon.net).

Call Mike Makar if you would like a competitive quote on your electric bill 412-279-4077

**Flea Market on the Lawn** will be at Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Avenue, Carnegie) on Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sat. August 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm. Kitchen & household items, toys, books, coins, clothing etc. Vendors \$10 per space, bring our table, blanket & chair. Call Joyce to reserve space or for infor. 412-276-0366.

**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:** \$1,639 was offered in the collection with another \$173 for candles, \$87 for Utilities, \$15 for the Eparchy, \$10 for Peter’s Pence Collection, \$169 for Ss. Peter and Paul, \$20 for All Souls Day, \$20 for Mother’s Day, \$20 for Memorial Day, \$20 for Father’s Day, \$56 for the Icon Fund and \$22 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, for a grand total of \$2,251. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

### **Lector Schedule:**

- Saturday, July 23 at 4pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Sunday, July 24 at 8:30am: Terry Styran
- Sunday, July 24 at 11:00am: Cantor

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

Sat. *The holy priest-martyr Athenogenes and his 10 disciples*

7/16

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for all the deceased in the Ted Stecko Family  
requested by the Ted Stecko Family

JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late  
Kathy Kerchansky Lally requested by Tom Kerchansky

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Sun. *The holy great martyr Marina*

7/17

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the late  
Stephen Spinda requested by grandson Mike & Judi Hanczar

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11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
	....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Norbert Doemling requested by Deacon Myron and Family	IS
Mon. 7/18	<i>The holy martyr Hyacinth of Amastris</i> The pastor's day off	
Tues. 7/19	<i>Our venerable mother Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great</i>	
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by Eleanor Patross	JC
Wed. 7/20	<i>The holy glorious prophet Elijah</i> 8:00am Divine Liturgy for health of Martha Charron and Rich Hurey	
Thurs. 7/21	<i>Our venerable fathers Simeon and John</i>	
Fri. 7/22	<i>The holy myrrh bearer and equal to the apostles, Mary Magdalene</i>	
Sat. 7/23	<i>The holy martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus and those with them</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for Frances & Joseph Strzelecki requested by Angela Honchar	JC
	....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Ted Konecky requested by Kay and MaryAnn Volanski	IS
Sun. 7/24	<i>The holy martyr Christine</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Deb and Bob Sestili	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue & Mike  
Kanai requested by Mike & Joanne Kanai

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS –

*if we missed any birthdays, please call the rectory*



Robert Krisovenski	Mary Kuzemka	Barbara Spak
Maria Kalymon	Iryna Chubko	Jerome Lazor
Lynn Wilde	Nadiya Beednarchuk	Bohdan Mischuk
Jean Daniels	Jean Staude	Maureen Mischuk
Serhiy Chovnyk	Nick Honchar	Carol Besspiata
Olya Chovynk	Margaret Staskowicz	John Mitchell
Mary Yenchik	Nicolas Spak	Maria Charron
Nikolas Markle	Theodoios Medwig	Maria Pavlenko
Lilian Ulrich	Diana Warman	Eva Wowczuk
Michael Spak		

*Feeling thankful and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*

*God wants full custody not just a weekend visit!*