

July 3, 2016

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

May America bless God on this 240th anniversary of her Independence! May America bless God for all He has showered upon these hallowed valleys and plains from the heights of his grace-filled storehouses! After all, how could a nation that has God in her founding documents, that has God inscribed on her currency, that has God in her national hymns (Thank you, Kate Smith!), how could such a nation possibly even think of *not* blessing God?

Well, the course of a nation parallels the men who compose it. Men, of all creatures, are a fickle lot. Noble and exalted from their first breath, they do not suddenly become wicked or evil. In fact, says Edmund Burke, the instances are exceedingly rare of men immediately passing over a clear and marked line of virtue into declared vice and corruption. “There are a sort of middle tins and shades between the two extremes; there is something uncertain on the confines of the two empires which they must first pass through, and which render the change easy and imperceptible.” In the Bible we see that Samson, after many moral lapses, was unaware that his strength was lost. Moral decline often brings with it indecision for standing for right and God. Israel, at the time of the great prophetess Deborah, was lead in battle by a great soldier named Barak. Their mission was clear, yet even then there was one town in Israel named Meroz, which hung back and refused to fight. Hidden away in a safe valley, it ignored patriotic duty even in time of danger from Israel’s enemies. The land of Meroz was not a traitor, nor a spy, nor did it aid the foe. It did not quickly pass from light to darkness, but rather it slowly took a position in which it was neither on this side nor that. It did nothing. And for that reason will it always appear as a shirker. Vice sometimes conquers because the virtuous are inactive.

My family and I are truly blessed to live in this great parish, in this great nation! Yet, I can see in my brief time here that in the life of every nation there is an hour of crucial test when the line is crossed without any great fanfare or open decision, but where the hidden state of the nation’s soul is shown. This time is now. This God-blessed nation is at a crossroads and it is coasting on the hard-work invested in it from previous generations. But, for this wonderful nation to continue being blessed it must recommit itself to being an exception among nations, not just another nation. And that which made America an exception among nations was its open, blatant, unapologetic gratitude to God Almighty! So, on this July 4th make this a great celebration by recounting to your family all the ways that Christ has blessed this noble land and her many peoples! Smile to those who ask you to tone down the “God stuff”, but don’t apologize!

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Our Annual Parish Festival** will be Sunday August 21st at Trinity Acres. *Please pick up your Festival Ticket envelope* in the church vestibule to save on mailing costs. Thanks!!!



- **Holy Trinity PICNIC DONATIONS NEEDED** 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.” How much do we give to Comcast, Verizon, and Duquesne Light? How much to the needy? Something to think about...

- **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.
- **Our parish** wishes to Thank Lisa Hladio for all her hard work preparing and leading Camp Heritage at Trinity Acres. In addition to our 33 campers, we even had our beloved Bishop Bohdan come and go down the water-slide!

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, Teresa Zozula, Dr. Justine Perhosky, Mary Ann Steranka and James P. Holdcroft



Please pray for the soul of Theophil "Ted" Konecky who died on Monday, June 27th at the age of 95. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Zorey Konecky; daughters Olga (Robert) Leonard, Christine (Jeffery) Dolnack and Lydia Konecky; granddaughters and brother to Julia Dutkovska and Bohdan (Anne) Konecky; brother-in-law of Russell (Donna) Zorey and Jeanne (Bill) Staude and their families. His funeral took place on Saturday with interment at Holy Trinity Cemetery. May his memory be eternal!

St. Josaphat Meeting has changed! The meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, July 5th at 7pm. Any questions, call Tom Kerchansky at 412-279-5987.



A Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Tim Murphy will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church on Sunday, July 10th at 3:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul (220 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie).

Joining the Congressman will be Father Steve Repa, Father Jason, Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek, and members of the Carnegie Ukrainian community. Congressman Murphy will be discussing his recent Congressional Delegation Trip to Ukraine including his meetings with the Prime Minister, Members of Parliament, and the Prosecutor General. The Congressman will also be discussing important legislative issues dealing with Ukraine. For any questions or to RSVP, contact Mike D'Orazio at 412-344-5583.

Men Following Jesus Christ has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) on Monday July 11th. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on May 9th*. We need at least seven volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.). Please contact Deacon Myron at 412-303-9086 mjspak@verizon.net.



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 10th**.

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

Pennsylvania American Water will sponsor the 10th annual Wonderful World of Water Day Camp July 11 thru July 15 at the Outdoor Classroom in Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair for students, ages 7-11. A non-refundable fee of \$20 is required to reserve your space. Call 412-488-7490 or email Nancy Martin at nancym@prc.org.

Two 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 8th**, and 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 9th**. Call the rectory for Scholarship #2 application.

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: \$1,847 was offered in the collection with another \$109.25 for candles, \$31 for Utilities, \$439 for Peter's Pence Collection, \$10 for Ss. Peter and Paul, \$37.67 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, and \$10 prosphora donation for a grand total of \$2,483.92. The Pyrohi Project brought in a *net amount* of \$2,298.94. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, July 9 at 4pm: Angela Honchar
- Sunday, July 10 at 8:30am: Terry Styran
- Sunday, July 10 at 11am: Zac Sudiak

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

Sat. 7/2	<i>Commemoration of the placing of the pure robes of our most pure Lady, the Mother of God</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anastasia (20 th anniversary) and Stephen Zinski requested by their son, Stephen	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Szmul requested by Dorothy Price	IS
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Sun. 7/3	<i>The holy martyr Hyacinth</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Conrad & Margie Kulik	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon requested by Eleanor Patross	IS
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Mon. 7/4	HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! <i>Archbishop Andrew of Jerusalem</i>  <i>The office is closed</i>	
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Tues. 7/5	<i>Our venerable father Athansius of Mount Athos</i> Camp Heritage- Final Week	
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Wed. 7/6	<i>Our venerable father Sisoës the great</i>	
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Thurs. 7/7	<i>Our venerable fathers Thomas and Acacius</i>	
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Fri. 7/8	<i>The holy great martyr Procopius</i>	
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Sat. *The holy priest-martyr Bishop Pancratius*

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4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Michael & Valeria Volanski
requested by Mary Ann Volanski JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim
requested by Deb & Bob Sestili IS

Sun. *The holy 45 martyrs of Nicopolis in Armenia*

7/10

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by
Mary & Bob Laurenzi IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish & all graduating
students of the parish JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Ed Michenko
requested by Eleanor Patross IS

.....followed by the Graduates brunch at Papa J's.



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