

February 26, 2017

Sunday of Cheese Fare

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Welcome to those who are with us for the first time! Coffee and social downstairs after the Divine Liturgy. All are most welcome! We have a number of *welcomes* in order this weekend.

First, welcome to Julian Chubko, beautiful and healthy son of Katrina Malyarsky and Nazar Chubko, who received Holy Baptism, Holy Chrismation and Holy Eucharist at the 4pm Liturgy on Saturday, February 25th.

Second, welcome to the noble, God-fearing and much-loved members of “Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life,” who have chosen our parish at the 11am Liturgy this Sunday to start their Spring Campaign. Their witness (peaceful, Christ-like, bold and meek, pro-woman, pro-child) to the sacred nature of human life, especially life in the womb, is a light on the hill. Our parish will be joining them for a day in March. For some of them, this may be their first time at a Byzantine Divine Liturgy. Catholics of any rite can receive the sacraments from other rites in the Catholic communion. If you have not received communion before in the Byzantine (a.k.a. Greek Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic) tradition, simply tilt your head back and open your mouth like a nestling does when the mother sparrow arrives to drop in the food. No need to extend your tongue. No need to touch the spoon. God is good!

Finally, welcome to the Great Fast. We may dread it, we may ignore it, we may wish it were not so. But, Lent is here and so it must go. The best advice is to throw ourselves into its rigor, much like dirty laundry into the washing machine. Soon enough the spin cycle will pass, and we can dress ourselves in the clean clothes of paschal glory. Perhaps, I’m wrong, but I think that the best way to have a life-changing Lent is to have a service-attending Lent. This Sunday night come for Forgiveness Vespers at 7pm! We have Pre-Sanctified Liturgies every Wednesday at 7pm and Friday at 5pm during the Great Fast. The Friday services will be followed by soup and lessons by Fr. Jason on questions of theology, the faith, liturgy, Church history and certain Saints.

I’d like to share with you my answer to the question: “What is the Great Fast?”

*“At Lent we go with Jesus to the cross, even at great personal loss.
For our sins He suffered horribly, and we offered Him gall deplorably.*

*We now in bitter sorrow and remorse, delay not to the morrow to run the course
of fasting, almsgiving, prayer and charity, to cleanse our souls of barbarity!
Rather, throwing all things overboard, to sail with our Sovereign Lord
Accepting the wails and spit of humanity, if only to live a simpler Christianity!*

*That this Lent, day in, day out, I will these hellish passions rout
By His grace and my battle of these forty days, I may glimpse His loving gaze.*

*Then reaching the end in body so weak, on cold Golgotha’s harrowing peak,
I may turn and hear Him say: “Come, now! Enter the Eighth and Final Day!
You who suffered so fraternally, now exalt in life eternally.”*

Jason, priest and sinner (not yet a poet!)

PS: See Lenten guidelines printed at end of bulletin

Some people did not receive a bulletin from last week. Here is last week’s important message from the pastor regarding our kitchen renovation:

The Church exists to save souls. Souls are saved by proclaiming the gospel of Christ, by conversion of heart to his will, by worthy reception of the Holy Mysteries (Baptism, Eucharist, Confession, etc.), by doing good out of the storehouse of faith, hope and love. At the same time, we are called to further this important work in this world. We see in the writings of St. Paul that he contributed to this mission of the church by supporting his work through tent-making. We support our work here by something tastier than tents: pyrohi. Through this exemplary work by dedicated volunteers we are able to not only keep our church going, but going well. Like a good car that needs to have an oil change every 7,000 miles, our pyrohi kitchen also needs some TLC once every fifty years. PAC and I have decided that instead of waiting for a major problem to develop with our kitchen that would cause significant problems, it would be better to be pro-active now and give the kitchen its once-in-a-fifty-year improvement. Granted, this will be on the pricey side. On the other hand, though, I can no longer ignore the fact that my older parishioners work long hours (at times injuring themselves) doing work that would exhaust younger men. Work that now can be cut in half with newer equipment which wasn't possible fifty years ago. For example, a dishwasher, a ball-maker, a blast chiller, a tilting skillet and a safe mixer will all help our volunteers enormously. (As I write this Stephanie is recovering from a mishap with the mixer which could have been prevented by a newer mixer which comes with safety features). With the addition of these new pieces of equipment and a better layout for the kitchen we can look forward to many years of increased pyrohi production without as much exhaustion and stress. To do this I need your help. Help for this worthy project can come by contributing to a **parish fundraiser** here at Holy Trinity, which we have not had in decades (since the 1960’s). Some people may ask, "Why give, when we already have money in the bank?" True, we do have some money set aside in our church account and in our pyrohi account, but this money is for a rainy-day fund. In short, some of the money to cover the cost of updating the kitchen will come from our savings and some

of it will (God-willing) come from each of us. I ask each parishioner to give according to one's own means. The goal is \$75,000 between now and May 1. For donations over \$500 we will have a special plaque engraved with the names of the loved ones in whose honor you will have made your donation. This plaque will be prominently displayed so that guests to our kitchen will remember the people who made this church possible. I look forward in the coming weeks to seeing how this big step develops. Hopefully this project will not be an end in itself but will be a means for us to better share the Gospel with those around us, getting to their hearts through their stomachs! How much do you hunger to share God's word with the godless? Help us as best you can. Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Teenager & Young Adults REMINDER:**

This year's Lock-in-Retreat will be **March 18-19** at St. Anne's in Austintown, OH. \$25 admission includes presentations, book, meals, T-shirt & FUN! **DEADLINE to register is SUNDAY, March 5th!** Contact Dcn. Myron Spak 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net. The theme: To Die for Christ means to Live Forever!



- **The PAC (Pastor's Advisory Council)** is up for 3 positions. Please find the Primary Election Ballot within the bulletin. The **DEADLINE to submit your names for the Primary is This Wednesday, March 1st.**



The Final Election will take place the weekend of March 4th and 5th.



- **Please make a special effort to support this film! Fr. Jason "Bitter Harvest"** a romantic-drama movie about the famine Holodomor that killed millions of Ukrainians in the 1930s is playing at the AMC Lowes Waterfront 22 Movie Theatre (West Homestead), 412-462-6550 or www.amctheatres.com.

- **A Premier of a movie about Patriarch Josyf Slipyj**, (born 2-17-1893 in Zazdrist Ukraine, died 9-7-1984 in Rome Italy at age 92) will be *held at our Church* on **Saturday, March 25 at 6pm.** He was the Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and courageously spent 18 years in Soviet prison camps until the Vatican obtained his release from the godless Soviets. This film will be in Ukrainian. Fr. Ihor Yatsiv is travelling all the way from Ukraine to show this. Please, please, make a special effort to attend.

● **Mark your Calendars: 2017 Sviachene** will be on St. Thomas Sunday, April 23rd, the Sunday after Pascha!



● **Pysanka Workshop** will take place for 3 Sundays: March 12th, March 26th and April 2nd in the church hall from 2-4pm. More details to follow!

● **Youth Group Summer Camp and Adventure to the Adirondacks! Book your spot now by emailing or calling rectory. June 11-17, 2017 Camp Guggenheim**



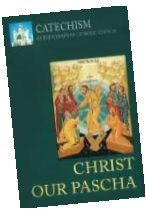
Prayer List: Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have a prayer list, contact the office and we'll send you one. **Keep in your prayers:** Anastasia Chruszcz, Stephanya Borszcz, Alice Haritan, Luba & Peter Hlutkowsky, Daniel Holowaty, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik, Frances Ingram, John Mosur, Zac Sudiak, 3 month old baby Jason & Family, Jeanie Kincak, Kerrie Zorey, Mary Anne Szeszak, Tom Kerchansky, Fr. Ivan Smereka and Martha Bright.



will be sold again this year to help underwrite some Parish Youth Group Activities. Order forms are available in the church vestibule. Please make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Youth". Orders can be submitted by completing an order form and leaving it in the "box" in the vestibule. **Orders can be submitted up to Sunday, March 26th.** Orders will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday, April 9th. For more information please contact Ostap Lutsiv at [412-760-1844](tel:412-760-1844) or ostap.lutsiv@yahoo.com

NEEDED: Volunteers to fill our time slot on Sunday, April 2nd from 3:00pm to 7:00pm for the **40 Days for Life Vigil** at the Planned Parenthood Clinic (933 Liberty Avenue) in downtown Pittsburgh. **Two vigil participants per hour is what is recommended.** A total of eight participants will allow us to fully staff this event. Depending upon interest, carpooling from Carnegie may be available, and there is free on-street parking in Pittsburgh on Sundays! This will be a peaceful, prayerful & rewarding experience. For more information on 40 days for Life/Pittsburgh, visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh>. If you have any questions, call Dcn. Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net.





It is back in stock on our eparchial web site. Follow the link to purchase:
<http://stjosaphateparchy.com/product/christ-our-pascha/>

Christ –Our Pascha Workshop will take place Saturday, **March 25th** at Pokrova Church (6790 Broadview Road) in Parma Ohio, beginning at 9:30am and ending at 4pm with a Divine Liturgy. **For information and registration** call or email Sr. Ann Laszok 412-260-1607 or srannl@aol.com. **There will be another Workshop** on Saturday, **April 1st** at Sts. Peter and Paul Church (404 Sixth Street, Ambridge) same times. Everyone is Welcome!



Homemade Soups during lent will be available at Holy Trinity during pyrohi hours, (*Thursdays: 9am-Noon & Fridays: 9am – 2pm*). There will be 3 kinds of soup: Borscht (Vegetarian), Cream of Cauliflower (Vegetarian) and Chicken Noodle. Each soup is \$8/qt. If you would like to order ahead of time, call the rectory: 412-279-4652, otherwise just come to the church hall.

Slightly used Infant –Age 14 children clothing is needed to send to orphanages & the needy in Ukraine. During March, please bring in slightly used or new clothes as well as **only** new toys and place them in the collection boxes in the church vestibule and side entrance, marked “Children Clothing –Ukraine” *Also, any monetary donation* would greatly be appreciated to help in the cost of shipping. Please put your monetary donation in the collection basket and mark “Children Clothing –Ukraine” on the outside of the envelope. Thank you!!



The 14th annual “Protect our Watersheds Art Contest” is open to **4th, 5th and 6th grade students** in schools served by PA American Water. All entries must be **postmarked by March 31st**. 1st Place winners: \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble, 2nd Place Winners: \$50 gift card to B&N & 3rd Place winners: \$25 gift card to B&N. Grand Prize Winner: his/her artwork will be printed on unique see-filled cards. More information: www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com

Scholarships: Pennsylvania American Water is offering the *Stream of Learning Scholarship Program* to support outstanding student in our area who are charting a course of study that is critical to the water and wastewater industry. To apply for the \$1,000 scholarship go to www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com. **Deadline is March 24, 2017.**

Scholarships: Go to www.Carlynton.org in the next few days to see the “Maggie Scholarship Fund”. The scholarships are \$5,000 each and can be used to pay for tuition at any post-secondary school. You will complete the application on line. More information on this scholarship will appear in the upcoming bulletins!!

Do you need Estate Planning, Last Will and Testament, Living Will? If so, consider giving John Sembrat a call. His number is: 412-260-8605

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: \$1,516.97 was offered in the collection with another \$123.50 for candles, \$10 for utilities, \$10 for Presentation of Our Lord, \$10 Initial Offering, \$184 for Synod of Bishops, \$5 for Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$75 church hall rental, \$375 divine liturgy book sale and donation, and \$144 stuffed cabbage sales, all for a grand total of \$2,453.47. The pyrohi project brought in a “net amount” of \$1,573. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for Next Weekend:

- Monday, February 27 (pre-sanctified liturgy) – 7pm: Cantor
- Wednesday, March 1 (pre-sanctified liturgy) – 7pm: Angela Honchar
- Friday, March 3 (pre-sanctified liturgy) - 5pm: Cantor
- Saturday, March 4 - 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday, March 5 - 8:30am: Terry Styran, and later at 11am: Sophia Charron
- Sunday, March 5 - 11am: Sophia Charron

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

Sat. 2/25	<i>The holy Tarasius, archbishop of Constantinople</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the People		JC
with the baptism of Julian Michael Chubko		
<hr/>			
Sun 2/26	Sunday of Cheese Fare – <i>The holy martyr Sebastian</i>		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 12 th anniversary of the late Catherine Esterburg requested by her daughter Arlene		IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health & well-being for Maria Vykhnelych requested by her daughter Halyna		JC
7:00pm	Forgiveness Vespers		JC
<hr/>			
Mon 2/27	First Day of the Great Fast – <i>Our venerable father Procopius the Decapolitan</i>		
7:00pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy		JC

Wed. *The venerable martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis*
03/1

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy JC

Fri. *The holy martyr Eutropius and his companions*
03/3

5:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy JC

Sat. *Our venerable father Gerasimus of the Jordan*
3/4

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Chervon requested by her sister, Katherine Volanski and niece Mary Ann Volanski JC

Sun **1st Sunday of the Great Fast: *The holy martyrs Conon and his wife Maria***
3/5

8:30am 40th Divine Liturgy for Pauline Danesky IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people JC

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS *If we missed any birthdays, please call the rectory!*

Ivan Slota	Donna Sradomski	Ted Sywy
Halyna Mykhailiv	Cesare Ulrich	Mary Kurzawski
Maria Hanzel	Vivian Ulrich	Loretta Luebbert
Olga Konecky	Heidi Sciulli	Bruce Alstad
Pat Baessler	Mathilda Volanski	Alex Konecky
Anne Konecky	Mark Popivchak	Chris Kohl
Rebecca Zaletski	Gabrielle Blythe	Alice Johnson
Natalia Lutsiv	Maxim Milligan	Daniel Saad
Joseph Wowczuk	Daryna Pidkova	Anna Kalymon
Irina Malyarsky	Oleg Chubko	Christina Hlutkowsky
Yaryna Korenovska	Olenka Koutsyk	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jo Ann Pretka	Olga Medwig	Rich Hurey Sr.
Peter Hlutkowsky	Anna Karpa	Frank Zuk
Evhen Czuczman	Mary Ann Volanski	Arlene Esterburg
Mary Suzanne Dennis	Veronica Alstad	Frances Wengryn
Janet Dupilka	Tim Davis	Irene Was
Pat McGuire	Roseann Duhig	Tetyana Chubko
Katherine Volanski	John Maslany	Helen Marie Zaletski
Andriy Kazitskyi	Trenton Davis	Stanislav Davyda
Carson Joller	Thomas Medwig	Victoria Ulrich

Lenten Preview: Do Good, avoid Evil. Pray, Hope, Do Not Worry

PRAYER - In church:

This Sunday at 7: Lenten Forgiveness Vespers

First week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Compline (poklony-brief)
8am

Wednesday and Friday evenings : Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Some Saturdays (10 a.m.) - Memorial Services for the Dead

Fifth Thursday (7 p.m.) : Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (Poklony)
(complete)

Regular Weekend Liturgies.

At home:

Prayer of St. Ephraim of Syria with poklony before retiring

Spiritual reading and Devotional prayers

FASTING - (Does not apply to those 65 and older, those on medication, pregnant or nursing mothers,)

According to your ability, No meat, no milk, or dairy products

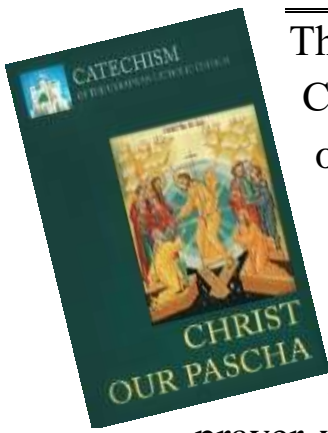
No television, movies, worldly music and entertainment.

No idle talk. (God help us!)

ALMSGIVING

In church and at home

February#3 Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha:



The Prayer of the Church Chapter 3, “The Personal Prayer of the Christian,” explains the place of the Christian’s prayer within the prayer of the Church as a whole. Every Christian, as he or she takes part in the prayer of the Church community, also fills his or her everyday life with personal prayer. Precisely in this way is revealed our complete and committed responds to the Father's call to be his sons and daughters.

The Holy Spirit inspires Christian prayer. The Spirit unites those in prayer with Christ, and unites all personal prayer into a single voice of the church. (#330)