

May 14, 2017

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

A woman who deeply loved her late-mother once shared this touching experience: “Mama, you are like an angel to me,” I said. My mother laughed with her heavenly laugh. “You are! You know so much and when you’re around it feels like sunshine is around me.” “My dear one, I try to answer you the best I can, but when you grow older, you will no longer need me,” she said. “No, Mama, I will need you forever. No matter what!” I said. All she said was: “My dear little one, nothing remains the same this side of heaven except the vast blue sky.” It has been ten years since I lost my mother. Mom, you were wrong about one thing: I still need you.

Do you miss your mother? Perhaps it’s the smell in the house when she cooked that stays with you till today, giving you a hunger to see her again and give her one last embrace. It may be the inexplicably lovely aroma that just accompanied her, or the subtle scent of that delicate perfume she put on “just to freshen up” whenever dad was coming home from a day at work. Is it the presence of her voice that you first heard *in utero* and which echoes evermore in your soul as you reminisce of her singing or comforting you? As you look back on the years, you may love her more now than ever because, beyond the sounds and smells, you in your heart perceive the hidden things...you see now those things you could not have seen then. The untold sacrifices. The hidden pains. The burdens carried alone. The things that could have been, yet never were because she put everything into you and left nothing for herself.

If any of this resonates with you, good Christian, then take courage, be glad and give thanks to God Almighty because it means that you were among those endowed with a head start in life. You were given a divine blessing, you were given a fountain of love, you were given a foretaste of heaven, you were given a *mother*! And, yes, you still need her because the love she planted in your innocent heart is what is now pushing you heavenward where you will come to see lasting and pure Love, God Himself.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

PS: This is the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of the Holy Theotokos to the three shepherd children in Fatima, on May 13th, 1917. At the end of the homily at each Liturgy this weekend we will pray ten “Hail, Mary’s” for reparation to God for the sins of men, as requested by our heavenly mother, the Holy Theotokos. If you are unaware of the Church-approved apparitions at Fatima, then I kindly ask that you make a point of becoming familiar with it. The events and prophecy surrounding Fatima carry enormous meaning for our world today. Through the apparitions of the Mother of God in Fatima many souls were saved from being eternally lost in hell because they came to see how sin offends God, how sin leads to war, and how it separates us from Him. This plays out in families, too. For instance, before the main visionary died, Sr. Lucia, she wrote to Cardinal Caffarra in Rome, who was tasked by St. John Paul the Great with starting an institute to promote the Christian family and marriage. Here is what Sr. Lucia wrote to him: “...*the final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don’t be afraid, because anyone who operates for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be contended and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue.*”

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Happy Mother’s Day** to all the mothers, grandmothers and godmothers of the parish! Enjoy your day!!!
- **Please pray** for the soul of Jeanie Kincak who passed away Friday morning, May 12, 2017. Our parish family has lost one of its own, and we extend our condolences to her children Ken, Chris and Tanya, and all in the Kincak family. May her memory be eternal! Christ is Risen!
- **Kitchen Renovation Total** so far: \$13,060 / \$75,000. We would like to give a special thank you to Carol Ostaffe and John & Mary Kuzemka for their recent donations.
- **Plain Paska Breads** are available for \$5. They were made for Easter and have been placed in the freezer. If you would like to buy one, please call the rectory!
- **The Eparchial Youth Committee (EYC)** will have a meeting NEXT Saturday, May 20th at 10 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul in Ambridge for new candidates who are interested in learning more about the work and programs of this committee. A candidate must be 18, an active member in the parish, likes to work with young people, and recommended by the pastor, as well as go through a safe environment



training and have background screening performed. For more information, contact Fr. Deacon Myron at 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net.

- **Graduations** are around the bend, and we would like to honor the young people of our parish who are completing high school or college. Please call the rectory and provide the names of these students who are making this milestone in their lives. Please include school name, degree earned and future plans.

- **Pyrohi and Homemade Soups** are back starting Thursday, May 18th! Call the pyrohi kitchen phone to place an order 412-276-9897.

Prayer List: Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. **Keep in your**



prayers: Anastasia Chruszcz, Stephanya Borszcz, Lesya (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, Zac Sudiak, 3 month old baby Jason & Family, Mary Anne Szeszak, Tom Kerchansky, Fr. Ivan Smereka.



is **Monday, May 29th**. 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*. Please turn in your names by Wed., May 24th

Trinity Acres Day Camp 2017 starts next month!

UPDATE: There will be 2 weeks of day camp for children ages 6-11, AND another program for children ages 12-14 **beginning June 19th** and ending June 30th. **Register online at: www.trinityacresdaycamp.com**. The cost for Holy Trinity parishioners is \$75/week and \$125 / week for non-parishioners.

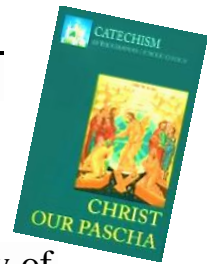


Hoagie Sale –to support Trinity Acres Day Camp – Turkey, Italian, or Ham hoagies will be made by Produce Plus with Beadworks' hoagie buns, Price **\$7**. Drop your order into the collection basket or at the church office **by May 14th**. **PICK UP** will be after the Divine Liturgies next weekend, May 20th and 21st.



Homemade Soup is Back starting Thursday, May 18th during pyrohi hours, (Thursdays: 9am-Noon & Fridays: 9am – 2pm). There will be 2 kinds of soup: Borscht (Vegetarian) and Chicken Noodle for \$8/qt. Call the Pyrohi line to place your order, *while supplies last!*

An extra shipment of 10 Christ Our Pascha books has been ordered.
There are 7 books remaining. The price per book is \$15. Please contact the rectory if you would like to purchase one of these books.



May #1 Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha: Symbol of Faith The profession of the [Symbol of Faith] is the prayerful contemplation of the Church, and the sign of unity of Christians in faith: “Let your Symbol of Faith be, as it were, a mirror to you. Therein see yourself, whether you believe everything you profess to believe, and so rejoice day by day in your faith.” (Augustine of Hippo) (#5)

May #2 Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha: Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: The Church proclaims to the human race the presence of the Risen Christ within history, and manifests this presence in her liturgical prayer. This happens when the faithful remember the historical events of the Passion and Resurrection and thus become witnesses and communicants of the new life in Christ: “[Historical] truth and the solemnity [celebration of it] are not at variance.” In the Communion of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the Church shows herself to be the one Body of Christ (see Eph 1:23). (#6)

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory Maronite Church every Tuesday from Noon-5pm. (1000 Lindsay Rd, Carnegie) www.olovpittsburgh.org 412-278-0841
All are welcome to come and spend peaceful time with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Perennial Plant Sale at the Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Ave, Carnegie)
May 20th from 10am-3pm.

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.

Need help maintaining your family’s gravesite? Contact Cemeteryscape. Owner: Mike Hanczar 412-279-0542. “We do headstone cleaning, flower planting along with colorful mulch in one complete package. www.cemeteryscape.net. **10% discount for Holy Trinity parishioners.**

Pentecost Sacred Arts Festival sponsored by Our Lady of Grace Church (310 Kane Blvd. Pgh (Scott Township) 15243, Keefer Hall) will be on Wed., May 31st – Sun., June 4th. Admission is free. The five-day festival includes live literary & musical performances by Sam Hazo, Poet Laureate of PA & Joe Negri, jazz guitarist & TV personality. For more information call 412-279-7070 ext 15.

The Parish Youth Group will be delivering 130 lunches to homeless & less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District NEXT Sat., May 20th. The total cost of the project is approx. \$300. They will meet at 6pm in the church hall on Friday, May 19th to assemble the lunches. If you would like to support the Youth Group please contact Bo Mykhailiv at 412-726-8309 or bohndanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.



Scholarship: Students who are attending or are planning to attend **Duquesne University** should apply for the ***Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund***. This fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne Univ. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards, provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress. *Applications can be obtained by contacting the rectory and must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1st, 2017, along with a 500 word essay, current transcript & letter of recommendation.*

The St. Josaphat Society will once again be sponsoring a scholarship for a high school senior this year who is a member of our parish. Please call the rectory for an application. A copy of your latest report card and transcript must be included with the application, along with a written essay. The application must be postmarked by Saturday, July 8, 2017.

Oriente Lumen XXI Conference will be held on June 19-22, 2017 in Washington, DC on the theme "Chieti and Crete: Two Historical Events." The conference is open to the public and includes laity & clergy from Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholic & Oriental Orthodox Churches. For more details, go to www.olfoundation.net, select OL XXI menu option on the Conferences tab or call 703-691-8862. Registration is due by June 1st.

UTS (Ukrainian Technological Society) Scholarship application form is available at www.utspgh.org. There are no paper applications. **The Due Date is July 1, 2017.** The scholarship awards social is Sun., July 30th at 3pm in the Frick Fine Arts Bldg. auditorium on the Univ. of Pgh. campus. *Potential applicants should contact their school's registrar immediately for their coursework transcript and mail it to UTS Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 4277, Pgh., PA 15203.*

Michael Haritan, a professional photographer who volunteered last year for Sr. Ann's mission trip, has developed a poster of all the Churches seen on this trip. *All proceeds are going directly to the Sisters of St. Basil the Great to help with the children's orphanages and psychiatric institutions in Ukraine.* All photo orders will be delivered to HTUCC for pick up. HaritanPhotography.com 724-941-2002 or call 412-279-4652



One 12 x 18" unframed color print = \$ 36 or Two = \$ 65

One 12 x 18 **framed** color print = \$ 55 or Two = \$100

One 20 x 30 unframed color print = \$ 85

One 20 x 30 **framed** color print = \$115

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 \$_____].”

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.

Vital Stats: \$2,060 was offered in the collection with another \$144 for candles, \$8 for the Eparchy, \$20 Special Offering, \$315 for utilities, \$74 for Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$21 from the Paska Bread Project, \$48 from the Holubtsi Project, \$50 Youth Group Sandwich Project and \$520 for the Kitchen Renovation, all for a grand total of \$3,260. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for next weekend:

- Saturday, May 20 - 4pm: Angela Honchar
- Sunday, May 21 - 8:30am: Serhiy Chovyk
- Sunday, May 21 - 11am: Cantor
- Wednesday May 24 - 7pm (Vigil of the Ascension) – Cantor

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

Sat. 5/13	<i>The holy martyr Glyceria</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Szpynda requested by Daniel & Michalina Pituch	JC
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Andrew, Anna & Mary Ananevich requested by John M. Maslany & Family	IS
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Sun 5/14		Mother’s Day: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman: <i>The holy martyr Isidore</i>	
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Frank & Jula Maslany requested by John M. Maslany & Family	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people, and all the mothers of the parish	JC
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Mon. 5/15	<i>Our venerable father Pachomius the great</i> The pastor's day off	
Tues. 5/16	<i>Our venerable father Theodore the sanctified</i>	
9:00am	Divine liturgy for the repose of Ted Koneckey requested by Ron & Joanne Swantek	JC
Wed. 5/17	<i>The holy apostle Andronicus and those with him</i>	
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Jim Birch requested by Barb Paluch (OLPH)	JC
Thurs. 5/18	<i>The holy martyr Theodotus of Ancyra</i>	
Fri. 5/19	<i>The holy priest-martyr Patrick, bishop of Prussa</i>	
Sat. 5/20	<i>The holy martyr Thaleleus and those with him</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for all of the deceased in the Volanski Family requested by Katherine & MaryAnn Volanski	JC
also Divine Liturgy for prayers for Fr. Ihor Hohosha and all priests requested by an anonymous person	IS
Sun 5/21	Sunday of the man born blind: <i>The holy great king, Constantine</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Katherine Kerchansky requested by Tom Kerchansky	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people	JC

MAY Birthdays *If we missed any birthdays, Please call the rectory!*

Teresa Shaheen	Jeff Sradomski	Elizaveta Bohonok
Walter Demain	Ludmyla Pavlyshyn	Rev. Fr. Jason Charron
Fr. Dcn. Myron Spak	Michael Jula	John Yenchik
Eryna Honchar	Bohdan Didoshak	Douglas Pierce
Taras Davyda	Douglas Blythe	Peter Moss
Frances Yuschak	Borys Wowczuk	Larissa Spak
Mykhailo Pidkova	Mykola Korenovsky	Yuri Korenovsky
Sophia Charron	Marie Smereka	Katherine Milano



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