

May 21, 2017

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

A big **congratulations** to Holy Trinity's first son, Rev. Dr. Msgr. Ronald P. Popivchak, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination today in his parish, Sts. Peter and Paul, Bridgeport, PA. The son of Peter Popivchak and Martha Waypa, he was ordained by Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn on Ascension Thursday, May 25, 1967 at the Philadelphia Cathedral.

Most of you may not know "Fr. Ronnie," and may wonder why all the attention for a guy who has not been in this parish for 50 years. That's a fair question. Let me explain. About 18 years ago I was travelling and found myself on a Sunday morning in a place where there were no Catholics (that I knew of), no Catholic parishes (Greek Catholic, nor Roman Catholic), and no priests. It was a horrible feeling driven home by the fact that I needed to go to Confession, but for the first time in my adult life could not. There was a Russian Orthodox church, but there was no way the priest there was going to hear my confession. More than anything else, that Sunday morning I just wanted a priest. I've always remembered that lesson: without a priest there is no Eucharist, no Confession, no Sacraments...no lifeblood of the Church.

As Christ gave his blood that we may have life, so too priests give of their blood that we may have life in Christ. I think especially of the celibate priests like Msgr. Popivchak (above) who forsook the joys and comforts of having a family in order to serve the needs of God's people, that they may have spiritual life. I think of all the talent and time that men like him could have given to amassing considerable personal capital, what with all their gifts, yet gave no second-thought to directing that time and talent to our Mother, the Church, to save souls. I think of all the crosses and indifference that came upon priests of his generation who had to face a hostile society aflame with Marxism and the sexual revolution, yet those priests who stayed faithful to their vows endured much scorn, all the while showing love and patience. They did all this that you the faithful may have the Holy Eucharist and Confession. They did all this the saving truths of Christ would be handed down in the proclamation of God's word and in sound teaching which doesn't bend with the wind. They did all this for God's glory. For this we call such men, "Father," because by this they have handed down to us life.

Jason, priest and sinner.

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:



• **Kitchen Renovation Total** so far: \$13,380 / \$75,000. We would like to give a special thank you to Charles & Donna Sradomski, John & Mary Kuzemka and Lorraine Maselko for their recent donations.

• **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. Also, we would also like to celebrate this occasion by taking the graduates and their immediate families to Sunday brunch. Please include the number in your party.

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 Szestak, Tom Kerchansky, and 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* at 10am. Please turn in your names by Wed., 5/24.

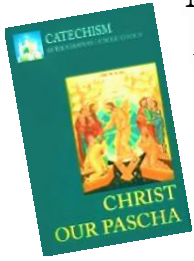
Trinity Acres Day Camp 2017 starts next month!

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.



Holy Trinity Homemade Soup is Back 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 412-276-9897 to place your order, *while supplies last!*




May #3 Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha:

Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great In the words of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, “Liturgical prayer becomes the harbinger of the formulations of the fundamental truths on the faith in the later Symbols, or Professions, of faith.” Therefore, communal prayer is also a symbol of the common faith of the Church. One such example of the Church’s faith expressed liturgically is the Eucharistic Prayer, the Anaphora (from the Greek lifting-up). (#7)

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.**

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.*

 **(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.*

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.**

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

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.

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.

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.

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: \$2,751 was offered in the collection with another \$163 for candles, \$20 for the Eparchy, \$30 Special Offering, \$20 for Ascension, \$37 for utilities, \$61 for Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$20 Youth Group Sandwich Project donation, \$50 reimbursement from Liturgy Account, \$1,350 burial fee, \$200 Trinity Acres rental

security deposit, \$75 hall rental and \$320 for the Kitchen Renovation, all for a grand total of \$5,097. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for next weekend:

- Saturday, May 27 - 4pm: Al Trautman
- Sunday, May 28 - 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo
- Sunday, May 28 - 11am: Sophia Charron

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

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
Mon. 5/22	<i>The holy martyr Basiliscus</i> The pastor's day off	
Tues. 5/23	<i>Our venerable father Michael, bishop of Synada</i>	
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Ted Konecky requested by Ron & Joanne Swantek (moved from 5-16-17)	JC
Wed. 5/24	Vigil: Ascension of our Lord: (Holy day of obligation) <i>Our venerable father Simeon of the "Wonderful Mountain"</i>	
7:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the people	JC
Thurs. 5/25	Ascension of our Lord: <i>The 3rd finding of the head of the prophet, forerunner John the Baptist</i>	

Fri. *The holy apostle Carpus, one of the 70 Apostles*

5/26

Sat. *The holy priest-martyr Therapontes, bishop of Sardis*

5/27

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the people

JC

Sun **Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council:**

5/28

Our venerable father Nicetas

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 27th anniversary of the late Anna Krisovenski requested by Arlene Esterburg

AW

11:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 9th anniversary of the late Ihor Vykhnevych requested by his daughter, Halyna

JC

Mon **Memorial Day: *The holy venerable martyr Theodosia***

5/29

10:00am Divine Liturgy (at Trinity Acres Cemetery) for those enrolled followed by blessing of the graves



JC



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	Maria Smereka	Katherine Milano



The Holy Trinity Children's Herald

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