

September 10, 2017

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, I was talking with some teenagers at a high school who asked me about the events coming up on September 23rd. “What events?” I replied. Some of them told me about an upcoming arrangement in the night sky of stellar constellations involving Virgo and Leo. This, combined with a recent total eclipse, the two major hurricanes here in the US, plus the upcoming 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Holy Mother of God at Fatima on Oct. 13th, all indicate that we’re receiving warning signs from God that we are living in the End Times, as foretold in the Bible. Some of the students sneered at the idea, some laughter broke out here and there, others were silent. “But, Father, what do you say?”

I simply don’t know what it all means. What I do know is this: a) there is no virtue in cynicism and skepticism, b) there is no virtue in gullibility, but c) there is virtue in being obedient to the words of Jesus Christ who said through St. Paul that we should be fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When Christ came the first time there were signs in the sky. After all, does not the Church teach us that in Scripture and in the Liturgy when we read: *"Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone forth the light of knowledge to the world. For through it those who worshiped the stars; learned from a star to worship You the Sun of Righteousness and to acknowledge You the dawn from on High, O Lord, glory to You!"* We also read in Luke’s Gospel the following regarding Christ’s Second Coming: “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring” (Luke 21:25). So, when people are quick to pour scorn on others for suggesting Jesus’ Second Coming might be around the corner, they should read the very words of Jesus. Clearly, there will be signs in the sky and distress on Earth and in the seas.

On the other hand, we need to avoid the grave sin and blasphemy of Charles Taze Russell, the infamous founder of the Jehovah’s Witnesses (and Pittsburgher!) who gave false prophesy numerous times concerning the Second Coming. If Jesus Christ Himself said that no man knows the day or the hour of the end of the world, not the angels in heaven and not the Son, but only the Father, (Matt 24:36) then how can we mortals, sinful and ignorant, expect to know when these great and cataclysmic events will unfold?

Clearly, the best we can do is avoid the sin of prideful scorn (He won’t come today!) and avoid the sin of prideful conceit (He will come today!) and resolve to be humble and get our souls in order now because the master of the house does not know when the thief will come (Matt. 24).

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Kitchen Renovation** is moving right along.....with new plumbing and ventilation. **The Kitchen Donations** have reached \$16,639. We would like to thank Stephen H. Zinski for his recent donation!!
- **“Christ our Pascha” Catechisms are on sale in rectory.** Call and have one set aside for you: \$20 each
- **Attached in the bulletin is** the financial report for the festival with expenses and income. We grossed over \$30,000 but had more expenses this year than when it was held at Trinity Acres. Some of the expenses were from new things, which while fun, hurt the profit margin. But, what’s a festival without fun, right? We’ll have a Festival 2018 meeting soon to better organize for next year. Info to come shortly!
- **Sunday, October 29th** – **Bishop Robert’s 80th Birthday Celebration** in our church hall

PRAYER List: Please Keep in your prayers: Anastasia Chruszcz, Stephanya

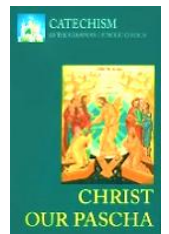


Borszcz, Luba Hlutkowsky, Daniel Holowaty, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James Holdcroft, John Yenchik, Raymond Komichak, Jim Nadeo, Melissa Pierce Leary, Michael Buny, David DuSold, Ryan Eckel, Dr. Jim Van Horn, Mary McLaughlin, Tallulah Headrick, Sharon Maddern,

Francis Leone, Bob Kness, Carol Ostaffe and Chuck Gibson.

September #1 Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha: Holy Tradition

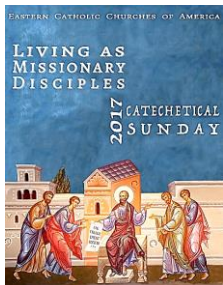
According to St. Irenaeus of Lyons, the essence of Holy Tradition is this - that all Christians share one and the same faith, by which they become partakers of God’s life: All receive one and the same God the Father, and believe in the same dispensation regarding the incarnation of the Son of God, and are cognizant of the same gift of the Spirit, and are conversant with the same commandments, and preserve the same form of ecclesiastical constitution, expect the same advent of the Lord, and await the same salvation of the complete man, that is, of the soul and body. (#31a)



On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 2017, Soyuz Ukrainok, Pittsburgh Br. 27 will sponsor its annual *Vyshyvani Vechornytsi* with Presentation of Debutantes at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott (777 Aten Road Coraopolis, PA 15108). Cocktails: 5:30-6:30pm; Program & Presentation of Debutantes: 6:30pm; & Dinner to follow. Dancing 8:00pm to 11:00pm to the Music of the Continental Dukes. Tickets: Adults \$45, Children \$20, Dance only \$10. For reservations call Anne Konecky at [412-343-0309](tel:412-343-0309) or Slava Komichak at [412-833-6657](tel:412-833-6657) **by Monday, Sept. 18th**.



Catechetical Sunday: “Living as Missionary Disciples”: Holy Trinity Religious Education Classes will resume **NEXT Sunday, September 17th** at 9:30am in the church hall for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. All children who will be new to our program should be registered by completing forms found in the vestibule of the church and returning them as soon as possible. Our high school youth group will be meeting in the near future with an expanded program.



Fr. Jason & the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help are pleased to announce the visitation of Bishop Bohdan Danylo. He will celebrate a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy **NEXT Sunday September 17, 2017** at 8:00 am in our church located at 4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, WV. The public is cordially invited to attend and experience the beauty and richness of the Byzantine style liturgy. A reception luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy at which time everyone will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Bishop Bohdan.

Our group (Men Following Jesus Christ) has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) on **Monday September 11th**. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on July 10th*. We need at least seven volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.). Our next future date to serve dinners is November 13th. Please call Fr. Dcn. Myron [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086) or mjspak@verizon.net.

Eparchy of St. Josaphat Pilgrimage will be Saturday, **Sept.16, 2017** at Shrine of the Holy Cross, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, (526 West Rayen Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502). 11am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 12:30pm lunch, 2:30 pm Akathistos in honor of the venerable & life-giving Cross of our Lord. Call 330-744-5820, yngholytrinity@att.net, www.holytrinityucc.com.



78th Annual LUC Convention will be October 6, 7 & 8 at Genetti Best Western Hotel & Conference Center (77 East Market St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701). Registration & Hotel Reservation is due September 15. Any questions, call 1-570-759-2824 or 1-570-489-1256. For a copy of the full Convention mail out forms, contact Nick Kotow, President, Western Pennsylvania Council at 412-835-8714 or nckotow2@gmail.com



Kickoff Event takes place on **Sunday, Sept. 24th** at 5pm at Holy Wisdom Parish, St. Boniface Church (2208 East St. Pittsburgh, 15212). The speaker is Kurt Kondrich,



pro-life advocate whose efforts led to the passing of Chloe's Law. This fall's 40 days runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 5. For more information, contact Dcn. Myron Spak at 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net. Also, visit www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh or www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.

Pittsburgh Lebanese Festival will be held at Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church (1000 Lindsay Rd. Scott Twp.) on September 15-17 from 11am-10pm on Friday and Saturday and from Noon – 6pm on Sunday. Spinach pies, lamb kabob, tabbouli, Lebanese desserts, just to name a few!! On Sat. come at 6pm to hear Said Abi Akl & Band. Pre-order online, credit cards accepted, free admission and parking. www.pghlebanesefestival.com 412-278-0841.

Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church will have a Ukrainian Food Festival on September 8 & 9 from 11am -7pm at their church (220 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie). Pyrohy, Holuptsi, Kielbasa, Halushki, Borscht, Ukrainian Pastries and more!!!! There will be entertainment on both days. Eat in or Take out-MC/Visa available. Handicap accessible. www.orthodoxcarnegie.org. 412-527-5359.

Also, a **Mediterranean Food Festival** will be sponsored by St. George Orthodox Church on October 27-29 at their **NEW LOCATION**, from Noon -8pm Fri & Sat and Noon – 6pm on Sunday. Order by phone or online & Credit Cards accepted. Take out or Dine in! The new location is 3230 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017, Dinners include Shish Kabob Lamb, Mediterranean Chicken and Baked Kibbee and Much more! For more info call 412-221-2277, www.stgeorgebridgeville.org.

Designer Purse Bingo sponsored by the Bishop Canevin Girls Volleyball Team will take place at St. Margaret of Scotland Café on Sept. 17th. Doors open at 1:30 pm &

Bingo starts at 2pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For tickets, contact Kristin: KrisD98@verivon.net or 412-400-6300.

Young Adult's Vespers & Pizza will be sponsored by Sts. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary (3605 Perrysville Ave, Pgh 15214) on Saturday, Oct. 7th at 5:00 p.m. Come pray and eat with your fellow young adults. Families and Children are welcome! Free-will offering to offset pizza costs and to thank the seminary for hosting. RSVP at abby.kreckel@gmail.com.



Saturday, November 4th - Holy Trinity's Food, Flea Market and Bake Sale- Cleaning out your attic or garage? Bring gently used "sellable" items to the church hall *after* October 1st to be

used in the Flea Market! **Also on November 4th** - The presentation of the UTS 2017 Ukrainian of the Year award to Ms. Natalie Jaresko at the Club at Nevillewood.

Saturday, November 11th - Holy Trinity's Nite at the Races

Sunday, November 12th – **Bishop's Benefit Dinner** at 1pm at St. Paul Roman Catholic Seminary (2900 Noblestown Rd.). Look for more information on these events in the upcoming bulletins!

Samaritan Counseling Center opens an office at SS. Simon and Jude (SSJ) Parish Life Center (1625 Greentree Rd., Pittsburgh 15220 –Upper Level, Rm 37). Since 1982, Samaritan has provided psychological counseling and educational programs to 100,000+ people. Using a mind-body-spirit approach, therapists incorporate clients' faith beliefs into counseling without ever imposing their own. Call 412-741-7430.

Just a kind reminder for those who may have forgotten, that our parish supports a handicapped woman in Sambir, Ukraine (Natalia is her name). This is a good and holy work our parish does. Thank you to those who have faithfully given a little every month to pay for her food, shelter and nursing expenses. "Whatsoever you did to the least of these that you did unto me."


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: \$2,930.31 was offered in the collection with another \$78.55 for candles, \$70 for the Eparchy, \$40 for utilities, \$20 for Dormition, \$40 for the Birth of the Theotokos, \$20 for Transfiguration, \$20 for Exaltation of Holy Cross, \$100 additional Festival Lottery, \$200 for the Kitchen Fund, and \$116 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, all for a grand total of \$3,634.86. A financial report on our parish festival will be coming soon! Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for the weekend:

- Saturday, Sept. 16 at 4pm: Stephanie Fedora
- Sunday, Sept. 17 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk
- Sunday, Sept. 17 at 11am: Sophia Charron

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

Sat. 9/9	Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross: Synaxis of <i>Joachim and Anna, parents of the Mother of God</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the people	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Peter Hlutkowsky requested by Charles & Donna Sradomski	IS
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Sun. 9/10	Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross: <i>The holy apostles Appelius, Lukas & Clemens of the 70 apostles</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 7 th anniversary of the late Vasyl Chubko requested by Lubi & Tanya Chubko & Family	IS
11:00amalso Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theresa Zozula requested by Helen Koss	JC
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Mon. 9/11	<i>Our venerable mother Theodora of Alexandria</i>	
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Tues. 9/12	<i>The holy priest-martyr Autonomus</i>	
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Wed. 9/13	Prefeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: <i>Holy priest-martyr Cornelius, the centurion</i>	
7:00pm	Vesperal Divine Liturgy to mark the 10 th anniversary (May 27) of the late Katherine Kerchansky requested by Arlene Esterburg	JC
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Thurs. **Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** *The passing of our father, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantiople*
9/14

Fri. *The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas, the Goth*
9/15

Sat. **Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross:** *The most praiseworthy great martyr Euphemia*
9/16

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the people JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Jean Kincak requested by Helen Koss IS

Sun. **Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross:** *The holy martyrs Sophia and her 3 daughters: Vira, Nadia & Lubov*
9/17

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Arlene Dorn IS

9:30 am *First Day of CCD*

11:00amalso Divine Liturgy for the repose of Michael & Anna Zagorsky requested by Jean Daniels & Family JC



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays.... If we left out your birthday, please call the rectory and your name will be added!

Piotr Kalymon	Lucille Mosur	Helen Popivchak
Craig Shymatta	Dr. Roger Sembrat	George Honchar
John Kuzemka	David Johnson	Keith Reabe
Michael Makar	Raymond Steranko	Marian Sywy
Dimitro Kulik	Curtis Sembrat	Maria Koutsyk
Volodimir Gonskyi	Thomas Medwig	Mary Ann Davis
Nadiya Nakonechnyy	Andrew Kurzawski	Andy Saad
Irena Kalymon	Roman Hlutkowsky	Sandy Krivonyak
Clarke Colazzi	Alexander Konecky	Allison Grabowski
Anna C. Kohl	Randi Schultz	Matthew Zaletski



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How can we exalt or elevate the Holy Cross?

- +Prayers
- +Helping others
- +Using our talents

God asks us to TRY!