

HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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To become a new member of our parish family or to arrange for a baptism, an emergency anointing or communion, or to add a name to our sick / shut-in list, contact the rectory.

January 4, 2015– Sunday Before Theophany

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Church is boring. Church is empty. Church has lost its meaning.

These statements are true. They are true, **if** we have allowed the liturgy, the prayers and the major feast days to lose their original meaning. However, if we have managed to feed our faith during the highs and lows of life's journey **then** we find that those statements are false. Allow me to explain below in greater detail.

We just finished celebrating Christmas. This past Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. This coming Tuesday we will celebrate the Theophany of Our Lord. When we celebrate these feasts there are two temptations to avoid: dry history and wet sentiment. There is one thing to look towards: entering into the mystery itself. When the devil tries to attack us he does so by tempting us to look at these feasts as dry repetitions of something that happened thousands of years ago. In that case, church can become a boring museum. For some of us, this will be the 94th time we've remembered the Nativity of Christ. In this way, if it's just a dry repetition of history, then after a while it can be difficult to see how it feeds one's soul today.

The other block to feeding one's soul is via the temptation is to view these feasts sentimentally. This is the opposite problem because it views these events only in the here and now, and it replaces the facts with feelings. This is where our society is at with regard to the celebration of Christmas.

Celebrating Christmas or Theophany or Circumcision should be times of the year when we step into the Kingdom of God by meditating on this: Christ died for us that we might live with Him, in Him and through Him. He was born that He might die. We are born so that we might live. He was baptized so that he might drown death, we are baptized so that we are filled with life. All that Christ came and accomplished is tied to dying for our sins that He might raise us up with him. When seen through this lens, these feasts give meaning to us on a daily basis. Each event of Christ's life sets the example for me at each event in my life as to how to live.

Jason, priest and sinner

Activity Update:

- **The Estate of Janet Andrejasik** has very generously donated a large screen TV for the use of the parish Youth Group. Soon we'll be finished furnishing the large fireplace room in the basement of the rectory for the Youth Group. My hope as pastor is that the room will be used by our parish youth to grow in their Catholic faith through activities and action, fun and friends.
- **A big thank you** to all those who helped put up the Christmas displays in the church and on the front lawn. This was a lot of work and a real testimony of your faith and love of God. Many Years!
- **Malanka Dance:** Next Saturday, January 10, 2015 at the Ukrainian American Citizens Club, 302 Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie, PA. Door and Kitchen open @ 7:30pm Music from 8:30pm to 12:30am by Fred Yasnowsky Orchestra. No carry in liquor, food or drink Cash Bar – Ukrainian Food Extra. Prepaid tickets \$15 through Friday, January 9th \$20 at the door. *To make reservations or to secure a table*, call Debra Walenchok at 412-276-4007.
- **Men Following Jesus Christ** will be serving dinners next Monday, January 12, 2015 at the Light of Life Rescue Mission. We need at least 7 volunteers to work from approximately 4:45pm until 6:15pm. Please contact Fr. Deacon Myron at 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net.
- **March for Life** will take place Thursday, January 22, 2015. We hope to have our Youth Group attend. It would be a tremendous sign of our respect for life as a gift of God if we had a whole busload of parishioners going down. If you are not active in parish ministries, perhaps this is something you could attend?
- **Holy Trinity Coffee Time** will take place on January 24, 2015 at the Carnegie Coffee Company (132 E. Main St. Carnegie), 10:30 am to 11:30am. Sit back on a comfy chair, enjoy a cup of coffee and learn about your faith through questions and answers. Bring your questions that day, or place them in the Q&A Box in the vestibule.

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list, if you don't have one contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way at this time remember the following members of our parish family: **Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, Oles Konecky**. In your kindness, remember Mayda Medwig's mother, **Siran Yoghourtgian**, who is also undergoing a severe test of her health.

Also, keep in your prayers the souls of our recently deceased loved ones: Janet Andrejasik (Nov. 14), John Wenger Jr. (Dec. 10), Dennis Daniels (Dec. 17), Catherine Sudiak (Dec. 22).

You May Notice that this bulletin is without its usually colorful, icon-painted cover. The reason for this is two-fold. First, with an icon on the bulletin it makes disposal difficult. Who wants to throw a picture of Christ, the Theotokos or the Saints into the trash? Second, it is an additional monthly cost to the parish. Given these reasons, we will try to go with this format. Feel free to contact the parish office to offer suggestions.

Did You Notice the new altar boy vestments? They will be blessed before the 11am Liturgy on January 4th. Before Lent we will have the memorial names inscribed on the inside collar of each vestment. The names to be included are as follows: 1) Del & David Pierce, 2) Simek, Kuzbida and Popovich families, 3) Becky Alstad, 4) Deceased members of the Pawlick Family, 5) John and Edith Medwig, 6) Nell Medwig, 7) Anna Moss and 8) James Volanski. There was a donation made in memory of Evelyn Popivchak for a blue priestly vestment, which is still on order in Ukraine.

Christ Among Us radio program is available every Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on the radio station 730 WPIT-AM.

Advertisement: KOLOS International Foods has a wide variety of Ukrainian food products available for you and they are conveniently located here in Carnegie. Address: 114 East Main Street, Carnegie, PA 15106 (412) 429-1684

Sunday Social After Liturgy sign up sheets are posted in the vestibule. Please see which Sunday works for you to host the social. 8:30am is doing well, but we could use more folks after 11am. Thank you!!!

Fr. Jason wishes to bless each parishioner's home as soon as the Feast of Theophany is upon us. Father will stop at parishioners' houses in each section of the Pittsburgh area on designated days. Dates to come. If you do not wish to have your house blessed, please call the office.

Learn Ukrainian Language at the University of Pittsburgh-Starting from January 6, 2015 until April 18, 2015: Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced classes are available. For more information, call the rectory at 412-279-4652.

Lector Schedule: On Monday, January 5th (Vigil of Theophany) at 7pm: readers to be assigned. On Tuesday, January 6th (Theophany) at 11am: Cantor. On Saturday, January 10th at 4pm: Mary Reabe. On Sunday, January 11th at 8:30am: Terry Styran and later at 10:00am: Angela Honchar.

Vital Stats: \$2,306.50 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$346.70 for candles, \$223 for the Eparchy, \$8,224 for Christmas Offering, \$5 for Poinsettias, \$155 for Special Offerings. \$100 for Circumcision of Our Lord, \$40 Initial Offerings, \$265 Aid for the Ukrainian young girl, \$5 Aid to Ukrainian soldiers, \$300 Aid to Ukrainian Families and a \$30 memorial donation, for a grand total of \$12,000.20. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

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

Sat. *Anticipating Theophany: Holy prophet Malachi*
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8:00am Pro Life Moleben at Liberty Ave Abortuary

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen and Helen Zaletski
requested by Stephen P. Zaletski and Family JC

 also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Paul Perhosky
requested by Nancy & Terry Steiner IS

 followed by **Shchedriy Vechir** in the church hall

Sun. **Sunday before Theophany: Synaxis of the holy 70 apostles**
1/4

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Evelyn Popivchak
requested by Eleanor Patross JC

 also Divine Liturgy for Jean Telep Currie
requested by Tom & Ming Medwig IS

Mon. 1/5	Vigil of Theophany - <i>This is an obligatory fast day: no meat may be eaten by those 14-59 inclusively. *The blessing of waters takes place at this service.</i>	
7:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels requested by Katherine & Mary Volanski	JC
	<i>This is a holy day of obligation, and you must attend church either at the vigil this evening or tomorrow.</i>	
Tues 1/6	THEOPHANY-a holy day of obligation	
8:00 am	Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, WV	JC
10:00am	Divine Liturgy at HTUCC for the people	IS
Wed. 1/7	<i>Synaxis of the holy glorious prophet John the Baptist</i>	
	<i>The pastor's day off</i>	
Thurs. 1/8	<i>The holy martyrs Julian and his wife Vasillissa</i>	
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Pete Kohut (OLPH) (moved from 12/30/14)	JC
Fri. 1/9	<i>Fr. Sebastia, younger brother of St. Basil the Great</i>	
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Dailey requested by Kimberly Holdcroft (moved from 12/31/14)	JC
Sat. 1/10	<i>Bishops Gregory and Dometian</i>	
8:00am	Pro Life Moleben at Liberty Ave Abortuary	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Paul Perhosky requested by Helen and Mark Popivchak	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik	

requested by Tom and Ming Medwig

IS

Sun. 1/11	<i>Fr. Theodosius, founder of monastic life in Palestine</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Connie Eror requested by Nick Honchar	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Evelyn Popivchak requested by Fr. Donald J. Voss	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS
