

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

You have most likely heard by now about the Synod on the Family currently taking place in Rome. I've been paying very close attention to this because our families are in crisis and the Church has taken upon herself the task of responding this modern challenge head on. True, some of the prelates at the Synod say things that confuse the faithful. Many prelates have said things that have encouraged the faithful to remain strong in Christ. But, what have the laity at the Synod had to say? I read this comment from a laywoman and thought that the greatest service I can do is simply to share it with you unedited.

Dr. Anca-Maria Cernea, Doctor at the Center for Diagnosis and Treatment-Victor Babes and President of the Association of Catholic Doctors of Bucharest (Romania) made the following presentation to Pope Francis and the Synod bishops on Friday:

Your Holiness, Synod Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, I represent the Association of Catholic Doctors from Bucharest. I am from the Romanian Greek Catholic Church.

My father was a Christian political leader, who was imprisoned by the communists for 17 years. My parents were engaged to marry, but their wedding took place 17 years later.

My mother waited all those years for my father, although she didn't even know if he was still alive. They have been heroically faithful to God and to their engagement.

Their example shows that God's grace can overcome terrible social circumstances and material poverty. We, as Catholic doctors, defending life and family, can see this is, first of all, a spiritual battle. Material poverty and consumerism are not the primary cause of the family crisis. The primary cause of the sexual and cultural revolution is ideological.

Our Lady of Fatima has said that Russia's errors would spread all over the world. It was first done under a violent form, classical Marxism, by killing tens of millions. Now it's being done mostly by cultural Marxism. There is continuity from Lenin's sex revolution, through Gramsci and the Frankfurt school, to the current-day gay-rights and gender ideology.

Classical Marxism pretended to redesign society, through violent take-over of property. Now the revolution goes deeper; it pretends to redefine family, sex identity and human nature. This ideology calls itself progressive. But it is nothing else than the ancient serpent's offer, for man to take control, to replace God, to arrange salvation here, in this world.

It's an error of religious nature, it's Gnosticism. It's the task of the shepherds to recognize it, and warn the flock against this danger. "Seek ye therefore first the Kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you." The Church's mission is to save souls. Evil, in this world, comes from sin. Not from income disparity or "climate change".

The solution is: Evangelization. Conversion.

Not an ever increasing government control. Not a world government. These are nowadays the main agents imposing cultural Marxism to our nations, under the form of population control, reproductive health, gay rights, gender education, and so on.

What the world needs nowadays is not limitation of freedom, but real freedom, liberation from sin. Salvation.

Our Church was suppressed by the soviet occupation. But none of our 12 bishops betrayed their communion with the Holy Father. Our Church survived thanks to our bishops' determination and example in resisting prisons and terror. Our bishops asked the community not to follow the world. Not to cooperate with the communists.

Now we need Rome to tell the world: "Repent of your sins and turn to God for the Kingdom of Heaven is near". Not only us, the Catholic laity, but also many Christian Orthodox are anxiously praying for this Synod. Because, as they say, if the Catholic Church gives in to the spirit of this world, it is going to be very difficult for all the other Christians to resist it.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Bible Study:** Each Wednesday in November we'll have "Supplication, Study and Snack Evening." Topic: *Understanding the Adam and Eve of Genesis.* Time: 7pm. We have all had questions about Genesis and the beginning of creation. So, why not come out and see if your questions find accurate answers?

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 prayers: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, Harry Kohl and Joe Popivchak.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Carol (Kulik) Carraway, beloved wife of James Carraway, loving mother of Heidi (Chris) Sciulli and Jared Kulik, grandmother of Jacob, daughter of the late Metro and Anna Kulik and sister of Conrad (Margie) Kulik, Dianna Cantone, Veronica (Bruce) Alstad, Dimitro (Mary) Kulik, Karen (Peter) Colaizzi, Phyllis York, Vivian Kelly and Roderick Kulik. Carol died on Oct. 17th at the age of 58. Funeral services were held on Wed., Oct 21st with interment at Holy Trinity Cemetery. May her memory be eternal.



A Bishop's Charity Dinner, sponsored by the DRC is this **Sunday, October 25, 2015**. It begins with Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity, and continues with a 2pm Social & 3pm Dinner at the Airport Marriott (777 Aten Rd, Coraopolis). Please make reservations at \$50 per person by calling Luba Hlutkowsky 412-519-7087. Make checks payable to DRC and mail to P.O. Box 16319, Pittsburgh, PA 15242.

Holy Trinity's All Saints' Day Party will be next **Sunday, November 1st** after the 11am Divine Liturgy in the church hall. All children can dress up as their favorite saint and enjoy an afternoon of fun learning about the saints. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a cover dish for a "pot-luck" lunch.



November 19, 2015 –Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, will hold a prayer service from 6:00pm – 6:15pm in commemoration of the centennial (1915-2015) of **The Armenian Genocide**, with keynote speaker, **Rev. Fr. Hratch Sargsyan**. From 6:15 – 7pm there will be a video and a Q&A session, followed by a reception in the church hall.

Holodomor Memorial Dedication (Ukrainian Genocide 1932-33) Call George Honchar at (412) 215-3303 if interested in going to Washington, DC by van on **Friday, Nov 6th** for the dedication of this important monument. This 2-day, 1-night trip is "approximately" \$160 (single occupancy), \$135 (double), \$110 (triple) and \$85 (quadruple occupancy). May all the souls of those cruelly murdered by hunger at the hands of the communists, rest in peace! You can find more information at www.ukrainegenocide.com.

Thank you Kelly Kaufman (Mary Ann Steranka's granddaughter) for your very generous donation of a commercial electric can opener for the Pyrohi Group. It makes a big difference in the pyrohi production and so much easier on the hands!!!



Holy Trinity's "Nite at the Races" will be **Saturday, November 14th**. Doors/ Buffet opens at 5:30pm. 1st race runs at 7pm. \$10 Admission includes Buffet, Soft Drinks, Beer, Coffee, Tea, Desserts. Also, 50/50 raffle and Ukrainian Auction Raffle. Buy and Name your horse for \$10. For Reservations or to Buy a Horse, call the rectory, 412-279-4652. **DEADLINE is Friday, November 6th**. Must be 18 years or older to attend.



HTUCC Homestyle Nut Rolls for the **Holidays**- All orders need to be placed by **November 10th** by calling 412-276-9897 – Price \$12 each. The Pick-up dates are in November and December: November 19th and 20th and December 17th and 18th between 9am-noon in church hall.

Donations are needed (*either monetary or food items*) for the Youth Group's project- "**Sandwiches for the Homeless**". The food items (packages of bologna, snack packs, bottled water etc.) can be found at stores such as Aldi, Sam's Club, Costco etc. On **Friday, October 30th** at 6pm in the church hall, 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) will be assembled for distribution to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District on Sat. Oct 31st. *Each lunch will contain 2 bologna (or other meat) & cheese sandwiches, a drink, fruit, a snack & 2 condiment packages.* Contact Bo Mykhailiv at 412-726-8309 or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.



The next Coffee & Catechesis (C&C) will be Saturday, **November 14th** from 10:15 – 11:15am. Thank you all for coming & for bringing good questioning attitudes to the last (C&C) session. The topic "What is Marriage?" was well discussed with three priests; Fr Jason, Fr Bob and Fr Bryan and an outstanding dialogue with lots of questions– this was our best one yet! When we meet again, please bring your friends, & most certainly keep asking questions. Asking questions, entails putting anonymous questions in the "box" at church, emailing me, or asking questions with the group over coffee. If there is a consensus amongst questions, we may pick a theme/topic, & focus solely on it for Nov. 14th.

The Apostleship of Prayer from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, will be sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015**. The time will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread & butter, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost will be \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children ages 6 to 12 years, and free under 6 years. It will be held in the Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carry out available. Telephone 304-232-1777. Everyone is welcome!

40 Days for Life: Holy Trinity will participate on **Sunday, Nov. 1st** from 3pm to 7pm. If possible, please indicate which time slot (3-4pm, 4-5pm etc.) you would like. Every year baby boys and girls are saved simply by people like you peacefully praying in front of the abortion mill on 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh. Don't ask if you'll participate, rather ask yourself when you'll participate. For information, contact Myron Spak at 412-303-9086, mjspak@verizon.net.

A Bazaar will be sponsored by St. John the Baptist (109 South 7th Street, South Side) on **Saturday, November 7th** starting at 8am for the flea market. Hot ethnic foods (holubsti, pyrohi, halushki, kobassi & kraut, hot dogs, hot sausage and baked goods) start at 11am until 6pm. There will also be a basket auction & 50/50 raffle. Free parking in church parking lot of Carson Street-across from the church, (412-431-0430).

A Christmas Bazaar will be sponsored by St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church (218 Alter Street, Carnegie) on **November 6th & 7th**. Featuring quality homemade savory soups, crafts, decorations, a basket Palooza, door prizes, assorted baked goods and pierogies. Shop for bargains from 11am until 4pm each day. Everyone is Welcome and Eat-In or Take-Out. For more information, call 412-279-3615.

“A Tasteful Night” fundraiser will be sponsored by St. Gregory’s parish on **Friday, October 30th** from 6:30 - 11:30pm at the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South, (164 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park). Live entertainment featuring Songstress Antoinette and keyboardist David Crisci while tasting delicious samples from nine area restaurants. Chinese, Silent and Live Auctions, and Beer for a Year raffle drawing. Cash bar, too! Tickets: \$45. For more information and directions, contact Father Valerian at the parish rectory at 412-835-7800, Barbara Stasiuk at 412-835-7484 or visit: www.stgregoryuysc.org.



Dr. Ray Guarendi will speak on the subject “Standing Strong as a Parent” at St. Mary Byzantine Church (4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH) on **November 14, 2015**. This will be a day of insight and discussion about Traditional Marriage & Biblical Parenting. For more information: 216-741-7979 or <http://stmarybyz.com>.

Kiev Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Chorus will perform Monday, **Oct. 26th** at 7:30pm at Mars Alliance Church. These 42 musicians will perform Ukrainian & American folk songs, hymns, chamber music and sacred classics. Tickets: \$10 for adults, children & students are free. Call 724-772-1063 or www.musicmissionkiev.org.

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: \$1,613.75 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$130.30 for candles, \$221 for the Eparchy, \$10 for World Wide Mission, \$3 for Priest Retirement, \$45 for the Youth Group “Sandwiches for the Homeless”, \$28 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, (which has now reached \$835) and a \$100 donation for the “Barn Fund”. The Pyrohi Project brought in \$1,608.50 for a grand total of **\$3,759.55**. **Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.**

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: October 31 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: November 1 at 8:30am: George Honchar; at 11am: Glen Zaborowski

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

Sat. 10/24	<i>The holy martyr Aretas and those martyred with him</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose Sophie Popivchak requested by Helen Marie Zaletski	BB
also Divine Liturgy for repose Emily Stecko requested by Katherine & MaryAnn Volanski	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Marika Zaliszczuk	IS
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Sun 10/25	<i>The holy martyrs Marcian and subdeacon Martyrius</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Petro & Estina Franczak requested by Nick, Yurko & Eryna Honchar	BB
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Lesya Protynyak requested by Rebecca Egidi & Family	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by Bruce & Veronica Alstad	BB

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels
requested by Greg & Linda Popivchak JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Yuschak
requested by Stephen H. Zinski IS

.....followed by the Bishop's Charity Dinner at Airport Marriott

Mon. *The holy and glorious great martyr Demetrius*
10/26
The pastor's day off

Tues *The holy martyr Nestor, companion of St. Demetrius*
10/27
8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary K. Stein requested
by Vera Kohut (OLPH) JC

Wed *The holy martyrs Terentius and Neonila and their children*
10/28
8:00am 40th Day Divine Liturgy for Donna (Popivchak) Angle
(moved from 10-29-15) JC

Thurs *The holy venerable-martyr Anastasia the Roman*
10/29

Fri *The holy martyr Zenobius, bishop of Aegea*
10/30

Sat. *The holy apostles Stachys of the 70 apostles*
10/31
4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 3rd anniversary of the late Martha
Zaletski requested by the children & grandchildren JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Leonard Tomczak
requested by Andrew Kurzawski IS

Sun *The holy miracleworkers Cosmos and Damian from Asia*
11/1
8:30am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon
requested by Angela Honchar JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of David
Hodowanetz requested by Stephen Zinski IS

.....*followed by the All Saints Day Party in the church hall*



OCTOBER Birthdays

If your name is not listed below-call the rectory

Bagmet, Maria
Bednarchuk, Borys
Fedora, Stephanie
Gonskyi, Olga
Huang, Heather
Kalymon, Christine
Kerchansky, Tom
Kurzawski, Dennis

Medwig, Carola
Medwig, Ming
Petrovych, Volodymyr
Petrovych, Zoryana
Pietrantonio, Mary
Pituch, Michalina
Wheat, Pete
Zinski, Stephen H.

Kuzemka, Maranda
Medwig, Maribel