

November 22, 2015

26th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever read what the ancient pagans had to say about the Christians? If you only heard about Christians from the perspective of those pagan Romans you would be horrified to believe that any logical human being would be associated with those Christians. A famous Roman tutor, Marcus Fronto, echoed many of these early distortions against Christians in his correspondence with the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, saying that "[Christians] are initiated by the slaughter and the blood of an infant." He and others said that even innocent Christian "...entertainments were polluted with incest." St. Justin tells us in his *First Apology* that regular people believed that Christians were promiscuous and that they ate human flesh." By the manipulations of a few, the minds of the many were misled and turned from the very truth that would have brought them such great happiness.

In the same way, if we rely on the reports of the media here we can be misled on the truth of what is happening to our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria and Iraq. But, when we turn to the Christians themselves there we get a very different story. Syrian Catholic Patriarch Ignace Youssif III Younan has lashed out at Western countries for policies that caused "endless conflict in Syria." "To say that the solution is to carry out air strikes is a lie." He said Christian leaders in Syria warned Western political leaders not to intervene militarily in Syria as it would only lead to more bloodshed. They were ignored. The Patriarch stated that "we Christians are not able to live in this chaos... The West has betrayed us." He concluded by saying that terrorist groups—with financing supplied from Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region—have thoroughly infiltrated Syria and Iraq, leading to the rise of the Islamic State. Now, he warned, terrorists have moved into Europe, posing as refugees, and will strike there. (Taken from: <http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=26742>)

In today's Gospel we read these powerful words of Our Savior: " 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." We who live in the United States of America have been given much in this prosperous land, a land of true blessing, a land of great liberty, a land of unmatched freedom. Yet, if we stand on the sidelines with all these blessings in our pockets and do nothing for our fellow believers how do we expect that God will greet us on that great and terrible day? My dear parishioners, you are so important to me! I want this preparation for Christmas to be special this year, unlike any in years. Please, join me in making it a spiritual preparation; and how better to prepare to welcome the Christ Child than to help the persecuted and forgotten Christians?

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association gives out \$50 food packages that can supply one family for a month, yet the demand is overwhelming, and packages have been split in half to serve the waves of homeless Christians spilling over into Lebanon and Jordan. My goal is that our parish will support 300 such families. Will you help me reach this goal? Please use the special envelopes in the church vestibule.

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Thank you** to Helen Marie Zaletski and Stephen Zaletski for the donation of a beautiful Nativity icon in honor of their parents. It was written by Carnegie's own Michael Kapeluk
- **Congratulations** to the Young Mother's group for making a special effort to attend the Dr. Ray Guarendi talk in Cleveland this past Nov. 14th. Maybe we can bring him to Carnegie?
- **2016 Church Calendars** are in. You can pick one up in the church vestibule.
- **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.
- **The prayers before Wednesday Bible Study** on the 25th will be the Emmanuel Moleben.
- **Extra HOLY Trinity Directories** are available for \$5 – pocket size or 8 ½ x 11. *Call the Rectory 412-279-4652.*
- **We began observing St. Philip's Feast (Pylypivka)** on Nov. 14th in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the church vestibule, please take a copy of the Pylypivka (Advent) Pastoral Letter of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA. It is available in Ukrainian and English.
- **Panahyda** to Honor the Victims of the 1932-1933 Holodomor will take place on Saturday, November 28th at 10am in the church. *On Nov. 28, 2006, The Parliament of Ukraine passed a decree defining the Holodomor as a deliberate act of genocide.*
- **A big "Thank You"** to St. Josaphat Society for donating to the parish a new, high quality LCD projector for use in our auditorium. Our parish will now be able to show religious movies in the auditorium for larger groups of people. This is a great tool for evangelization. St. Josaphat, pray for us!
- **Armenian Genocide talk** was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated!



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 and Joe Popivchak.

Oles & Lyubov Cheren dba Cataract Press from Clifton, NJ are visiting our parish **Saturday, Nov 28th and Sunday, Nov 29th** with a large selection of Ukrainian books, (*both in Ukrainian and English*), CDs, DVDs, maps of Ukraine, greeting cards, jewelry imported from Ukraine, embroidery, scarfs, keyrings, auto and kitchen magnets, and much more. These are displayed in the church hall. ***A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our parish. Everyone is Welcome!!!***

Soyuz Ukrainok, Branch #27 presents **Vyshyvani Vechornytsi, Presentation of Debutantes** on **Saturday, November 28th** at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott (777 Aten Rd, Coraopolis). Cocktails at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:40pm, Music by Rezonanz, Adults \$40, Children \$15, Dance \$10. *Reservations must be made by calling Anne Konecky 412-343-0309 by November 15th.*



Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th Open House at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (220 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie). **Prayer Service:** Noon, **Free Dinner:** 1pm until 5pm (Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Stuffing, Gravy & Desserts. **Eat-in or Take-Out.** 412-278-3335. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

A Ukrainian Holiday Bake Sale will take place at SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (404 Sixth Street, Ambridge) on **Sat., December 12th** from 3:30 to 5:30pm and **Sun., December 13th** from 12:30 to 3:30pm in the church Millennium Room – Ukrainian Christmas Bread, Ukrainian Pastries, Applesauce Candy & Christmas Cookies!!!



12th Annual COOKIE Walk takes place at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall (Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie) on **December 12th** from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Enjoy “walking” through tables of homemade cookies and pastries. 724-348-7326



HTUCC Poinsettias for Christmas offering envelopes are in the church vestibule. \$22 for a 10 inch (we have ordered 6) and \$15 for an 8 inch (we have ordered 30). Once you have completed your envelope, you can place it in the collection basket. **Deadline: Wed., Dec. 16th.**

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: \$1,576 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$240.60 for candles, \$20 for Diocesan, \$22 for Energy, \$383 for Priest's Retirement fund, \$10 for Canonization of Ukrainian Sts., \$15 for Entrance of the Theotokos, \$80 for Directory Sales, \$100.50 for CCD Book payments, \$14 for "The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund" and \$520 for Emily Stecko memorial donations. The Pyrohi Project brought in \$2,465 for a grand total of **\$5,446.10. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.**

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: November 28 at 4pm: Stephanie Fedora
- Sunday: November 29 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk; at 11am: Glenn Zaborowski

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

Sat. 11/21	<i>Entrance into the temple of our most holy Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy to mark the 32 nd anniversary of the late Walter Zaletski requested by his children and grandchildren	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Russ & Donna Zorey	IS
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Sun 11/22	<i>The holy apostles Philemon and those with him.</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 43 rd anniversary of the late Robert Esterburg requested by Arlene Esterburg	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sophie Popivchak requested by Helen & Mark Popivchak	IS
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Mon. 11/23	<i>The father among the saints, Bishop Amphilochius</i>	
9:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Gisela & Michael Baran requested by Luba & Peter Hlutkowsky	JC
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Tues
11/24
8:00am *The holy great martyr Catherine of Alexandria*
Divine Liturgy for the repose of Szidor & Mary Forytar
requested by Conrad & Margie Kulik & Family JC

Wed
11/25
8:00am *Our father among the saints, priest-martyr, Pope Clement*
Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary K Stein (OLPH)
requested by Sandra DeMuth JC
7:00pm *Bible Study preceded by Emmanuel Moleben*

Thurs
11/26
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Our venerable father Alypius the stylite
9:00 am Divine Liturgy in Wheeling, WV
11:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Christina Derian
requested by Rebecca Zaletski JC
The office is closed

Fri
11/27
The holy great martyr James of Persia
The office is closed

Sat.
11/28
10:00am Panahyda
(In memory of the victims of the 1932-1933 Holodomor)
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the victims of the 1932-1933 Holodomor
requested by the New Ukrainian Wave JC
.....also 40th day Divine Liturgy for the late Carol Kulik
Carraway *(moved from 11-25-15)* IS
.....followed by the Baptism of Emma Catherine Bates
and Dylan Joseph Bates JC
.....followed by a sale of Ukrainian items in the church hall

Sun	<i>The holy martyr Paramon</i>		
11/29			
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mildred & Frank Nowicki requested by George Honchar & Family		IS
followed by a sale of Ukrainian items in the church hall		
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Tom Kerchansky		IS
followed by a sale of Ukrainian items in the church hall		



NOVEMBER Birthdays

If your name is not listed below-call the rectory!!!



<i>Artinger, Elizabeth</i>	<i>Kincak, Jean</i>	<i>Milligan, John</i>
<i>Bednarchuk, Lyudmyla</i>	<i>Kohl, Anna</i>	<i>Mykhayliv, Oksana</i>
<i>Besspiata, John</i>	<i>Koss, Andrew</i>	<i>Ostaffe, Carol</i>
<i>Boyle, Betty</i>	<i>Koss, Helen</i>	<i>Pretka, Alex</i>
<i>Colaizzi, Karen</i>	<i>Kuzemka, Anna</i>	<i>Sudiak, Zac</i>
<i>Holowaty, Daniel</i>	<i>Lernatovych, Voldymyr</i>	<i>Sushko, Evhen</i>
<i>Honchar, Angela</i>	<i>Matviiev, Lobow</i>	<i>Sywy, Stephen</i>
	<i>Medwig, Mark</i>	<i>Zagorsky, Rosemarie</i>