

November 8, 2015

24th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was 1993 in my hometown of Peterborough, Ontario when I first heard about a strange phenomenon. The body of the deceased was suitably laid out in the coffin in the Cathedral's nave. It was ten minutes before the funeral was to start and I was a teenager nervously pacing in the sacristy trying to figure out what a first-time altar server does at such a funeral; the deceased was no ordinary man. Rather, he was a much beloved priest who in his ninety years had served God's people well and founded schools throughout the diocese. At this point, Bishop James Doyle turned to me and said, "Jason, you'll be sorely disappointed by the turn out. People forget their retired priests." As the sacristy door opened and the procession began I could see that the bishop's prediction was spot on. The number of faithful in the Cathedral pews was about the same as the number of hairs on the deceased's very bald head. That image and prediction leading up to it remain with me to this day.

Don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that priests should have their own personality cult, walking amidst their parishioners like an ancient Roman Consul bedecked in finery and always accompanied by twelve attendants carrying the symbol of his power, the *fasces*, and clearing a path for him as he walks the streets. This is far from the example of Christ. What I'm speaking about is something different. I speak about love. The love children have for a father. People should look upon their elderly priests as if they were like an elderly father. These men have given everything for our welfare and for the service of God. Yet, it is often the case that years go by, priests move on, connections grow weak and once strong feelings of gratitude become faint. Our parish of Holy Trinity is an *exception* to this general trend because historically it has been blessed with excellent priests who served long pastorates. From this experience lasting relationships were formed. To this day parishioners here speak about their former priests with affection. But, it isn't always the case in other places. Those elderly, faithful priests need prayers and support.

So, I ask, what is a priest? In the words of Catherine Doherty, a priest is one who is called by God. "*I have chosen you; you have not chosen me.*" It means that you will be all His, but that your life will be the loneliest lived on this earth, naturally speaking. You will know darkness as few people know it. Then you will be as one dead – a piece of clay – for the Master Sculptor to work his masterpiece in you. You will feel the touch of his divine fingers, pounding, molding, hurting the clay that is you. It will be God the Father making you unto the likeness of his Son, the Man of Sorrows." When a man lives this calling submitted to God's will he becomes like another Christ to people. He preaches the truth without watering it down. He pours forth mercy to the point of over-flowing. He should think nothing of his own gain. Let us take a moment to say a prayer for the priests in our life who've been like Christ to us by giving us the Body of Christ, absolving us of sins, counselling us with God's word in moments of joy and sorrow. This week we have your retired pastor, Msgr. George Appleyard, here to celebrate the weekend liturgies. Kindly make a point of thanking him for his many years of priestly service. Our eparchy has a number of retired priests who now in the retirement look to the church to provide for their basic needs. Please remember these men in your spiritual and material support.

In Christ with love,

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?
 - **The prayers before Wednesday Bible Study** on Nov. 4th and 11th will be for healing of souls, bodies, relationships, families. The prayers before Wednesday Bible Study on Nov. 18th and 25th will be the Emmanuel Moleben.
 - **HOLY Trinity Directories** have arrived. *If you sat* for a picture, your directory will be in a white envelope in the back of the church. *If you submitted* a picture for the directory, please call the rectory for pick up. 
 - **We being observing Pylypivka or St. Philip's Feast on November 14th** in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Birth 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.

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.



Next Thursday, 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.

HTUCC's Men Following Jesus Christ has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) **this Monday November 9th**. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on September 14th*. We need at least 7 volunteers to serve dinners (approx. 4:45pm – 6:15pm).



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.*



HTICC's "Nite at the Races" will be **next Saturday November 14th**. Doors/ Buffet opens at 5:30pm and the 1st race runs at 7pm. \$10 Admission includes Buffet, Soft Drinks, Beer, Coffee, Tea, Desserts. Also, 50/50 raffle and Ukrainian Auction Raffle. Must be 18 years or older to enter. **For Reservations call the rectory, 412-279-4652.**

The next Coffee & Catechesis (C&C) will be next Saturday, **November 14th** from 10:15 – 11:15am. The topic of the last session was "What is Marriage?" 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.



HTUCC Homemade Bread for Thanksgiving – **Orders must be placed by November 13th** by calling the Church Rectory (412-279-4652) or the Pyrohi Kitchen (412-276-9897). **Plain loaf:** \$7.00, **Raisin loaf:** \$7.50 – **PICK UP** during Pyrohi Sales, Thursday, Nov. 19th (9am until Noon) and Friday, Nov. 20th (9am until 2pm).



HTUCC Homestyle Nut Rolls for the **Holidays**- All orders need to be placed by this **Tuesday, 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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus' "Annual Food Drive" to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry will take place this **weekend, November 7th and 8th**. Please take a bag home (which can be found at all entrances of the church) and leave it in the vestibule the following weekend (Nov 14th & 15th). *If you wish to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to SEAS SVdP, 330 Third Ave. Carnegie.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus will also have a **Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, November 8th** from 7:30am to 1pm in St. Luke's Hall (330 Third Ave). All profits from the breakfast will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry (which is located at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church). Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee or tea. Cost is \$7 for adults, & \$4 for children under 10.

Dr. Ray Guarendi will speak on the subject “Standing Strong as a Parent” at St. Mary Byzantine Church (4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH) next Saturday, **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>.



A Spaghetti Dinner, will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, (4136 Jacob St. Wheeling) on **Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015**, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread & butter, dessert & coffee or tea. Cost is \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children ages 6 to 12 years, & free under 6 years. It will be held in the Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carry out available. 304-232-1777.

On the same day, (Nov. 8th) another Spaghetti Dinner will take place at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (404-6th Street, Ambridge 15003) from 1:30pm to 3:30pm in the school hall. In addition to the spaghetti dinner, there will be cooked stuffed cabbage and frozen pyrohi available for take-out. Cost: \$8 Adults, \$3 Kids and **Veterans eat for free!!** 724-266-2262



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

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, Applelicious Candy & Christmas Cookies!!!

A Holiday Craft and Vendor Bazaar and Santa's Workshop, sponsored by Chartiers Valley Primary School takes place on **Saturday, November 14th** from 11am - 4pm at the Chartiers Valley High School Cafeteria. Over 55 craft and vendors and a Santa's Workshop for kids to shop while their parents browse the bazaar.



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: \$2,357 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$129.75 for candles, \$30 for the Eparchy, \$85 for Energy, \$3 for Special Offering, \$239 for Canonization of Ukrainian Saints, \$5 for Priest’s Retirement, \$5 for Entrance of the Theotokos, \$25 for the Youth Group “Sandwiches for the Homeless”, \$22 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$50 in memory of Emily Stecko, and \$10 for prosphora. The Pyrohi Project brought in \$1,798 for a grand total of **\$4,758.75. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.**

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: November 14 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: November 15 at 8:30am: Terry Styran; at 11am: Zac Sudiak

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

Sat. *The holy martyr Hieron & the other 32 with him in Melitina*
11/7

4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 95th birthday of Theophil Konecky requested by the Konecky Family IS

Sun *Synaxis of the holy archangel Michael*
11/8

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sylvester Honchar requested by Mike & Jodi Hanczar IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish IS

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by Ginny Lee Pilstl Kapeluck GA



.....with the baptism of Constantine Milligan, infant son of John and Nataliya Milligan GA

Mon. *The venerable mother Matrona of Constantinople*
11/9

The pastor’s day off

Tues 11/10	<i>The holy apostles Erastus & Rodion of the 70 apostles</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Tim Dlugas	JC
Wed 11/11	<i>Venerable father Theodore the Studite & martyr Victor</i>		
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Esther Grimm & Pat Pockl and the repose of Katherine Paluch, Cecil Grimm & Ann Wojcik requested by Maryann Grimm	JC
	7:00pm	<i>Bible Study preceded by healing prayers</i>	
Thurs 11/12	<i>The holy priest-martyr Josaphat, archbishop of Polotsk</i>		
Fri 11/13	<i>Our father, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople</i>		
Sat. 11/14	<i>The holy apostle Phillip, one of the 12 apostles (Pylpivka)</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Steven Kerchansky requested by Tom Kerchansky	JC
	also Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 st anniversary of the late Janet Andrejasik requested by Carol Ostaffe & Family	IS
	5:30pm <i>Doors open for "Nite at the Races"</i>	
Sun 11/15	<i>Holy martyrs Gurias, Samonas & Deacon Abibus</i>		
	8:30am	40 th day Divine Liturgy for Emily Stecko (moved from 11-13-15)	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Bohdan & Anne Konecky	IS



NOVEMBER Birthdays

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

*Artinger, Elizabeth
Bednarchuk, Lyudmyla
Besspiata, John
Boyle, Betty
Colaizzi, Karen
Holowaty, Daniel
Honchar, Angela*

*Kincak, Jean
Kohl, Anna
Koss, Andrew
Kuzemka, Anna
Lernatovych, Voldymyr
Matviiev, Lobow
Medwig, Mark*

*Milligan, John
Mykhayliv, Oksana
Ostaffe, Carol
Pretka, Alex
Sudiak, Zac
Sushko, Evhen
Sywy, Stephen
Zagorsky, Rosemarie*