

**December 13, 2015**

**Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**

***From the Desk of the Pastor***

Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

“When one of the guests sitting at the table heard this, he said to Jesus, “How happy are those who will sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God!” Jesus said to him, “There was once a man who was giving a great feast to which he invited many people. When it was time for the feast, he sent his servant to tell his guests, ‘Come, everything is ready!’ But they all began, one after another, to make excuses. The first one told the servant, ‘I have bought a field and must go and look at it; please accept my apologies.’ Another one said, ‘I have bought five pairs of oxen and am on my way to try them out; please accept my apologies.’ Another one said, ‘I have just gotten married, and for that reason I cannot come.’ The servant went back and told all this to his master. The master was furious and said to his servant, ‘Hurry out to the streets and alleys of the town, and bring back the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ Soon the servant said, ‘Your order has been carried out, sir, but there is room for more.’ So the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the country roads and lanes and make people come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you all that none of those who were invited will taste my dinner!’ ” (Luke 14:15-24 )

Have you heard of Hugh Downs? He is a retired television journalist and show host who worked for NBC and ABC from the 1950's until his retirement in 1999. He tells the story of how he and his wife once attended a fancy function in Washington, D.C. When the time came to return to New York, they discovered their flight had been cancelled due to bad weather. Downs immediately called the front desk and was informed that they could catch a five o'clock train, which was leaving in 45 minutes. Mrs. Downs was showering. To save time, Hugh hurriedly packed their belongings, called the bell captain, and asked that their bags be rushed right over to the train station, and put on the train. A bellhop promptly came and took the suit cases. Five minutes later, Mrs. Downs stepped out of the bathroom wrapped in a towel. She sweetly asked, “Dear, would you please hand me my green dress?”

I'm not sure how Mr. Downs was able to explain to his wife that all her clothes were on a train waiting for her, but my guess is that he had to do some very quick shopping. However, this story reminds me of Matthew's version where someone shows up not dressed for the feast. The point of this lesson, whether in Luke's version or in Matthew's version, is that God will summon us unexpectedly to His majestic presence. We please this great King by responding to Him in love and by doing good. During this season of preparation for Nativity, let us examine our conscience. What good have you been putting off? Do I want to hand my whole life over to Him? Let's get our souls cleaned up for the King is coming!

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

## New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- *Please Note: Our parish e-mail has been changed to [holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com)*
- The engineering students from Univ. of Pittsburg who were working at Trinity Acres have completed their senior project and their recommendations. Anyone interested in seeing their project and suggestions for Trinity Acres please ask Fr. Jason for their report.
- A HUGE Thank you to those dedicated souls who labor during this busy time of year with our pyrohi operation. This coming week will be especially demanding, so please come out and help. Many hands make light work...
- **Якщо хтось зацікавлений** у допомозі, щоб почати сад в Трініті акрів, то, будь ласка, зателефонуйте о. Джейсон.

**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 your prayers: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky and Joe Popivchak.

**The Parish Youth Group** will have a "Joint Activity Outing" (lunch provided) with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Youth Group on **Sunday, December, 13<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm (immediately after the 11am Divine Liturgy), at the Carnegie Boys & Girls Club (next door to the church). **Attention Youth!** We will have complete use of the Boys & Girls Club facility which includes a full size basketball court, large game room with ping pong, hockey and pool tables. Please dress appropriately and comfortably and bring a friend! For more information, contact Bohdan Mykhailiv at 412-726-8309 [bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com](mailto:bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com)



**The Parish Youth Group is planning on Christmas Caroling** at parishioners homes on **Sunday December 27, 2015 and Friday, January 1st, 2016** between 1pm to 7pm. If you would like Christmas Carolers at your home, please contact the parish office. Please support our parish Youth Group with this wonderful Christmas tradition!

**The Christmas Story** will be presented by the high school students at Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh on **Fri, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and Sat, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and on Sun, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. This is a four-part performance: The Story of Creation, The Fall of Man,

The Arrival of Our Savior and Jesus' Flight into Egypt. For more information: [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info) or 724-444-0722



**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. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christmas Day Open House** will be at the Church of the Attonment (618 Washington Ave. Carnegie). You are invited to **Christmas Dinner on Friday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** from 1-3pm. Local delivery for shut-ins. Place your delivery order now – 412-276-0366 until Mon. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. We welcome everyone!

**Correction: Shchedriy Vechir “Bountiful Supper”** will be **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** after the 4pm Divine Liturgy in the church hall. The calendar in last week’s bulletin indicated January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The correct date is January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The next installment of the Vibrant Parish** - a place to encounter the Living Christ entitled “Missionary Spirit” can be found using the following link: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/witness-of-our-life-in-christ-invitation-of-other-to-take-part>.

**Квартира у Карнегі:** \$600/місяц плус гас/елек. Юрко Гончар 412-215-3303

**For Rent:** 4 room apartment in Carnegie. \$600/month plus gas and electric. Backyard and garden spot. On bus route to both east and west. Short walk to either Ukrainian church. George Honchar 412-215-3303.

**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:** \$1,669 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$68.25 for candles, \$68 for Maternity of Holy Anna, \$314 for Christmas Seminary Collection, \$944 for St. Nicholas, \$7 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$50 for a memorial donation for Emily Stecko, and \$59 Free will offering and \$13.90 for the Basket raffle at the St. Nicholas celebration, and \$2,586.50 from the pyrohi project, all

for a grand total of **\$5,779.65**. **Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.**

**Lector Schedule:**

- Saturday: December 19 at 4pm: Mary Reabe
- Sunday: December 20 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk & at 11am: Zac Sudiak

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

Sat. *Our venerable father Spiridion, bishop of Tremithus*  
12/12

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Kuzbida, & Popovich families and Stephen Simek requested by Mary Simek JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon requested by Yevhen & Hala Lutsiv IS

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Sun *The holy martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius and Orestes*  
12/13

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen Spinda requested by Michael & Jodi Hanczar IS

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

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arseni & Vera Patross requested by Eleanor Patross IS

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Mon *The holy martyrs Thyrsus, Apollonius & Callinicus*  
12/14

The pastor's day off

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Tues *The holy priest-martyr Eleutherius and his mother Anthia*  
12/15  
Matins 9am  
Pyrohi Project 7am – 2pm

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Wed *The holy prophet Haggai and holy Theophania*  
12/16  
Matins 9am  
Pyrohi Project 7am – 2pm

7:00pm *Emmanuel Moleben*

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Thurs  
12/17 *The holy prophet Daniel and venerable father Dionysius*

Pyrohi Project 7am – 2pm

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Fri  
12/18 *The holy martyr Sebastian and his companions*

Pyrohi Project 7am – 2pm

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Sat.  
12/19 *The holy martyr Boniface and venerable father Elias of Murom*

4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 year anniversary of the late  
Dennis Daniels requested by his wife, Jean and Family JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Melissa Corso  
requested by Rebecca Zaletski IS

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Sun  
12/20 *The holy priest-martyr Ignatius, bishop of Antioch*

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late  
Margaret Lendl requested by Arlene Esterburg IS

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

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim  
requested by Zac Sudiak IS

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### DECEMBER Birthdays

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

*Peter Colaizzi*

*Oleg Mykhayliv*

*Patricia Johnson*

*Eric Hanzel*

*Walter Kalyn*

*Terry Styran*

*Yuriy Pavlyshyn*

*David Moss*

*Helen Moskal*

*Kathy Sembrat*

*Russ Zorey*

*Jennifer Styran*

*Martha Charron*

*Matthew Klim*

*Euphemia Medwig*