

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.

December 21, 2014– Sunday Before the Nativity

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Dear Friends in Christ,

In four days from today you will see the church interior beautified by myriads of poinsettias. The history behind the use of poinsettias in American churches at Christmas time is quite beautiful and for today's reflection I'd like to pass on to you that which has been passed on to me.

With its beautiful, red, star-shape, the "Poinsettia" is called the "Flame Leaf" in Central America or "Flower of the Holy Night." It was brought here over a hundred years ago by Dr. Joel Poinsett, our first ambassador to Mexico. (Today, most of the poinsettias used come from California.) Whether or not our poinsettias at Holy Trinity were grown in Mexico is not important, but what is important is that the legend of the poinsettia comes from Mexico. A girl named Maria and her little brother Pablo were very poor but always looked with excitement to the Christmas festival. Annually, a large manger scene was erected in their beloved village church. The days before Christmas were filled with parades and parties. Maria and Pablo loved Christmas but were always saddened because they had no money to buy presents. They especially wished that they could give something to the church for the Baby Jesus. But they had nothing.

One Christmas Eve, Maria and Pablo set out for church to attend the service. On their way they picked some weeds growing along the roadside and decided to take them as their gift to the Baby Jesus in the manger scene. Other children teased them when they arrived with their gift. Bearing this humiliation in silence they simply shrugged knowing that they had given what they could. Maria and Pablo began placing the green plants around the manger and miraculously, the green top leaves turned into bright red petals, and soon the manger was surrounded by beautiful star-like flowers and so we see them today.

God wants the gifts you give from your poverty: your heart, your time, your love and trust. Who can you spend time with today? Who can you listen to today? What act of kindness can you do today for a foe? These are Christmas gifts more valuable than incense and gold. Let's present them to the Holy Child, and in so doing our hearts will be transformed into beautiful star-like flowers more beautiful than Maria and Pablo's poinsettias.

Jason, priest and sinner

Activity Update:

- **Bishop Bohdan** visiting our parish TODAY for a Moleben at **3:30pm**. This will be an *excellent* chance for our parishioners to meet their new bishop. Come out and pray with him and for him.
- **Youth Group Meeting** today in auditorium after 11am Divine Liturgy.
- **This Wednesday**, our parish sent \$300 to three needy families in Ukraine. One family is in L'viv, one in Ivano-Frankivsk, one in Kyiv. God loves a generous giver! Would you like to help a family in Ukraine? Fr. Jason knows several there who could use more help, especially at this time of war in Ukraine.
- **What's new in repairs?** We have replaced all the lights in the church (with the exception of two above the altar which will require extra work). The old lights were 150W bulbs and used a lot of electricity. The new LED bulbs use only 17W and provide *more* light. If you are reading this in church you can notice the difference! Also, Jan Kalymon and Evhen Bohonok have refurbished the repidia (fans) on the altar as well as the cross, bringing them back to their original glory.
- **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?
- **Malanka Dance:** 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.
- **Christ Among Us** radio program is available every Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on the radio station 730 WPIT-AM.
- **The Parish Youth Group** is planning on Christmas Caroling at parishioners homes on Saturday December 27 between 1pm to 7pm. If you would like Christmas Carolers at your home, please contact the parish office.
- **Thank you** this week to Terry Styran and Jennifer Pickle for agreeing to host the fellowship hour after the 8:30am Liturgy in the auditorium. Come on down for a snack and fellowship! Note, that after the 11am DL there will not be a social because of the Moleben and social to be held at 3:30 with Bishop Bohdan.

A big, heart-felt, profound expression of gratitude to those who helped out during our parish's "Pyrohi Marathon" this past week. You know who you are. These good people, some not in their prime, were here before dawn and many worked until the late afternoon. Others with hectic schedules still made a point of coming in for an

hour or two. To each, may God bless you, your loved ones and grant you every good thing!

Remember in your prayers the soul of the departed servant of God, Dennis Daniels, much beloved husband of Jean Daniels, father to Denise and Melanie, and brother to the Walter and to the late-Monsignor Russell Danylchuck, our founding pastor. Dennis died on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 5am. His was a holy death accompanied by the prayers of the church. Dennis' life is a reminder to us all that physical pain and suffering can serve to transform us into holy men and women when we accept it and prayerfully offer it up to our Holy God.

Shchedriy Vechir will take place on Saturday, January 3rd after the 4pm Divine Liturgy.

Your 2015 Church offering envelopes and calendars are 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, Catherine Sudiak.** In your kindness, remember Mayda Medwig's mother, **Siran Yoghourtgian**, who is also undergoing a severe test of her health.

Please take home and read Patriarch Sviatoslav's Christmas Pastoral Letter available in the vestibule.

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.

HTUCC has ten free tickets to the 2015 Pittsburgh Remodeling Expo at the David Lawrence Convention Center on Jan. 2-4. If interested call 800-374-6463.

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 Wed, Dec 24th, **Christmas Eve** (Carols & Readings) at 4pm: Mary Reabe, Nick Spak, Ben Ciarallo, Sandy Krivonyak, Mike Spak, Glenn Zaborowski, Stephanie Fedora, Zac Sudiak & Angela Honchar (Epistle Reader). On Thurs, Dec 25th, **Christmas Day**, at 11:00am: Helen Zaletski. On Saturday, Dec. 27th

at 4pm: Helen Zaletski. On Sunday, Dec. 28th at 8:30am: Terry Styran and later at 11pm: Zac Sudiak.

Vital Stats: \$1,823 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$35.10 for candles, \$45 for the Eparchy, \$347 for Energy, \$58 for Seminary Collection, \$5 for Special Offering, \$10 for Thanksgiving, and \$5 for Canonization of Ukr. Saints, \$700 for miscellaneous donations, \$300 for Garage Door repairs. The Pyrohi project brought in \$4,628.50 last week, for a combined grand total of \$7,956.60. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

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

Sat.	<i>Archbishop Philogonus and Bishop Ignatius</i>	
12/20		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Annie Skwarla requested by Kathleen Hall	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Szpynda requested by Michael & Irena Krat	IS
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Sun.	<i>Holy father Peter, miracleworker of Kiev</i>	
12/21		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 11 th anniversary of the late Margaret Lendl requested by Arlene Esterburg	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by Bruce and Veronica Alstad	IS
with the baptism of Clark Sterling Colaizzi, infant son of Dr. Ivan and Mrs. Ashley Colaizzi	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the people	JC
3:30pm	Moleben with Bishop Bohdan, followed by a reception	
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Mon.	Sunday of the Ancestors	
12/22	<i>Martyrs Anastasia and Theodotia</i>	

The pastor's day off

Tues. *The holy ten martyrs of Crete*

12/23

-no services

Wed. **Vigil of Christmas (Paramony: Carols & Lessons)**

12/24

6:00am Royal Hours

9:00am Royal Hours

12:00pm Royal Hours

3:00pm Royal Hours

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Msgr. Russell Danylchuck
requested by the Daniels Family

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Joseph & Gina
Greco requested by Angela Honchar

IS

Thurs. **Christmas Day**

12/25

The Birth of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Flesh

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

JC

Fri. Synaxis of the most holy Theotokos

12/26

10:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 22nd anniversary of the late Julia
Maksin requested by her granddaughter, Dr. Cynthia Kulik

JC

Sat. *The holy apostle and first martyr archdeacon Stephen*

12/27

8:00am Pro Life Moleben at Liberty Ave Abortuary

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Wasyl Paraska & Mary
Utchell requested by Madeline Camaioni

IS

.....also 40th day Divine Liturgy for Janet Andrejasik

JC

Sun. *The Holy Father David, prophet and king of Israel*
12/28

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

IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of John & Catherine Patross
requested by Eleanor Patross

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 4th anniversary of the late
Denise Neczypir requested by Steve, Steve Jr. & Mark
Neczypir

IS

3:00pm *Concert: Ukrainian Cultural Trust Choir of West. PA.*
