

December 27, 2015

Sunday After Christmas

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

An old Jewish story tells of the reaction of a learned rabbi to this excited announcement by a member of his congregation: “The Messiah has come! He is in our city now!”

“Really,” mused the rabbi. Going to the window, the rabbi looked out on the city and observed, “I see no difference.”

Making a difference depends on us, on how we respond to the events and people God sends our way. Celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Savior, Redeemer, Messiah, Son of God, Son of Mary, Emmanuel (God with us), means that we are changed; and because we are changed the city, the nation and the world will change.

If we come to church reenacting the routine of just another Christmas, then people might look at us and say, “I see no difference,” much like the rabbi in the story. However, stop and think about this for 30 seconds in silent meditation: the God who created the boundless cosmos and its incomprehensible immensity became a defenseless baby. Every year I’m thunderstruck by this truth! If this is the case, then it should light a fire under our seats. The Messiah did come and He was no mere prophet but was the Holy One of Israel, Yahweh fully present before us in the flesh. His nature and our nature were perfectly united.

Living among us as He did, what did we learn from Him? Allow me to highlight two things. **1)** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Mt 25) **2)** Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you (Mt 28).

Taking our lead from God’s love and mercy, evidenced by His being born among us, and by all that followed, allow us to leave church today and do the things he tells us. When we do this, people will look out in the world and say, “I see a very great difference.”

And, that my friends, is the best Christmas gift we can give Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

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
- 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.
- You, the parishioners of HTUCC, received a personal message of gratitude in the mail from Catholic Near-East Welfare Association's President, Monsignor John Kozar, in response to your *generous* donations for the afflicted Christian refugees in the Middle East. Most of all, God sees your mercy and love!
- Thank you to the Hothouse Floral Company for giving us at least 8 poinsettias at no charge.
- Pastoral message of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please take one.

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, Joe Popivchak and Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003.

DRC (Diocesan Resource Committee) will have a meeting on Saturday, January 9th at 10:30am in our church hall. Two people from our parish will be selected to attend this meeting.

"Christ Among Us" Ukrainian Catholic radio program on station WPIT at 730AM dial can be heard each Sunday from 2:00 – 2:30pm. **They are interested in hearing opinions and feedback on this radio program.** Please contact the rectory with your responses.



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!

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 25th** from 1-3pm. Local delivery for shut-ins. Place your delivery order now – 412-276-0366 until Mon. Dec. 21st. We welcome everyone!

Representatives from the Eparchial Youth Committee from the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma are organizing a World Youth Day (WYD) trip to Krakow Poland and to Western Ukraine. WYD is an international event of young people organized by the Catholic Church. WYD was initiated by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1985. WYD has occurred every two to three years since at locations all over the world. The next WYD will be held in Krakow Poland during the last week of July 2016 and this event will be blessed with the presence of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. If you are between the ages of 16 and 40 years old and are interested in participating in this Youth Pilgrimage Trip, please contact Deacon Myron @ [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086) or mjspak@verizon.net

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

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: \$2,232 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$130.05 for candles, \$25 for Energy, \$28 for Special Collection, \$10 for Christmas Seminary

Collection, \$40 for St. Nicholas, \$50 special Christmas donation, \$32 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$30 for the Persecuted Christians in Syria, \$20 for CCD book money, \$70 from Oles Cheren as a percentage of sales of the Ukrainian books, gifts, etc., \$911 for Christmas Poinsettias, \$1,109 for the Nutroll Project and “hold onto your hat,” \$16, 668 for the Pyrohi Project, all for a grand total of \$21,355.05. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: January 2 at 4pm: George Honchar
- Sunday: January 3 at 8:30am: Terry Styran & at 11am: Cantor
- Tuesday: January 5, Vigil of Theophany with Vespers at 7pm: Stephanie Fedora and Sandy Krivonyak
- Wednesday: January 6, Theophany of Our Lord at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. 12/26	Synaxis of the most holy Theotokos	
9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Adeline Makar	JC
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sophie Popivchak requested by Darlene Pfeffer	IS
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of David & Olga Hodowanetz requested by Stephen H. Zinski	JC
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Sun 12/27	<i>The holy apostle and first martyr archdeacon Stephen</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Otchych requested by Diane Kuffner	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the late Anna Zaletski requested by Deb Sgro	IS
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Mon 12/28	<i>Commemoration of the holy 2000 martyrs burned in Nicomedia</i>	
	The pastor’s day off	
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Tues 12/29	<i>Commemoration of the holy infants slaughtered by Herod in Bethlehem of Judea, for the sake of Christ</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 23 rd anniversary of the late Julia Maksin requested by Conrad & Margie Kulik		JC
Wed 12/30	<i>The holy virgin martyr Anisia</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Mary Popivchak requested by an anonymous person		JC
Thurs 12/31	<i>Apodosis of the feast of the Birth in the flesh of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Crazmus, Katherine Kudlak, Helen Kudlak and Verna Padlow requested by Barb Sago (OLPH)		JC
Fri 1/1	The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ and Feast of St. Basil the Great		
9:00am	40 th Day Divine Liturgy for Arlene Daniels		JC
Sat. 1/2	<i>Our father among the saints, Sylvester, pope of Rome</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sam Davis requested by the Davis Family		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Deb & Bob Sestili		IS
Sun 1/3	<i>The holy prophet Malachi</i>		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Rev. Vladimir Jaworski requested by George Honchar and Family		IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
also Divine Liturgy to mark the 5 th anniversary of the late Denise Neczypir requested by Steve, Steve Jr. and Mark Neczypir		IS

Mon *Synaxis of the holy 70 apostles*
1/4 The Pastor's day off

Tues **Vigil of Theophany**-*This is a holy day of obligation requiring attendance at church either at the vigil this evening or tomorrow. It is also an obligatory fast day: no meat may be eaten by those 14-59 inclusively. *The blessing of waters takes place at this service.*

7:00pm Divine Liturgy for the health of John Maslany requested by
The St. Josaphat Society JC

Wed **The holy Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior,**
1/6 **Jesus Christ -a holy day of obligation**

8:00 am Divine Liturgy at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, WV JC

11:00am Divine Liturgy at HTUCC for the people IS



DECEMBER Birthdays

If you 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
Nancy Steiner	Steve Neczypir	



JANUARY Birthdays

Lubomyr Chubko	Luba Hlutkowsky	Dan Pituch
Nataliya Milligan	Volodymyr Sabuzhak	Roman Lutsiv
Ronald Artinger	Vasyl Zhurybida	James Bogdon
Jonanthan Hoover	Sheerena Zaletski	Judy Krisovenski
Adrienne English	Bohdan Mykhailiv	Yuri Wowczuk
Voldamyr Matviiev	Natalia Charron	Sophia Chubko
Braden Hoover	Roman Konecky	Nestor Lernatovych
Stephen Medwig	Jessica Petrovych	

Pro-Life Quote of the Month: There are only three reasons for being pro-choice:

scientific ignorance—appalling ignorance of a scientific fact so basic that nearly everyone in the world knows it; moral ignorance—appalling ignorance of the most basic of all moral rules; or legal ignorance—appalling ignorance of one of the most basic of all the functions of law. --Peter Kreeft