



March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday



### ***From the Desk of the Pastor:***

Dear Friends in Christ,

It now begins.... The sorrow, the pain, the agony, the deprivation, the extreme humiliation, the thirst, the intense loneliness, the savage brutality, the hellish fury, the misery, the anguish and the quaking tribulation are all laid out in full, crippling force on one innocent and truly good man, Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, Son of Man.

Today, we celebrate a high point with the people of Jerusalem hailing Jesus as King and Messiah and shouting, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" This day is bitter-sweet as the coming days will show us. Indeed, how quickly fortunes in this world pass away, how meaningless are riches and glory! They pass as sand through the fingers; as fleeting as vague dreams upon our waking. The heart of man is fickle and sways like the branches of a willow in an evening storm. Today, my Lord and King, Jerusalem shouts "hail, hail!" Friday, she cries out "impale, impale!"

This week holds somber reminders to us of how much suffering our sins inflict upon the Innocent One. Despite it all, he bears it in peace. He who raised the dry land from the waters, does not see it beneath His dignity to have his parched and naked body raised upon the bloodied cross. He whom we worship as King of the cosmos, accepts the mocking crown of thorns. He who once in excited revelry clothed the sky with clouds as parents feverishly decorate a newborn's room, now is clothed in a purple robe. He who watched from above as Joseph slid a ring over the Virgin Mother's noble nail, now watches from below as we fasten his hands with a scabrous nail.

Our hearts are heavy with sorrow. This sorrow, however, leads us to two things. First, it allows us to see in *plain view* the depravity of the human heart when left to its own devices. We're all the same: pope, priest, pauper and prostitute. We all turn from God! Second, it allows us to see in *painful view* the immensity of God's unfathomable goodness. He, who is the Almighty God of Eternity, choose to swim in our sewage rather than to watch us drown in it. Come to many services this week, and be immersed in this mystery. God, you are so incredibly good and kind. I love you!

In Christ,  
Jason, priest and sinner.

## New Things Happening:

- **Pascha Services** begin next week at 7:30am with Matins. The most beautiful of all services. Curious to know how your baba and dido are enjoying heaven? Then, come to this service!
- **The Bible says love conquers all things.** People have lovingly asked to have the Blessing of Paschal Foods restored to the old schedule. I can't refuse that! My strong request is that everyone attend the morning service on Pascha. If you need a ride, call the rectory and we'll arrange all things. So, here is the schedule for the **blessing of paschal foods**: Sat. at 3pm, after the Sat. 7pm service and after Liturgy on Pascha.
- **Pysanky Workshop** will take place today (Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>) from 12:30-2:30pm. The instructor is Pani Halyna. Always wanted to paint a Ukrainian Easter Egg? Now is your chance!
- **Haivky Rehearsal and Pot-Luck Dinner** will be Thomas Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after 11am Divine Liturgy. Bring whatever you have "left over" from Easter Dinner! Nothing fancy, just great company!! If you are interested, contact Pani Halyna.
- **Sviachene and Haivky:** Please mark your calendar for this year's Easter Sviachene. We invite you to join your fellow parishioners immediately after the **10am Divine Liturgy on April 19<sup>th</sup>** for the buffet luncheon: (baked ham, kolbassi, holubtsi, beets & horseradish relish, eggs, cheese, roasted new potatoes with parsley garnish, paska, lemon-filled torte, coffee, tea, soda & more).  
A common liturgy and a common meal: just like in Heaven!
- **Our parish will have something called an "Annual General Meeting,"** which will take place on **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in the church. Please, write your questions down ahead of time, with your name and submit them in the box at the entrance of the church, or mail.
- **PAC Election Results:** Mary Ann Davis, John Besspiata, Rebecca Zaletski. By appointment: Serhiy and Olya Chovnyk.
- **Needed:** Volunteers for our parish Vacation Bible School to be held this summer at Trinity Acres. Call rectory.
- **Remember Ukraine** in your prayers!

### **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: **Ted Sywy, George Fedora** (now at home!), **Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky.**

**PASKA Pick up** dates are Mon. & Tues. **March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>** AFTER 2pm or after Holy Week services Tues. & Wed. evening.

**Just a reminder** that there should be no dumping at Trinity Acres. If you know of someone who has been dumping there please speak with Fr. Jason immediately. In the past, we were forced to pay a significant fine for dumping and we need to make sure that doesn't happen again.

**Veneration of Christ's Burial Shroud** sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule of the church. Everyone is encouraged to spend at least an hour in prayer during the watch at the Savior's tomb on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Pysanky Sale** will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm. For info call: 412-527-5359 or 412-279-2111 [www.orthodoxcarnegie.org](http://www.orthodoxcarnegie.org). Also, a **Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop** will be held Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 12 noon. Come and learn the beautiful art of the Ukrainian Pysanka!!!

**Church Directory** is coming here in May, 2015 to take professional quality photographs of parishioners for a new parish directory.

**Sunday Social After Liturgy** sign-up sheets are posted in the vestibule. Please see which Sunday works for you to host the social. Will you sign up for next Sunday's 11am Social Hour to provide donuts downstairs?

**Vital Stats:** \$1,341.25 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$127 for candles, \$30 for Diocesan, \$25 for Utilities, \$5 for Synod of Bishops, \$30 Special Offering, \$32 for Annunciation of Theotokos, and \$100 Special Offering for the Kid's Camp Fund. The Pyrohi Project brought in \$4,479.50, all for a grand total of \$6,169.75 Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

## Lector Schedule:

- Holy Mon., March 30<sup>th</sup> (pre-sanctified) at 7pm: Angela Honchar
- Holy Tues., March 31<sup>st</sup> (pre-sanctified) at 7pm: Nick Spak
- Holy Wed., April 1<sup>st</sup> (Anointing for Health Service) at 7pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Holy Thurs., April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm: Mary Reabe and Stephanie Fedora
- Holy Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (vespers) at 7pm: Dr. Justine Perhosky and Zac Sudiak
- Holy Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup> (Jerusalem Matins) at 10am: Zac Sudiak
- Holy Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Easter Vigil) Nick Spak and Sandy Krivonyak
- Holy and Great Pascha, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk and Michael Spak

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

Sat. 3/28	<i>Fr. Hilarion, the younger &amp; Stephen, miracleworker</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis S. Daniels requested by Stephen P. & Helen M. Zaletski	JC	
	.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski requested by Stephen P. Zaletski & Family	IS	
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Sun. 3/29	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
9:00am	Generations of Faith- Learning Session		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the late Becky Alstad requested by the Alstad Family	JC	
	.....also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS	
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Mon. 3/30	<b>Holy Monday</b>		
7:30am	Paska baking.....		
9:00am	Bridegroom services and confessions	JC	
7:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy for the repose of Dorothy Stecko requested by Emily Stecko	JC	

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Tues 3/31	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>		
	7:30am	Paska baking.....	
	9:00am	Bridegroom services and confessions	JC
	7:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy for the repose of Sue Marie Timo requested by Nick Kotow	JC

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Wed. 4/1	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>		
	9:00am	Bridegroom services and confessions	JC
	7:00pm	Holy Anointing for Health of Soul and Body	JC

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Thurs. 4/2	<b>Holy Thursday</b>		
	9:00am	<u>Cathedral in Parma</u> : Matins with Bishop Bohdan	
	7:00pm	Vespers of the Betrayal & Liturgy of the Lord's Supper for the repose of Anna Otchych requested by Diane Kuffner	JC

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Fri. 4/3	<b>Good Friday: <i>This is a day of strict fast:</i></b>		
	10:00am	<b>Strasti:</b> the Passion of the Lord	
	12:00pm	Royal Hour	
	1:00pm	<b>Confessions until 2:30pm</b>	
	2:45pm	Royal Hour	
	7:00pm	Vespers of Christ's Burial	

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Sat. **Holy Saturday: *This is a day of simple abstinence for those***  
4/3.

10:00am **Jerusalem Matins:** the Wake of Christ

12:00pm **Confessions until 3:00pm**

3:00pm Blessing of paschal foods

7:00pm **Easter Vigil:** Vespers of Christ's Descent to & conquering  
of Hades & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the repose of  
Dennis S. Daniels requested by Melanie & Terry Wright  
(at the Little Entrance a new Easter Priest vestment set will be  
blessed in memory of Dennis Daniels) JC

.....also to mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the late Helen  
Makar requested by Mike Makar & Christine Ruehrshneck  
and Families IS

.....**Removal of Shroud (Note this is a change to the schedule)**

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Sun. **Great and Holy PASCHA**  
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7:30am Resurrection Matins JC

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

.....also for the repose of Joseph Wasek requested by  
Myron & Barbara Spak and family IS

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### **Holy and Great Week Trivia:**

**Question:** What do the Coptic and Ethiopian Christians call Holy Saturday?

**Answer:** What we call Holy Saturday (the Harrowing of Hades, Christ's descent into the dead) is called "Joyous Saturday" in the Coptic and Ethiopian Churches. It is believed to be the day that Christ descended to Hades (sometimes called Sheol or Hell) and rose up to Paradise those souls that were held captive there. See 1 Peter 4:6 and 1 Peter 3:19-20.