

May 10, 2015

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spiritual blindness leads to death; spiritual light leads to life. If we don't learn this lesson from the "Man Born Blind" who stood alone against the leaders and boldly spoke the truth, come what may, then, sadly, we learn that lesson through war. As we recall the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II (May 8th) we pause to remember that abstract ideas have very practical and bloody consequences. When our hearts, minds and souls are purified from godless ideologies and political religions, and united to divine wisdom, then our lives and homes and communities flourish.

Alternatively, when political and media elites conjure up false idols, false demons, false victims and false causes the result is division and enmity leading to violence. Sadly, I feel the lessons of WWII have not been learned by my generation. Today, I see afoot a new Marxism which would divide us according to "haves and have-nots" while it seeks to collectivize the education of children and marginalize church life far from the public square. Also, there is a neo-Hitlerism which through propaganda and fear imposes on children evil ideologies such as the pseudo-scientific gender-identity movement. Pope Francis' recent comments support this. In the face of all this, I think I speak for many people when saying that the churches are silent for fear of legal and financial repercussions, and by this resemble the church of Laodicea (Revelation 3:16). If only more good men like Bonhoeffer and Sheptytsky stood their ground against evil then great suffering would have been avoided for millions.

As war commemorations take place this weekend the world-over, be mindful that it is within your reach, old or young, rich or poor, single or married, to conquer evil by peacefully yet boldly proclaiming the truth. There will be short-term pain but long term gain. Let us make haste to do good, to bear witness to the Risen Christ and by so doing prevent calamities such as befell our forefathers seven decades ago.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner.

New Things Happening:

- **Happy Mother's Day** to all the mothers, grandmothers, & godmothers of the parish! Please be sure to take home a geranium!!!
- **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 \$_____]."
- **It's back! This summer (June 29 – July 3)** our parish will have **Vacation Bible School** at Trinity Acres. Ages: 4-12. Cost: \$150 per child. We provide meals to the kids. Time: 8:30am – 4pm daily. Games, Bible and Saint lessons, etc.!
- **Church Directory Photo Times:** Photographs will be taken in the church hall.
(Also still needed are photos from the last 2 years of parish activities)

Thursday	May 14	2:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Friday	May 15	2:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Saturday	May 16	10:00 am – 4:45 pm
- **Not able to get your photo taken for the Directory? No problem.** You can submit one of your own photos to the rectory in the format of a cd, disc, or paper. Only send pictures 8 x 10 or smaller. *Unfortunately*, there will NOT be a make-up date to get your picture taken by the photographer from Remember Church Directories *unless* we have 20 families on the make-up list. So far, we only have 6 families / persons on this list.
- **Submit your Questions** for our **"Annual General Meeting"**, which will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 10am **by this Friday, May 15th**. Include your name and submit them in the vestibule box, church collection baskets, rectory, fax, mail or email!
- **Important: Singers, Lectors, and Pyrohi Workers needed!** If you're not involved in any parish ministries, then come out for one of these three ministries.
- **The Apostleship of Prayer** will be praying a Rosary every Wednesday of May in the church at 6:30pm. Bible Study will meet at 7pm every Wednesday. Topic:

“Why do we and our Protestant brothers/sisters have different Bibles?”
(Exception: On May 13th. Liturgy that evening). For more information contact Karen Colaizzi.

- **Memorial Day is Monday, May 25th.** In the vestibule you will find Memorial Day Service envelopes to list the names of your deceased to be remembered during the **Memorial Day / Blessing of the Graves Service** held at *Holy Trinity Cemetery*. Please turn these names into the rectory or place in the church collection basket by Wednesday, May 20th.
- **Graduations** are soon approaching, and we would like to honor the young people of our parish who are completing high school or college. *Please call the rectory before June 5th* and provide the names of these students. Please include the school name, degree earned and any future plans. Fr. Jason will like to celebrate these accomplishments with the student and his/her immediate family with a Divine Liturgy followed by brunch.
- **We need** three people (minimum) to receive free training in how to operate a Heart Defibrillator Machine, which has been donated to our church in memory of Catherine Sudiak. The life you save could be your loved one's.

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.

Men Following Jesus Christ will be serving dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission **tomorrow Monday, May 11th**. We need at least 7 volunteers to serve dinners from approximately 4:45pm through 6:15pm. Thank you for serving on March 9th. Call Deacon Myron at 412-303-9086 or [**mjspak@verizon.net**](mailto:mjspak@verizon.net).

Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be **this Fri May 15th & Sat May 16th** at the Monroeville Convention Center. Friday: 4pm -10pm & Sat.:11am-10pm. Volunteers are needed to work at the Ukrainian kitchen booth. Please contact Fr. Jason 412-279-4652 or call Nick Kotow at 412-835-8714. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. Ukrainian participation is hosted by League of Ukrainian Catholics.

The 2015 Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund is also now available for students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University and who are

of Ukrainian ethnicity. **Due Date is June 1, 2015. ONLY a paper application** can be submitted. Call the rectory for an application.

The 2015 UTS (Ukrainian Technological Society) Scholarship Application Form is now available on www.utspgh.org. **Due Date is July 6, 2015**. Please note that there are no paper application forms.

The St. Josaphat Society Scholarship will once again be sponsoring a scholarship for a high school senior this year who is a member of our parish and who has been accepted into an undergraduate program at a college or university or a certified program at an accredited post-secondary institution for the 2015-16 academic year. Applications are in the rectory. **Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, July 11, 2015**.

All Saints Camp sponsored by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA offers a wide range of opportunities for youth and young adults for summer camping ministry. The Camp is located in Emlenton PA, just 1.5 hours north of Pittsburgh. For more information, visit www.uocyouth.org or call 412-977-2010 or uocyouth@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE - Join Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church (Akron Ohio) is celebrating 100 years of parish history! HGUCC will celebrate its centennial anniversary on Sunday, **June 21, 2015**, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. We will welcome the Patriarch of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and our Bishop, the Most Reverend Bohdan J. Danylo. Please join us for this extraordinary occasion! Divine Liturgy will be held at 1pm, followed by a banquet at Guy's Party Centre. For more information or to receive a mailed invitation call 330.689.9072, e-mail to pastor@hgucc.org or visit www.hgucc.org.

Perennial Plant Sale will take place at Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Ave. Carnegie) this Saturday, May 16th from (10am-3pm).

A Vendor Show sponsored by Carnegie Presbyterian Church will be Saturday, June 6th from 9am-2pm, (219 Ewing Rd., Carnegie) 412-279-3223. Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, and 25 vendors will be on hand with a variety of items.

Reminder: Please double-check when leaving the church that the door is locked when leaving, especially the basement doors. Be sure that the door is both locked and tightly shut.

Vital Stats: \$3,087.06 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$120 for candles, \$408 for Utilities, \$30 for the Eparchy, \$20 for Aid to Eastern Europe, \$50

memorial donation for Catherine Yuschak, \$50 special donation. The pyrohi project brought in \$1,645.00 and we inadvertently forgot to mention that the Easter Paska project brought in \$901.20, all for a grand total of \$6,311.26. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Wednesday, May 13 at 7pm (Vespers & Divine Liturgy): Angela Honchar
- Thursday, May 14 at 9am (Feast of the Ascension): Cantor
- Saturday, May 16 at 4pm: Stephanie Fedora
- Sunday, May 17 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk and later at 11am: Zac Sudiak

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

Sat. 5/9	<i>Holy prophet Isaiah & holy martyr Christopher</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy to mark the 38 th birthday of the late Tatyana Jula requested by Eleanor Patross	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of John Shiwarski requested by Jean Kincak	IS
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Sun. 5/10	Mother's Day: <i>Holy apostle Simon the zealot</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Tanka Spinda requested by Michael & Jodi Hanczar	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the mothers of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS
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Mon. 5/11	<i>Holy priest-martyr Mocius of Constantinople</i>	
	<i>The pastor's day off</i>	
4:45 pm	<i>Light of Light Mission-serve dinners until 6:15pm</i>	
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Tues.	<i>Our father among the saints, Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus</i>	

5/12	8:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 8 th anniversary of the late Roberta Zaletsky and the 31 st anniversary of the late Michael Zaletski requested by John Zaletsky	JC
	7:00pm	<i>Choir practice</i>	
Wed. 5/13		<i>Holy martyr Glyceria, Alexander and Bishop Pausicacius</i>	
	7:00pm	Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis S. Daniels requested by Bohdan and Anne Konecky	JC
	also Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Otchych requested Diane Kuffner	IS
Thurs. 5/14		Ascension of Our Lord: <i>The holy martyr Isidore of Chios</i>	
	7:30am	<i>Pyrohi</i>	
	9:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
Fri. 5/15		<i>Our father among the saints, Isaiah, bishop of Rostov</i>	
	7:30am	<i>Pyrohi</i>	
	8:00am	Third Hour Prayers	JC
Sat. 5/16		<i>Our venerable father Theodore the sanctified</i>	
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of John Chruszcz requested by Anastasia Chruszcz	JC
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Yuschak requested by Stephanie Fedora	IS
Sun. 5/17		<i>Holy apostle Andronicus and those with him</i>	

8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS
10:00am	Annual General Meeting	
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of John Shiwarski requested by Catherine Kyle	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Sudiak requested by Catherine Kyle	IS

If God had granted all the silly prayers I've made in my life, where should I be now?

--C.S. Lewis

To console does not mean to take away the pain but rather to be there and say, "You are not alone, I am with you."

--Fr. Henri Nouwen

The Good Lord gave each of us a Guardian Angel. It's so that we should make use of him, tell him what's happening to us, and, in a matter of speaking, bug him, with our requests.

--St. Andre Bessette