

May 17, 2015

Sunday of the Fathers of the
1st Ecumenical Council of Nicaea

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

A priest, known for his very lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his homily. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

I hope that the homilies here at HTUCC are not so long and boring that you can notice your hair growing. With that, I want to stress one thing that each of us should take from today's *Feast of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea*: know the Creed. The heart of the creed is centered on Jesus Christ. He is perfect God and perfect Man, wholly human and wholly divine, the only-begotten of the Father. We know everything else in the Creed because Christ first revealed everything to us.

There will be many false-Christ and false-teachers. But, if you want a short, quick way to know if a teacher or preacher is authentic then use this test: does a teacher measure up to the creed that the Fathers gave us? We recite this creed at every Liturgy. So, the next time you wonder if someone is teaching a trustworthy doctrine you don't need to worry about going through a lengthy debate. Simply cut to the chase and ask the person to recite the Creed. This is the "short cut" the Fathers gave us to know the true faith. By this we will be saved.

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner.

New Things Happening:

- **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 this Wednesday, May 20th.
- **There is a new law in Pennsylvania which will impact all parish volunteers who have a possibility of contact with minors.** Priests, secretaries, youth ministers, lectors, catechists, choir directors should all expect to submit their information to the state of PA for a criminal background check. There is a fee involved in this process, which the parish will cover. The due date for compliance is July 1st. If you are involved in one of these ministries you will be contacted by Kim or Maria Zaliszczuk in the near future. More paperwork for us all!
- **Trinity Acres Cemetery Water Issues** are in the process of being resolved. There is a problem at the tap where water is obtained for watering flowers at the grave. In the meantime, please bring your own container of water. We apologize for this temporary inconvenience.
- **Our Cemetery Rules Seasonal Reminder:** Only live flowers planted within two (2) feet in front of a marker are permitted. Bushes, shrubs or the use of wood or stone, at the sides or back of the markers are not permitted. Artificial flowers are permitted on all holidays, but must be removed in two (2) weeks.
- **A Mission Activities Special Collection** is requested by The Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops and will be collected at the May 25th Memorial Day Divine Liturgy. 50% of the funds collected will be used for mission activities of the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world, and 50% will be designated for mission activities in our own St. Josaphat Eparchy. *Envelopes will be provided.*
- **The next Coffee and Catechesis** will be Saturday, May 30th 10:30-11:30am in the old Carnegie post office on East Main Street. Please turn in your questions by Wednesday, May 27th.
- **2015 Acolyte & Youth Convention** will be June 17 & 18 at the Gilmary Retreat Center (601 Flaugherty Run Rd, Coraopolis). Holy Trinity will be paying for the children who attend this convention. The necessary registration forms can be obtained from the rectory or our website, www.htucc.com For more information, contact Bohdan Mykhailiv or Vasyl Zhurybida.

- **Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st.** In the vestibule you will find Father's Day cards to give to your father as well as envelopes to provide your father's name (living and deceased) so he will be remembered during the masses on Father's Day. Please turn these names into the rectory, in the collection basket or in the vestibule box by Wed. June 17th.
- **It's back! This summer (June 29 – July 3)** our parish will have **Vacation Bible School** at Trinity Acres. Ages: 4-12, Time: 8:30am – 4pm daily. We provide hearty meals, unique games, faith filled Bible & Saint lessons, fresh air, fun & new friends! Call the rectory for registration. Suggested Cost: \$150 per child
- **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?"
- **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.

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 prayer: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, John Kuzemka, Bobbi Spak, Zac Sudiak and Stephen Medwig.

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 \$____]."

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 at the 11am Divine Liturgy on June 14th, followed by brunch.

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 14 families / persons on this list.

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 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 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.

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: \$1,721.60 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$125.55 for candles, \$20 for Utilities, \$10 for the Eparchy, \$237 for Aid to Eastern Europe, \$125 for Easter, \$5 for Palm Sunday, \$50 for Ascension, \$5 for Annunciation, and \$75 for church hall rental. The pyrohi project brought in \$1,087.50, all for a grand total of \$3,461.65. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, May 23 at 4pm: Mary Reabe
- Pentecost Sunday: May 24 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo and later at 11am:
Veronica Alstad

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

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
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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 Marika Zaliszczuk		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Sudiak requested by Catherine Kyle		IS

Mon. *Holy martyr Theodotus of Ancyra*

5/18

The pastor's day off

Tues. *Holy priest-martyr Patrick, bishop of Pussa*

5/19

8:00am 40th day Divine Liturgy for Helen Musiol (*moved from 5/18*) JC

7:00pm *Choir practice*

Wed. *Holy martyr Thaleleus and those with him*

5/20

8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Nicholas & Susan Sredich requested by an anonymous person JC

Thurs. *Holy great king, equal to the apostles, Constantine and his mother, Helena*

5/21

7:30am *Pyrohi*

Fri. *Holy martyr Basilliscus*

5/22

7:30am *Pyrohi*

Sat. **5th and Final All Souls Saturday:** *Our venerable father*

5/23 *Michael, bishop of Synada*

10:00am Parastas for Sorokousti JC

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Luanne Kerchansky requested by Tom Kerchansky JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Marie Demain requested by Ron & Shirley Godish IS

Sun. **Pentecost Sunday** – *Our venerable father Simeion of the*

5/24

“Wonderful Mountain”

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 26th anniversary of the late
Ann Krisovenski requested by Arlene Esterburg IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Yuschak
requested by Charles & Donna Sradomski JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish IS

Mon **Memorial Day and Pentecost Monday**—*holy priest-martyr*
5/25 *Therapont, bishop of Cyprus*

10:00am Divine Liturgy at Trinity Acres (barn) for those enrolled,
followed by blessing of the graves in the cemetery JC
