

May 24, 2015

Pentecost Sunday

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Cross and the Switchblade describes Rev. David Wilkerson's work with young derelicts in New York City. One firsthand report in the book comes from a heroin user named Joe. He says: "The Holy Spirit is called the Comforter, they told me. When I thought of comfort, I thought of a bottle of wine and drugs. But these guys were talking about comfort from heaven where I could feel clean later. I got to wanting this.... I cried to God for help and that's when he [the Holy Spirit] came... I didn't want any more drugs. I loved everybody. For the first time in my life I felt clean."

What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life? Do I pray to the Holy Spirit?

“O come, O Holy Spirit, come! Come as holy light and lead us. Come as holy truth and teach us.” Fr. Mark Link S.J. (Action 2000)

Today we are clean, today we are renewed, today we are reborn. Why is this day so special among all days? Today is the birthday of the Church. With tongues of fire from heaven we see that ordinary men became extraordinary giants, and the great “powers that be” fearfully shivered in the shadows of simple fishermen armed with the word and the fire.

The Word and the Fire were given to you at your baptism. Okay, but now what do I do with it? Do this: throw caution to the wind and share this word and fire. Don't be ashamed of sharing it. For the first time in years you may feel a cleansing and a joy you've not felt since the last time you were swimming naked inside a baptismal font! The reaction will be the same: people will stare. The difference is that now they will join with you in proclaiming this word and this fire. Come Holy Spirit and renew us!

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner.

New Things Happening:

- **Please, take a moment to read the article at the end of today's bulletin.** If you would like to go beyond being informed about the great persecution of Christians in Iraq and Syria, and want to make a concrete difference consider doing so through <http://hatunefoundation.com/international/> or CNEWA.
- **Work continues on refinishing our church doors.** Next job will be the main front doors.
- **Please** submit names for people you think should be on committees for looking at how we can best plan our future use of Trinity Acres.
- **Note** the new price for the Vacation Bible School. \$50 per child. No child will be turned away for financial reasons.

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.

Memorial Day / Blessing of the Graves Service will be held Monday, May 25th at Holy Trinity Cemetery (Barn) at 10am.

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. *Purple Envelopes can be found in the vestibule.*

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: \$50 per child

Friday, June 12th (2:30 pm – 8:45 pm) is a make-up date for getting your picture taken by Remember Church Directories for our church directory. Please schedule your time by calling the rectory 412-279-4652. **We need 20 parishioners scheduled or they will not come.**

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.

The Ukrainian Nationality Room Committee invites you to celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the dedication of The Ukrainian Nationality Classroom** on **Sunday, June 7, 2015** at 3:00 pm in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium (Oakland Campus of the University of Pittsburgh). This celebration will feature Ukrainian music, song and dance. They will have footage available for viewing from the June 17, 1990 dedication. Admission is **free** and everyone is welcomed. Light refreshments will be served after the performances.

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.

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.

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?"

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

Four 8 week old Kittens need a good home. Cost: FREE. There are 3 girls, 1 boy. Three are all black (very dark brown) and 1 dark grey tabby (a girl). They have received their first set of shots from the vet and are in good health. Call Kim 412-279-4652.

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 shut.

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: \$1,476.50 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$149.50 for candles, \$15 for Utilities, \$206 for the Eparchy, \$10 for Aid to Eastern Europe, \$471.85 for Ascension. The pyrohi project brought in \$1,058.50 all for a grand total of \$3,387.35. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, May 30 at 4:00pm –Konecky-Hall Wedding Reader
- Sunday: May 31 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo and later at 11am: Glenn Zaborowski

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

Sat. 5/23	5th and Final All Souls Saturday: <i>Our venerable father Michael, bishop of Synada</i>	
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. 5/24	Pentecost Sunday – <i>Our venerable father Simeion of the “Wonderful Mountain”</i>	
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),
followed by blessing of the graves in the cemetery JC

Tues. *Holy apostle Carpus, one of the 70 Apostles*
5/26

8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of John, Vera & Catherine
Patross requested by an anonymous person JC

7:00pm Choir practice

Wed. *Holy priest-martyr Therapontes, bishop of Sardis*
5/27

8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Katherine Kerchansky
requested by Tom Kerchansky JC

Thurs. *Our venerable father Nicetas, bishop of Chalcedon*

5/28 7:30am Pyrohi

Fri. *Holy venerable martyr Theodosia the virgin*

5/29 7:30am Pyrohi

Sat. *Our venerable father Isaac and holy Basil & Macrina*

5/30 4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the birthday of the late Mary Szpynda
requested by Dan & Michalina Pituch JC

.....also 40th day Divine Liturgy for Catherine Yuschak IS
....with the wedding of Roma Konecky and Nathan Hall

Sun. 5/31	<i>Holy apostle Hermas & Philosophus</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Josephine Repa requested by Eryna Honchar	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for Msgr. Danylchuck "Fr. Russ" requested by the Daniels Family	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS

By Erick Stakelbeck
 CBN News Correspondent

WASHINGTON -- The Islamic terror group ISIS is leaving a trail of destruction across large parts of Syria and Iraq with a specific target in their crosshairs.

Hundreds of thousands of Christians have been displaced from their homes and countless others have been murdered or enslaved by the jihadist army, with no end in sight.

Sister Hatune Dogan has been on the ground and witnessed the devastation of these ancient Christian communities. She's listened to survivors tell how Christians and Yazidi women are being sold into sex slavery.

"They choose the most beautiful one, even if they have a small child, and they sell these women, these ladies to each other. They don't sell to another religion -- only Sunni Muslim," Dogan said.

"There have been 12,000 kidnapped at the hands of ISIS - Yazidi alone. What is going on there, what I was hearing, is the highest barbarism on earth in the history until today," she added.

Her foundation helps the poor and persecuted in 35 countries, providing them with food, clothing, medicine and shelter. She travels constantly with a special focus in the Muslim world.

"I'm not coming here for a holiday. I'm coming here to bring a voice to the voiceless so that the world can hear their voice. They don't have a voice. I am the channel for them. That is my mission," Dogan declared.

Sister Dogan is no stranger to Islamic persecution. As a young girl, threats from local Muslims forced her family to leave their home in Turkey.

They relocated to Germany, where she operates her foundation and sounds the alarm about the gathering Islamic storm.

"The mission of (Abu Bakr) Baghdadi, of ISIS, is to convert the world completely to the Islamic religion and bring them to Dar Al Salaam, as they call it. And Islam is not peace, please. Whoever says ISIS has no connection to Islam or something like this is, he's a liar. ISIS is Islam; Islam is ISIS," Dogan explained.

She's disappointed by what she calls a weak reaction from the West.

"We know that in Islam, there is no democracy. Islam and democracy are opposite, like black and white. And I hope America will understand. America today has the power that they can stop this disaster on the earth, with other Western countries," she argued.

As for Sister Dogan, she says she'll keep calling attention to the plight of followers of Jesus around the world whether the West wants to hear it or not.