

May 31, 2015

Sunday of All Saints

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is a Saint? The word "Saint" literally means "Holy One". We recognize the holiness of women and men who have struggled to live holy lives, above and beyond the average Christian, by naming them "Saints". All baptized followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are in one sense "saints", because the word also implies a setting apart. In the Holy Divine Liturgy, the priest exclaims "*Holy things for the Holy*" shortly before he breaks the Lamb, and this phrase includes all true Christians who struggle to be saved, and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. But when we refer to the "Saints" we call to mind those who "*fought the good fight and finished the course and kept the faith*", (cf. 1 Tim 4:7) and in so doing, have "*labored more abundantly than they all*" (1Cor 15:10).

But, you may ask, why do we pray to them? Isn't that forbidden in the Bible? On the contrary. The Bible directs us to invoke those in heaven and ask them to pray with us. For example, in Psalm 103, we pray, "*Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!*" (Ps. 103:20-21). And in Psalms 148 we pray, "*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host!*" (Ps. 148:1-2). So, as you can see, not only do those in heaven pray with us, they also pray for us. In the book of Revelation, we read: "*[An] angel came and stood at the altar [in heaven] with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God*" (Rev. 8:3-4).

Why is it that much is said and written about the sufferings of holy men and holy women? Because the saints, alone, are considered victors. Can anyone be a victor without conflict, pain and suffering? In ordinary earthly combat, no one can be considered victorious nor heroic who has not been in combat tortured much or suffered greatly. ... - St. Nikolaj Velimirovic in "The Prolog from Ohrid"

All holy Saints of God, pray for us and prepare us for our hour of trial, that we may bear it with the same measure of love and courage which God gave you!

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner.

New Things Happening:

- **Today**, we have the unique honor of congratulating Roma Konecky and Nathan Hall on the happy occasion of their wedding. For those who could not attend their wedding on May 30th at 4pm, Fr Jason will celebrate a Moleben to the Mother of God after the 11am DL on May 31st. May is the month of Mary, and what better way to close this month than to ask her intercession for the health and well-being of the newlyweds, Roma and Nathan.
- **“Mixed feelings”** are the best way to describe the news that Michael and Nadia Morozowich, long standing parishioners here at HTUCC, will be leaving us this weekend to embark on their new life of retirement in South Carolina. While we’re sad to lose you, we’re glad knowing that this time has finally arrived for you both.
- **Donor needed!** Next week we will begin the restoration of the two main doors at the front of our church. Please, consider making a donation in a loved one’s memory for this project.
- **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.
- **This Friday evening from 7pm-8:30pm** we’ll have a *“Board Game Night and Magic Show”* in the auditorium. Games for adults, teens and young ones.
- **Note** the new price for the Vacation Bible School. \$50 per child. No child will be turned away for financial reasons.
- **Anyone** interested in a going on a three-day camp excursion to Bruce Peninsula in Ontario this August, please contact Fr. Jason.

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, and Bobbi Spak.

Holy Trinity’s 2015 Parish Festival will be on Sunday, August 16th at Trinity Acres. All parishioners should pick up their festival packet in the church vestibule. Thank you!

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.**

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.

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 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**, at 1pm 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! A banquet will follow at Guy's Party Centre. The dinner cost is \$30 per person. **Prepaid reservations need to be made by June 10th**. 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 shut.

Four 8 week old Kittens need a good home. 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.

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: \$1,182 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$149.60 for candles, \$10 for Utilities, \$30 for the Eparchy, \$945 for Feast of the Holy Trinity, \$5 for Aid to Central & Eastern Europe, \$65 Special Offering, \$30 Initial Offering, \$7 Ascension , \$5 Sts. Peter & Paul, \$5 Peter’s Pence, and \$100 donation in memory of Catherine Yuschak. The pyrohi project brought in \$1,652.50, all for a grand total of \$4,186.10. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, June 6 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: June 7 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk and later at 11am: Angela Honchar

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

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| Sat. 5/30 | <i>Our venerable father Isaac and holy Basil & Macrina</i> | |
| 4:00pm | Divine Liturgy to mark the birthday of the late Mary Szpynda requested by Dan & Michalina Pituch | JC |
| |also 40 th day Divine Liturgy for Catherine Yuschak | IS |
| |with the wedding of Roma Konecky and Nathan Hall | |
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| 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
.....also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

JC
IS

Mon
6/1 *Holy martyr Justin the philosopher*

8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels requested
by Michael Makar

Tues.
6/2 *Our father among the saints, Nicephorus, confessor*

Pastor's day off

No choir practice tonight

Wed.
6/3 *Holy martyr Lucillianus and those with him*

8:00am Divine Liturgy for health & happiness for Nadia Morozowich
and for the repose of Helen Mischuk and Anne Morozowich
requested by the Morozowich Family

JC

Thurs.
6/4 *Our father among the saints, Metrophanes*

7:30am *Pyrohi*

Fri.
6/5 *Holy priest-martyr Dorotheus, bishop of Tyre*

7:30am *Pyrohi*

Sat.
6/6 *Our venerable father Bessarion, miracleworker*

4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 5th anniversary of the late
Katyryna Zaliszczuk requested by Marika Zaliszczuk &
Family

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 5th anniversary of the
late Nancy K. Travers requested by Rebecca Zaletski

IS

Sun. *Holy priest-martyr Theodotus, bishop of Ancyra*
6/7

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Otchych requested
by Diane Kuffner JC

11:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 6th anniversary of the late
Nick Koss requested by Esther Koss IS

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