

June 14, 2015

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week, I began my “Catechetical-Homily Series on the Divine Liturgy” with a teaching on the private prayers a priest must pray before the start of Liturgy. Today, we will look at the Vesting Prayers which the priest prays in preparation for the Divine Liturgy. Next week, God willing, we will look at the Rite of Preparation, also known as the Proskomedia. This is the rite performed on the left-side of the altar during which the bread and wine are prepared for the Liturgy.

My hope is that in the following weeks we’ll look at key parts of the Liturgy and grow closer to God, One in the Holy Trinity, by coming to understand more about the prayers we say and the actions we take. We’ll look at their meaning. We’ll look at their history.

Sometimes people may think it is irreligious or disrespectful to ask a priest where or when did that prayer come from. “Why do we use this prayer?” “How did this prayer find its way into the Liturgy?” This is not disrespectful. This is an attitude of an honest theologian. Theology is defined as faith seeking understanding. Hopefully, by the end of the summer we’ll all be holy theologians.

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner.

New Things Happening:

- **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.
- **Anyone** interested in a going on a three-day camp excursion to Bruce Peninsula in Ontario this August, please contact Fr. Jason.
- **Congratulations to Joseph Matlak** who was ordained deacon last Sunday in South Side by Bishop Bohdan Danylo. Axios! Axios! Axios!
- **Beware of unscrupulous business practices!** Two weeks ago we had a leak in the water heater of the church. We called CS&E. To fix the water heater they charged us, a church, \$999.09. Triple billing for time to and from their office to our address, plus mileage, plus fuel surcharges. If you use CS&E I ask you to call them and tell them you are not pleased with their predatory pricing on long-standing customers. We have cancelled our business relationship with them and will give our business to Henry Pituch, son of our own Dan and Michaelina Pituch.

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.

Bishop Bohdan has asked Fr. Vsevolod Shevchuk to assist him in collecting information about Ukrainian Catholics living in southern Ohio, specifically in Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton areas. If you know of fellow Ukrainian Catholics living in these areas please let the rectory know. At present, we have no churches there and if there is a sizeable population of our people there then, perhaps, this will start the ball rolling to open a mission parish there.

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

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.

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! Sign up sessions will take place here at HTUCC on these two dates: Sat. June 13 @ 10am or Tues. June 16 @ 6pm.

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**.

Peter's Pence Collection takes place June 27th and June 28th. Peter's Pence Envelopes are in your box as well as in the church vestibule. This collection "unites us in solidarity to Pope Francis and his works of charity to those in need."

A Vendor /Craft Show will be on Saturday, July 25th at the "South West Meals on Wheels Kitchen" (601 Washington Ave. Carnegie) in the basement of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Slavic Food Festival 2015, sponsored by Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church of Monroeville will be Friday, June 19th and Sat. June 20th from 4 to 10pm. There will be entertainment, Baba's baskets (Chinese auction), bingo, poker, children's games, Slavic foods, and baked goods...all food made from scratch! Located at 455 Center Road on Route 48 North (Orange Belt) from business 22) SlavFest Hot Line: 412-759-0245.

Wonderful World of Water Day Camps will be July 13-17, ages 7-11 at the Outdoor Classroom in Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair and is sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water. To register, contact Nancy Martin at 412-488-7490 ext 247 or email at nancym@prc.org. Registration fee: \$20.

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.

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: \$2,645.50 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$114.80 for candles, \$403 for Utilities, \$31 for Feast of the Holy Trinity, \$30 for Pentecost, \$25 for Special Offering, \$5 for Ascension and a \$10 donation for prosphora. Carol Ostoffe made a \$100 donation towards the restoration of the church doors in memory of John & Edith Medwig. The pyrohi project brought in \$1,837.50, all for a grand total of \$5,201.80. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: June 20 at 4pm: Mary Reabe
- Sunday: June 21 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk and later at 11am: Veronica Alstad
- Tuesday: June 23 (Vespers Birth of John the Baptist) at 7pm: Cantor

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

Sat. 6/13	<i>Holy martyr Aquilina</i>		
10:00am	<i>Child Protection Meeting- church hall and Ss. Peter & Paul (Ambridge) Seminar & Workshop until 3:30pm: 2 parishioners from HTUCC will attend</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eva Kalymon requested by Irene Was		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by Russ & Donna Zorey		IS
	<i>Trinity Acres is rented</i>		
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Sun. 6/14	<i>Holy prophet Elias</i>		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		IS
11:00am	Graduation Liturgy for the graduates, followed by brunch at Papa J's.		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine and John Patross requested by Eleanor Patross		IS
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Mon 6/15	<i>Holy prophet Amos and Bishop Augustine</i>		
	<i>The pastor's day off</i>		
7:00pm	<i>Parish Picnic Committee meeting</i>		
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Tues. 6/16	<i>Holy miracleworker, Bishop Tychon</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Ruth Zelinsky requested by Stephen Zelinsky (OLPH)		JC
6:00pm	<i>Child Protection Meeting-church hall</i>		

7:00pm *Choir practice*

Wed. *Holy martyrs Manuel, Sabel & Ishmael*
6/17

8:00am *Morning prayers*

Thurs. *Holy martyrs Leontius, Hypatius & Theodulus*
6/18

7:30am *Pyrohi*

10am Divine Liturgy for the health of Emilie Ciarallo and the repose
of Kateryna Mykhailiv requested by Halyna Ciarallo JC

Fri. *Holy apostle Jude, brother of the Lord*
6/19

7:30am *Pyrohi*

Sat. *Holy priest-martyr Bishop Methodius*
6/20

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Martha & Walter Zaletski
requested by Victoria, Dave, David, Ashley & Maura Brehl JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik
requested by the Jean Daniels Family IS

Trinity Acres and the Church Hall are rented

Sun. **Father' Day:** *Holy martyr Julian of Tarsus*
6/21

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

11:00am Divine Liturgy for all the fathers and godfathers of
the parish JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Sudiak
requested by Sue & Matthew Schick IS

Mon *Holy priest-martyr Bishop Eusebius*
6/22 *The pastor's day off*

Tues
6/23

Vigil Liturgy for St. John the Baptist

7:00pm Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the repose of Helen Musiol
requested by Helen Koss

JC

No choir practice

Wed
6/24

Birth of St. John the Baptist

No Divine Liturgy today, Father will be at OLPH

Did you know: The word “Christian” was initially a derogatory name. The new religion appealed largely to the urban poor, women, non-citizens, social outcasts, and slaves because the essence of the Gospel was that they did not need money or education to belong to the kingdom.