

July 19, 2015

**Sunday of the Fathers of the
1st Six Ecumenical Councils**

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday we celebrate the feast of St. Elijah (Elias), a great prophet of God who lived nine (yes, nine!) centuries *before* the birth of our great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Why do we venerate this courageous and kind man who lived so very long ago? We do so for many reasons, one of which is the tremendous example of his *trusting in God*.

Elijah trusted God during three very crucial moments in his life: when he was exiled in the desert and had no food, during his contest with the false prophets of Baal and, at the time of his encounter with the starving widow and her only son. I don't want to spoil all the details of the rich plot for you, so read 1 Kings 17 all the way to 2 Kings in your Bible. The mark of the man was his trust in God.

Trusting in God means believing in His care for us even when evil seems to be gaining the upper hand – a point understood by the 6th century abbot St. Stephen of Rieti. When a wicked man burned down the barns holding all the monastery's corn the monks exclaimed to Stephen, "Alas for what has come upon you!" The abbot answered, "No, say rather, 'Alas for what has come upon him that did this deed,' for no harm has befallen me." As Stephen knew, God's providential care is far greater than any human treachery. In fact, God provided for St. Stephen and his monks.

The Lord is an expert at solving problems and providing for us in our need (in fact, He delights in doing this, if only we ask in faith). The one thing He can't do, however is force us to trust in Him. If we freely choose to do this, we're cooperating with His grace, and the results are guaranteed to be wonderful and amazing.

Homework for this week: i) Do one act of radical trust in God. ii) Write it down. iii) Wait for the response. iv) Be amazed.

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening:

- **NEW LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: 10AM BILINGUAL.** In an attempt to bring our parish together as one body we'll be celebrating Sunday Liturgies only at 10am from August 2nd through September 6th inclusive. Mr. Stephen Zinski will be directing our choir. Initially we are going to do the first half of the Liturgy using Slavonic, second half of the Liturgy using English. This is a work in progress, and we can amend it as we go along should there be need.
- **For the next seven weeks** we will feature on the cover of the bulletin pictures of some of our parish's stained glass windows. Try to guess the sacrament symbolized in the image, fill out your answer on the page after the liturgy schedule and submit it for a prize.
- *****The women's washroom at Trinity Acres** is in need of major repairs. As of this writing the women's washroom does not work. The cost to repair this will be significant. At our next Trinity Acres Improvement Committee meeting, July 20th, this will be addressed. Eventually, we will need to bring municipal water and sewage lines out to the barn. This will allow the barn to reach its full potential as a site for future children's bible camps and retreat activities, as well as for larger income-generating events which will keep our parish in good financial health.

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, Harry Kohl, Natalia Milligan, Bobbi Spak and Stephen P. Zaletski.

Holy Trinity Annual Parish Festival- Donations Needed

*Monetary donations toward meat and kolbassi, chopped onions, coffee, cream margarine, sugar, hotdogs, hotdog and hamburger buns,

*Pepsi products, water, ginger ale, ice cubes, orange juice, tonic water, whiskey sours, baked goods (cupcakes, pies, cakes, cookies, candy, etc...)

You can bring your donated items to the rectory foyer. If you want your donation to be mentioned in the bulletin, please leave your name and list of items with Kim.

Please consider VOLUNTEERING at the festival *Booth set-up*Kitchen***Corn Huskers***Dish Washers*Ticket Sales. Also, we have OVER 300 lottery tickets available!! If you are able to sell more tickets, please call the rectory.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4136 Jacob St., Wheeling, WV will have their annual **Summer Festival** on Aug.7 & 8, 2015 from 7pm until 11pm.

*Music provided by a DJ, a 50-50 Raffle, a drawing for a \$200.00 Kroger gift certificate and a \$100.00 Lowes gift card.

*Bingo, and other games of chance as well as games for the children.

*A baked goods stand and the food will include cabbage and noodles, pyrohi (pierogi), kielbasa, cabbage rolls, hot sausage, funnel cakes, pizza. Food in the inside kitchen will begin being served at 6pm. *Everyone is welcome!*

Pittsburgh's Largest Ukrainian Food & Fun Festival: JULY 22 – 25:

St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (116 Ella Street, McKees Rocks 15136)

*Opens 5:00 pm daily * Live Entertainment * Lamb Roast * Funnel Cakes

For more info: Call (412) 331-2362 or E-mail FRTIM1@aol.com

Visit us online: UKIEFESTROX.COM { West Carson Street Detour - Take Route 65 to McKees Rocks Bridge, take the Helen Street Exit }

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families on September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, our parish has printed the weekly installments **Part I through Part VI** from our Eparchy of a series entitled "Love is our Mission, the Family Fully Alive." This series can be found on St. Josaphat Eparchial website www.stjosaphateparchy.com, under the tab "Information-Vibrant Parish". **The printed pages (which are in English and Ukrainian) can be picked up in our church vestibule.*** In addition, you will find the seventh (VII) installment of catechesis entitled Mother, Teacher, Family: The nature and role of the Church.



Please bring in your "used" SHOES (sized toddler to adult) to the church vestibule anytime during July so they can be shipped and received by the first day of school, September 1st. The Honchar family will be sending these shoes to the orphanages in Ukraine. If you'd like to help with shipping cost, please make checks payable to "MEEST", the shipping company. For more information, please call George Honchar at 412-215-3303.

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

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: \$1,627 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$147.25 for candles, \$53 for Utilities, \$15 for Sts. Peter & Paul, and \$40 for Special Offering. Also, \$650 from two parishioners for the refurbishing of the front doors, all for a grand total of \$2,532.25. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: July 25 at 4:00pm: Mary Reabe
- Sunday: July 26 at 8:30: Ben Ciarallo and later at 11:00 am: Michael Spak

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

Sat. 7/18	<i>The holy martyr Hyacinth of Amastris</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Kathy Lally Kerchansky requested by Tom Kerchansky		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Joseph & Gina Greco requested by Angela Honchar		IS
	<i>.....followed by the blessing of an altar boy vestment in the memory of Paul Perhosky</i>		
	<i>.....also the blessing of cars and bikes</i>		
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Sun. 7/19	<i>Our venerable mother Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great</i>		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Jacob Pantalo requested by Myron & Barbara Spak & Family		IS
	<i>.....followed by the blessing of cars and bikes</i>		

Mon. 7/20	Elijah Great Prophet		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for Helen and Family requested by an anonymous person	JC
Tues 7/21		<i>Our venerable fathers Simeon, John & prophet Ezekiel</i>	
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of L. Irene Paluch requested by Barb Paluch (OLPH)	JC
	10:00am	Burial service for the late Charmaine Schultz at Holy Trinity Cemetery	JC
Wed 7/22		<i>Holy myrrh bearer & equal to the apostles Mary Magdalene</i>	
		The pastor's day off	
Thurs 7/23		<i>Holy martyrs Trophimus & Theophilus</i>	
		Third Hour Prayers	
Fri. 7/24		<i>Holy martyrs Christine, Boris and Hlib</i>	
		The pastor leaves and will return August 7 th	
Sat. 7/25		<i>The falling asleep of St. Anne, mother of the Mother of God</i>	
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Paul Perhosky requested by Patricia Jones	IS
Sun. 7/26		<i>Priest-martyr Hermolaus and those with him</i>	
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Zac Sudiak	IS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY Birthdays at Holy Trinity, including youth under age 21

Carol Besspiata
Olya Chovnyk
Serhiy Chovnyk
Iryna Chubko
Jean Daniels
Maria Kalymon
Susan Kanai
Robert Krisonvenski
Mary Kuzemka
Jerome Lazor
Bohdan Mischuk
Maureen Mischuk
John Mitchell
Barbara Spak
Margaret Staskowicz
Jean Staude
Lynn Wilde
Mary Yenchik

Nadiya Bednarchuk
Maria Charron
Nikolas Markle
Theodoios Medwig
Maria Pavlenko
Lilian Ulrich
Diana Warman
Eva Wowczuk
Nicholas Spak



Trivia: The image on this week's parish bulletin is taken from one of our stained glass windows. It refers to which Sacrament? Your Name: _____

1st Week 7-12 Answer: _____

2nd Week 7-19 Answer: _____

3rd Week 7-26 Answer: _____

4th Week 8-2 Answer: _____

5th Week 8-9 Answer: _____

6th Week 8-16 Answer: _____

7th Week 8-23 Answer: _____

Cut out and place in collection plate or box at entrance of church. Prize for the people who get all seven correct answers!

