

August 23, 2015

13th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend our parish is hosting the “*Father Robert Anderson Symposium on Evangelization.*” Fr. Robert Anderson was my spiritual director in seminary; he officiated at my wedding to Halyna at Shevchenkivskyi Hyi in Lviv, Ukraine in 2000; he baptized my daughter, Maria, and was my sponsor at ordination helping me vest as a priest for the first time. He was also a “convert” to our Ukrainian Greek Catholic tradition. Born and raised in New York City as a Roman Catholic, he discovered the East as a young man and loved it. He served his adult life as a good and faithful priest of Christ. Sadly, he died suddenly in December 2010, leaving a large group of “spiritual orphans” scattered around the world who loved him and esteemed him as a father in the faith.

Many things can be said about this wonderful man, who taught himself to read and write in Ukrainian with near perfection (among many other languages), but few things can summarize his drive better than these words of our Savior Jesus Christ: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matt. 28:19). He loved the treasure he discovered in the Byzantine spiritual tradition and wanted everyone to also share in it. Because of this drive, he attracted to himself many men who desired to evangelize.

Many of the speakers at this weekend’s modest gathering here share a similar story. Almost all of them were **not** brought up in Eastern-rite Catholic families, yet through their contact with our liturgy, our history, our spirituality they choose to come to our church.

This invites us to ask some questions: What is it about our church that attracts people? What prevents me from not wanting to share it with my friends and neighbors? What concrete steps can I take to spread the treasure God has entrusted to me at my baptism?

It’s not like we have a choice to share the faith or not. After all, Jesus said: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- *****This Weekend, Aug. 21-23** our parish will host a *symposium on evangelization*. Our speakers will address the roles of families, deacons, priests in evangelizing our society. Please, come out! No cost.

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, Harry Kohl, and Emily Stecko.

Lesya Protynyak's funeral will be held here this Friday, Sept. 28th in accordance with the wishes of her family. Please call the rectory for the time of the funeral service.

Holy Trinity Religious Education classes will be resuming on **Sunday, September 20, 2015** at 9:30 a.m. in the Church auditorium for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. All children who will be new to our program should be registered by completing forms found in the vestibule of the Church and returning them as soon as possible. Our high school youth group will be meeting in the near future with an expanded program. See next announcement...

Our Stain Glass Window Contest of the seven sacraments has reached the 7th sacrament in this bulletin. Complete the form printed in the bulletin and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket **by Wednesday, Sept. 9th**. There is a prize for each winner who correctly matches the 7 windows to the 7 sacraments.

*****Mr. Alex Konecky** will be teaching apologetics to our teens. Apologetics is the skill of defending the faith, the art of giving an explanation to people who don't understand our faith. This is **CRUCIAL** for our young people. Our teens should be graduating religious education programs in our parishes with a strong ability to answer secularists who question the saving truths of Christ. As pastor, I have asked Alex to take this on and he has graciously accepted to give his time and energy. I ask all parents who have children aged 12-18 to make sure that they are in attendance on the assigned Sundays.

Our Festival "September" Lottery Tickets are still available to sell. We have approximately 135 tickets. You can find them in the church vestibule or call the rectory. **The last day to turn in all sold ticket stubs and money is Monday, August 31st by 12pm, noon.** Please return them to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket.



Christians in Iraq & Syria need our support! If you would like to help them medically or financially, HATUNE Foundation does excellent work. The foundress is Sister Hatune. To learn more about this modern day Mother Theresa who helps rescue Christian girls enslaved by ISIS, go to her website: www.hatunefoundation.com

Celebrate Ukrainian Day (The 24th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence) on Sunday, September 27 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at the SNPJ Lodge in Imperial, Pennsylvania. Enjoy an afternoon of Ukrainian dance and music. Ukrainian food and merchandise will be available to purchase. Admission is \$10/adult and \$1/children and students. For advance tickets please call Anne Konecky at 412-343-0309. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Independence and Festival Committees.

Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) is calling upon all members to submit nominations in writing for the **2015 Ukrainian of the Year Award**. Nominations by non-members will also be considered, if a UTS member agrees to sponsor the nomination. Please contact Nick Kotow, UTS Secretary and Treasurer for member information 412-835-8714 or email NCKotow2@gmail.com.

UTS is also seeking nominations for the **UTS Friendship Award**. This award is presented to a non-Ukrainian individual or organization in recognition of service to Ukraine and/or Ukrainians. **DEADLINE: Nominations** for both awards should be sent to UTS, P.O. Box 4277, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 or through their website www.utspgh.org by **Sept. 1, 2015**.

The 81st annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on **Labor Day weekend (September 5 & 6)** on the grounds of Mount St. Macrina Monastery in Uniontown. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. See website at: <http://www.sistersofstbasil.org/wpcontent/uploads/Pilgrimage-Schedule-2015.pdf>

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 VIII**

from our Eparchy of a series entitled “Love is our Mission, the Family Fully Alive.” **The printed pages (which are in English and Ukrainian) can be picked up in our church vestibule.** This series can be found on St. Josaphat Eparchial website www.stjosaphateparchy.com, under the tab “Information-Vibrant Parish”.

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors: Holy Child Columbiettes will be sponsoring a Craft & Vendor Show on **Saturday, September 26th** from 10am to 3pm at Holy Child School Building. All inquirers call Julie at 724-746-7174.

League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC) invites you to participate in its 77th annual national convention **Oct. 16, 17, & 18.** Location: Holiday Inn-Lansdale (1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19443; 215-368-3800) Discount room rates with buffet breakfasts available; **reserve on or before Sept. 28, 2015.**

Holodomor (Ukraine Genocide 1932-33) Memorial Dedication Ceremony 2015 will be take place in Washington DC over the weekend of **November 6, 7 and 8th.** The dedication ceremony will take place on Saturday, Nov 7th at 2pm. The Exhibit opening begins Friday 7pm and the ending concert is Sunday at 2pm.

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: \$1,766.10 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$172.50 for candles, \$260 for the eparchy, and \$350 for Dormition of the Theotokos, for a grand total of \$ 2,548.60. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: August 29 at 4:00pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: August 30 at 10:00am: Serhiy Chovnyk

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

Sat. *Holy martyr Agathonicus and those with him*
8/22

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Yuschak
requested by Dr. Justine Perhosky

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eunice Maslany

requested by John Maslany and Family

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Trinity Acres is rented today

Sun.
8/23
10:00am

Holy martyr Lupus & priest-martyr Bishop Ireneus

Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

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.....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 7th anniversary of the late John Popivchak requested by Helen Popivchak & Family

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Mon.
8/24

Holy priest-martyr Eutyches, disciple of St. John

The pastor's day off

Tues
8/25
10:00am

Commemoration of the return of the relics of Apostle Bartholomew

Funeral service at Trinity Acres for Charmaine Schultz

Wed
8/26
8:00am

Holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia his wife

Divine Liturgy for God's Blessings and good health for Harry Kohl requested by friends

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Thurs
8/27
7:30am

Our venerable father Pimen, desert dweller

Pyrohi is Baaack!

Fri.
8/28
7:30am

Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian

Pyrohi

Sat.
8/29
4:00pm

Commemoration of the beheading of St. John the Baptist

40th Day Divine Liturgy for Sue Kanai

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Sun
8/30
10:00am

Our holy fathers Alexander, John and Paul

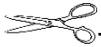
Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

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AUGUST Birthdays at Holy Trinity, including youth under age 21 and over 21

Evhen Bohonok	Lawrence Luebbert	Daria Charron
Halyna Bohonok	Galina Lutsiv	Michael Medwig
Ashley Colaizzi	Yevhen Lutsiv	Andy Pretka
Kateryna Czuczman	Mayda Medwig	
Irina Davyda	Nadia Morozowich	
Alan English	Dr. Justine Perhosky	
Sonia Hoover	Nataliya Sagaydak	
Joanne Hurey	Emily Stecko	
Mary Jane Hurinsky	Marlene Wilde	
Marika Jula	Charlotte Wowczuk	
Joanne Kalyn	Patricia Yenchik	
Daniel Klim	Stephen P. Zaletski	
Harry Kohl	John Zaletsky	
Volodymyr Korenovskyi	Donna Zorey	
Dolores Lazor	Oksona Lernatovych	



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!

