

August 30, 2015

14th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently I came across this brief writing from St. Isaac the Syrian. Allow me to share it with you. I hope it motivates you as it has motivated me to try harder today to be a better follower of Jesus.

“Look what good things occur to someone as a result of divine care! Sometimes, when a person is on his knees at the time of prayer, with his hands outspread or extended heavenwards, his eyes gazing on the Cross, and with the whole movement of his mind, as it were, stretched towards God in entreaty, during the time while such a person is thus engaged in supplication, all of a sudden a fountain of sweetness is stirred up from his heart. His limbs become feeble, his sight dim, he bows his head; his thoughts are altered and he can no longer kneel on the ground as a result of the exultation at the sign of grace which surges through his entire body.

Therefore, my reader, pay attention to what you are reading. Indeed, can such things as these be known from writings in ink? Can the taste of honey pass over from a written text to the palate of the reader? If you do not strive, you will not find; and if you do not knock eagerly at the door and keep long vigil before it, you will not receive an answer.” - St. Isaac the Syrian (of Nineveh), 7th century.

As far as I know there aren't any hermits in our parish community. Maybe we don't spend long hours in supplication and meditation as do the holy monks which St. Isaac describes here. Maybe as we come here today to pray and honor the Lord on His Day our thoughts are garbled and racing with concerns of life. Do not fear! When you come to this holy house of God, listening to His Word and receiving His Body and Blood, all you need to do is abide in His Presence. Keep vigil with him for the one hour you are here. Ignore the distractions as best you can, give extra effort to concentrate on the meaning of the prayers, choose to be holy. Do these things and God will not ignore your petitions. You will receive an answer.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Blessing of students** after Liturgy next Sunday, September 6th.
- **We will return** to normal Sunday liturgy times on September 13th.
- **Please welcome** Fr. Michael Krupka, who is celebrating Liturgy at Holy Trinity, Saturday, August 29th, 4pm while Fr. Jason is in Wheeling.
- **At entrance of church** please note that we have a letter attesting to the funds received by a Ukrainian soldier in eastern Ukraine. We sent him directly \$274.
- **Also at the entrance of the church** you will find a box to support a woman in Sambir, Ukraine, who is severely mentally handicapped. The goal is for each person to put in \$1 each month. This will enable us to hire a nurse to give her home care instead of having her committed to a state institution. She is the sister of the late Lesya Protynyak.

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.

Holy Trinity Religious Education classes will be resuming on **Sun., Sept. 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****

*****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.

The Holy Trinity Picnic Committee would like to thank all of the people who worked so hard and so tirelessly in the summer heat to make our annual picnic a big success! You will also find a list of the Ukrainian Auction winners further in the bulletin. The **Festival “September” Lottery Tickets** are still available to sell. We have approximately 135 tickets. You can find them in envelopes on the table in the church vestibule. **The last day to turn in all sold ticket stubs and money is Monday, August 31st by 12pm, noon.**

The 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.

This year's 84th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on **Sunday, October 4, 2015** on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "A Reflection of God's Love." The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and accompanying hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Bohdan Danylo. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto. Special programs for children and teens! For further information, please call 215-379-3998 ext. 17 or visit the Sister's website at www.stbasils.com

Men Following Jesus Christ has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission on **Monday Sept. 14th**. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on July 13th*. We need at least 7 volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.). Call Deacon Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net



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

10th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men will be held September 19th at the David Lawrence Convention Center. The theme is from John 15:15 where Jesus says, "I have called you friends". For more information email: info@cmfpitt.org.

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 **this Tuesday, 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>.

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.

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”.

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: \$1,163 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$72.55 for candles, \$45 for the eparchy, \$15 for energy and \$20 for Dormition of the Theotokos, for a grand total of \$1,315.55. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: September 5 at 4:00pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: September 6 at 10:00am: Serhiy Chovnyk

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

Sat. **Commemoration of the beheading of St. John the Baptist**

8/29

4:00pm 40th Day Divine Liturgy for Sue Kanai

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Sun 8/30	<i>Our holy fathers Alexander, John and Paul</i>		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
Mon. 8/31	<i>Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos</i>		
	The pastor's day off		
Tues 9/1	<i>Beginning of the Church Year, Archimandrite Simeon</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels requested by John Maslany		JC
	<i>There will NOT be any choir practice tonight</i>		
Wed 9/2	<i>Holy martyr Mammas</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 st anniversary of the late Tatyana Jula requested by Stephen H. Zinski		JC
Thurs 9/3	<i>Holy Bishop-martyr Anthimus</i>		
7:30am	<i>Pyrohi</i>		
Fri. 9/4	<i>Holy priest-martyr Babylas, archbishop of Antioch</i>		
7:30am	<i>Pyrohi</i>		
Sat. 9/5	<i>Holy prophet Zachary and Elizabeth</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
Sun 9/6	<i>Holy martyr Eudoxius and the 1104 martyrs with him</i>		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy for God's Blessing for health & safety for Tetyana Chubko and Family requested by friends of the Chubko Family		JC

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun (Joshua 1:1).



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	



DEADLINE to turn in this “answer slip” is **Wed. Sept 9th**. Match all 7 sacraments to the stain glass windows and win a prize!!!

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!

