

August 9, 2015

11th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week, *en route* home from my vacation to Quebec I heard a news item about a Minnesota dentist accused of illegally killing a lion in Zimbabwe. Within this past week, there have been more reports in the media of wealthy tourists killing prized African game. One of these “hunting tourists” is a Murrysville, Pa., doctor who was also accused of illegally killing a lion in Zimbabwe. Again, last week in Kenya two poachers were sought for the barbaric killing of a mother elephant and four young adult elephants. What made this last slaughter so outrageous was that the poor elephants were left to die in agony simply because somebody wanted to harvest their ivory tusks. Now, with the killing of the young elephants it makes one ask, who are the real brutes?

Most media networks, *ABC*, *NBC*, *CNN*, as well as the *NY Times* and the *Washington Post*, have devoted significant effort to covering the above events. While they have done a good job on reporting these events and, by this may help in bringing suspects to justice, what they have not reported on as much is the case of something even more barbaric occurring in our own land. Baby humans are being harvested for their organs. Their parts are being sold on the market, much like elephant tusks or like safari hunting packages. Yet on the topic of killing baby humans, which carries greater moral weight, the major media masters observe a suspicious silence. I repeat, babies are killed and their parts are being sold in our own land and people don't want this revealed.

With all this dark gloom, how to avoid being absorbed by it, and what to do? How do we avoid becoming the lifeless prey of our enemy, the devil, “who prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8)? Why bother coming to church and receiving Eucharist week after week? The answer, I believe, is that God has chosen you personally to be His ambassador. He asks you to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15) and to have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather to expose them (Eph. 5:11). Therefore, in order to have the strength to expose these deeds of darkness and to speak truthful words in love, Jesus tells us to come to Him and partake of the Holy Eucharist. Everyone who does evil hates the light (John 3:20). We who do good love the light. Go out from this church today and remember, beloved, that you carry within you the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. If He is for you, who can be against?

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner

*****BECAUSE OF THE COMBINED SUNDAY LITURGY AND IN ORDER TO AVOID DEALYS, FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WE WILL PRINT THE GOSPEL IN ONE LANGUAGE, ALTERNATING EVERY WEEK*** (While the Gospel is read in Ukrainian, the faithful can follow along in English this week)**

This Sunday's Gospel reading is taken from Matthew 18:23-35

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[a] was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[b] He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **We are finished** with another door restoration (the latest is the basement entrance nearest to the men’s restroom). Thank you to those who have contributed already. Anyone who wishes to donate to restore the doors will not be turned away, I promise!
- **Next week** we will begin touching up the pyrohi door entrance to the hall
- **Both front stairways** leading down to the hall are now completely repaired

- **A significant excavation and replacement** of sewage pipes leading into our septic tank at Trinity Acres is underway and will finish by Aug. 15th
- **A very kind and hardworking** parishioner donated his time and sweat these past two weeks by trimming and cutting back overgrown bushes, vines and trees at Trinity Acres. Please, say a prayer for Steve Neczypir and give him a warm handshake and pat on the back for this very generous act of love in maintaining the beauty of the cemetery grounds.

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, Stephen P. Zaletski and Emily Stecko.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK UNTIL OUR Parish Festival ON AUGUST 16TH

☺ Please consider making monetary donations toward meat and kolbassi, chopped onions, coffee, cream margarine, sugar, hotdogs, hotdog and hamburger buns....or

☺ Donating 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.

Packets of Lottery Tickets for our Parish Festival will be in the vestibule for anyone who can try and sell more of these tickets to benefit our church. Each envelope contains 5 tickets. Remember to tell the buyer that *for \$5 a ticket, they have 30 chances to win.* If their ticket number matches the evening number pulled in the PA Daily Lottery, they win \$50 during Mon.-Fri. and Sun., \$100 on Sat. and \$500 on Sept. 30th.

Holy Trinity Youth Group will have their **FIRST** joint outing with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Sunday, August 9th. We will meet at the church rectory at **1pm for pizza**, then off to **Settlers Cabin Park**. We will probably get there around 1:45 pm. Bring comfortable clothes and shoes you don't mind getting dirty. Call Bo if you can attend 412-726-8309 or email bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.



Extended Deadline to bring in your “used” SHOES (sized toddler to adult) to the church vestibule. You now have until end of day, **Tuesday, Aug 11th**. The Honchar family will be sending these shoes to the orphanages in Ukraine for school. To help with the shipping cost, please make checks payable to “MEEST”, the shipping company. Call George Honchar at 412-215-3303.

FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL—Please join us at **Our Lady of Grace Church** for the 8th Annual Organ Recital by our parishioner, Nick Capozzoli, **Sun, August 9 at 3:00 p.m.** This cultural event kicks off our Festival week with an inspiring musical performance featuring a variety of classical and modern pieces. Nick is a fifth-year student at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He has won several musical competitions and has received various award scholarships.

He has performed in Washington, D.C., Boston, MA, Charleston, S.C., Naperville, IL, Pittsburgh, and overseas in France at Bordeaux, Paris and Toulouse with his school’s organ faculty. In addition, Nick recently won the First Prize at the 2015 Taylor Organ Competition in Atlanta, GA.

Since Nicholas Capozzoli and his family are lifelong members of OLG, the parish is proud to present this wonderful festival recital **free to the public** with a light reception following in Keefer Hall. All are welcome to attend and enjoy young Nick’s profound musical talent.

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.

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, Pgh., PA 15203 or through their website www.utspgh.org by **Sept. 1, 2015**.

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, including the eighth (VIII) installment of catechesis.**

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 before Mon. August 10th.**

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: \$2,067.05 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$84 for candles, and \$361 for energy, for a grand total of \$ 2,512.05. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Friday: August 14-Anticipated Liturgy for Feast of the Dormition at 7pm:
Angela Honchar
- Saturday: August 15-Feast of the Dormition at 4:00pm: Sandra Krivonyak
- Sunday: August 16 at 10:00am: Ben Ciarallo

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

Sat. 8/8	<i>The holy Bishop Emilian and venerable Gregory of Mt. Sinai</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Harry Wengryn requested by Frances Wengryn		DL
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Tatyana Jula requested by Theophil & Stephanie Konecky		IS
Sun. 8/9	<i>The holy apostle Matthew</i>		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by Arlene Esterburg		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		IS
Mon. 8/10	<i>Holy martyr & archdeacon Lawrence</i> The pastor's day off		
Tues 8/11	<i>Holy martyr & archdeacon Euplus</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Katherine and MaryAnn Volanski		JC
Wed 8/12	<i>The holy martyrs Photius and Anicetus</i>		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 14 th anniversary of the late Anna Kulik requested by Conrad & Margie Kulik		JC
Thurs 8/13	<i>Our venerable father Maximos the Confessor</i> Third Hour Prayers		

Fri. 8/14	Prefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos- <i>Translation of the Relics of Theodosius of the Cave</i>		
9:00am	Third Hour Prayers		
7:00pm	Dormition of the Theotokos Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
Sat. 8/15	Dormition of the Theotokos Vespers and Divine Liturgy		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy in Wheeling, WV		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Simeon & Helen Daniels requested by Jean Daniels and Family		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eva Kalymon requested by Irene Was		IS
Sun. 8/16	<i>Translation of the Icon of Our Lord</i>		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
also 40 th Day Divine Liturgy for Yaroslav Spak requested by Myron & Barbara Spak and Family		IS
12:30pm	<i>Holy Trinity Parish Festival at Trinity Acres until 8pm</i>		



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	Myron	Spak
Mary Jane	Hurinsky	Emily	Stecko
Marika	Jula	Marlene	Wilde
Joanne	Kalyn	Charlotte	Wowczuk
Daniel	Klim	Patricia	Yenchik
Harry	Kohl	Stephen P.	Zaletski
Volodymyr	Korenovskyi	John	Zaletsky
Dolores	Lazor	Donna	Zorey
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!

1st



2nd



3rd



4th



5th

