

September 13, 2015

16th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Friday, September 11, 2015, people across this nation prayed and reflected on the evil events which occurred on 9/11/01. In just a few moments, 19 men serving a false prophet brought an experience of death and destruction to this land which had not been encountered since the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Although the tails of smoke and tongues of fire from the World Trade Center eventually extinguished, the bitter anguish and devastation in the hearts of newly-widowed spouses and orphans never were. We can only pray for them, that somehow God's grace will cause good to come of this evil.

Through the lens of our spiritual glasses we notice two paths here. First, we see that the date of September 11th is historically important. It was the high-water mark of Islamic world dominance because by that date in 1683 it had reached into the heart of Europe to the very gates of Vienna, Austria. People also remark that it cannot be a coincidence that there were 19 hijackers on 9/11 because 19 is a highly symbolic number in Islam. These are interesting facts. But, when we look closer we see that the second path is more relevant. The second path we see is that although Sept. 11th, 1683 was the high point of Islam's assault against the Christian people, it also marked a great day of unity. It was then, at the last possible moment on the evening of September 11th, when Jan Sobieski arrived at a hill, with papal support and leading a force of 40,000 Poles, Ukrainian Cossacks (led by brave "polkowniks" such as Semen Paliy) and German allies. The battle began in earnest soon afterwards, and in the early morning hours of September 12th Sobieski's meager 50,000 Christian men, defeated a huge horde of Turks consisting of over 200,000 men under the leadership of Kara Mustapha. A small, outnumbered army defeating the world's mightiest army is the story of how Christian Europe was saved from the menace of a militant Islam one day after Sept. 11th, 1683. For us who remember Sept 11th, 2001 we see a few things that give us hope, and they are all centered on the Cross:

- i) In the rubble of ground zero a worker discovered the "World Trade Cross." A haunting discovery which gave solace to countless people on those dark days.
- ii) Three days after 9/11 the universal Church celebrates, as she has done for over a millennia, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th. Why is it celebrated that day? Because that is the day St. Helen discovered it in Jerusalem.

In the "cross" of our nation's anguish as we look back on 9/11 we have to put on our spiritual lens: be willing to see the cross of Christ's victory promised in the ashes of seeming defeat. When a divided Europe managed to unite as Christian forces to defeat a hostile power in 1683, so too may we, through the promise of Christ who rose from the dead on the third day after death on a cross, rise as a nation united in our Christian faith that nothing can hold back the power of God's will: not death, not defeat, not demons. At the end of days, for those united by faith in Christ there will remain the Exaltation of the Cross. It is this promise we celebrate today and tomorrow. With full voices let us exclaim: "To your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration and we glorify your holy resurrection!"

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **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. Last week we only received \$25....
 - **Біля входу до церкви** ви знайдете коробку для підтримки жінку в Самборі, України, який серйозно інвалідів. Якщо кожен дав 1 \$, це допоможе багато чого. Це дозволить нам найняти няню, щоб дати їй догляд на дому. В іншому випадку, вона буде відправлено державної установи. Вона є сестрою покійного Лесі Protynyak.
- **St. Paula Ministries**, headed by Dr. Justine Perhosky, is a group formed in our parish for widows. There will be a first meeting on Tuesday, **September 29th** at 11am in the church hall. There will be a brief talk by Fr Jason, lunch will be provided, followed by a short film and discussion. Rides can be provided by calling 412 279-4652.
- **PAC** has appointed two members, *Mark Medwig and Olya Chovnyk*, to help resolve the problem of pew books and bi-lingual texts. Guests to our parish are frequently confused between which book to use, especially when it is a bi-lingual liturgy. Mark and Olya will be available to discuss and listen to suggestions to resolve the problem. There will be a meeting in October, date and time TBA
- **September 20th** will be a family, fun and faith day. We will open our parish to neighborhood families and invite them to send their children to our religious education classes. Lots of food, fun and faith to be had!
-  **Mark your calendars: Oct. 4th at Trinity Acres.** We'll have a picnic for parishioners and newcomers. There will be Ukrainian music, folk songs, shyshlyk and good times. More info to come.
 **Відзначте свої календарі : Жовт 4-е місце в Trinity Acres.** Ми матимемо пікнік для члени церкви і нові члени. Там буде українську музику , народні пісні, shyshlyk і хороші часи . Детальніше прийти .

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.

St. Josaphat Meeting will be this **Monday, September 14th** at 7pm in the church hall. The main discussion will be "Nite at the Races" and upcoming events. See you there!

Deacon Alex Wroblicky & Deacon Joseph Matlak Ordination to the Holy Priesthood will take place during the Pontifical Divine Liturgy on **Thursday Oct. 1, 2015** at 5pm at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio.

Holy Trinity Religious Education classes will be resuming **next 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.

Save the Date: Sunday, October 25, 2015. There will be a dinner at 3pm at the Airport Marriott to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the ordination and installation of Bishop Bohdan. More information will follow.

Holy Trinity Festival-Donation Correction: We want to thank Coca-Cola for donating Coca-Cola products for our festival. Each year they so graciously help us and we are most appreciative.

Public Square Rosary Crusade: Please join us to pray for America, especially for an end to abortion, at our local Rosary Rally, sponsored by America Needs Fatima. We will gather at the Broniak & Kraf Greenhouse & Florist property at 3205 Washington Pike (Rt.50), Bridgeville 15017 on **Saturday, Oct. 10th** from Noon to 1pm. Bring a chair if desired. For more information, contact Sue Chirumbole 412-276-1163.

40 Days for Life (Sept. 23 – Nov 1) will begin next week. Every year baby boys and girls are saved simply by people like you peacefully praying in front of the abortion mill on 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh. Don't ask if you'll participate, rather ask yourself when you'll participate. Sign-up sheets to come soon.

Last week \$27 was given in the donation box at the entrance to help support Natalia Protynyak, the handicapped woman in Ukraine we are supporting. Our total for this month is now \$51. Our goal each month is \$200. Our support will spare her from the unnecessary hardship she most likely will endure if placed in an institution.

Attention ALL Women age 40 and older who do NOT have health insurance: Free Mammography and Women's Wellness Day on Saturday, September 26, 8am – 1pm at St. Clair Hospital Breast Care Center, St. Clair Outpatient Center-Village Square, 2000 Oxford Drive, Suite 301, Bethel Park, 15102. **Pre-registration is required by Wed., Sept 23rd. Please call 412-942-7811.**

We had 1 winner in the Sacrament Stain Glass Window Contest. Congratulations to Michael Jula, and thank you to everyone who participated. The answers are as follows:

1. Baptism
2. Holy Communion
3. Anointing of the sick
4. Reconciliation
5. Marriage
6. Confirmation
7. Holy Ordination



*****Jobs in Carnegie:** MCS Mechanical & Ceramic Solutions, Inc., located at 730 Superior Street, Carnegie is currently hiring Pipe Fitters, Welders, Bricklayers and Laborers. Benefits after 90 days. If interested, call the company at 412-429-8991.

***** Робота в Карнегі:** MCS Mechanical & Ceramical Solutions, Inc. за адресою 730 Superior Street, Carnegie набирають на роботу трубо монтажників, зварювальників, мулярів і різно робочих. Якщо ви зацікавлені дзвоніть за номером (412)429-8991.

Men Following Jesus Christ has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission **this 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

10th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men will be held next Saturday, Sept. 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.

Big Sale at the Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Ave. Carnegie) on Friday, Sept 18th & Sat. Sept. 19th from 9am until 3pm. Fabrics, sewing & craft supplies, bedding & lines and costume jewelry (no 14k).

Beef Tips & Noodles Dinner is sponsored by the Carnegie Presbyterian Church (219 Ewing Rd. Carnegie) on **Saturday, Sept 19th** from 4-7pm. Adults: \$7, Children 6-12: \$5 and kids 5 and under: Free. Raffles & Bake Sale available. Call 412-279-3223. All proceeds benefit the 2016 Mission Trip to Tapestries of Life, Mexico.

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.



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.

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”.



Fall Youth Retreat-St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy –will be **Saturday & Sunday, Oct 10th & 11th** at *Trinity Acres*, Collier Twp. PA for Teenagers (grades 7-12). The theme is “Prepare the Way of the Lord”. Cost is \$50 (meals & T-shirt). Walk –in cost on Oct 10th is \$75 per person, and t-shirt may not be available. **Teen Registrations are due Sunday, September 26.** **Adult Registrations for volunteering are due this weekend.** All Registration sheets can be found in the church vestibule. Please contact Lisa Hladio 412-302-7238 or lmhladio@zbzoom.net.

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**.

Ukrainian Food Festival at St. Vladimir (73 S. 18th Street, South Side) is Saturday, October 3rd from 11am until 4pm. Baked goods, Holubsti, Pyrohi, Halushsky & Kobasa on a stick. Eat in or Take out!!!



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.

This year's 84th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on **Sun., Oct. 4, 2015** on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great (Fox Chase Manor, PA). The theme 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



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

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 \$_____]."

New Ukrainian Wave Financial report and activity summary can be found in the church vestibule for viewing. Please leave the copy in the church. If anyone would like a copy, please call the rectory.

Vital Stats: \$2,221 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$105.20 for candles, \$383 for energy, \$123 for the Birth of the Theotokos, \$27 for The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund and \$1,300 donation from Michael & Nadia Morozowich for the front entrance lights. The Pyrohi Project brought in \$1,335, for a grand total of \$5,494.20. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: September 19 at 4pm: Justine Perhosky
- Sunday: September 20 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo and at 11am Angie Honchar

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

Sat. 9/12	<i>The holy priest-martyr Autonomus:</i> Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski requested by Stephen P. Zaletski & Family		JC
Sun 9/13	<i>Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection:</i> Sunday Before The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of John & Mary Zaletski requested by Eleanor Patross		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon requested by Evhen & Olexandra Sushko		IS
Mon. 9/14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Stephanie Fedora		JC
7:00pm	<i>St. Josaphat Society Meeting-church hall</i>		

Tues 9/15	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas, the Goth.</i>		
	8:00am	40 th Day Divine Liturgy for Lesya Protynyak	JC
	7:00pm	<i>Choir practice</i>	
Wed 9/16	<i>The most praiseworthy great martyr Euphemia</i>		
Thurs 9/17	<i>The holy martyrs Sophia and her 3 daughters: Vira, Nadia & Lobov (Faith, Hope and Love)</i>		
	7:30am	<i>Pyrohi</i>	
Fri. 9/18	<i>Our venerable father Eumenius, bishop of Gortyn in Crete</i>		
	7:30am	<i>Pyrohi</i>	
Sat. 9/19	<i>The holy martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius & Dorymendontus</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose Stephen & Helen Zaletski requested by Stephen P. Zaletski & Family	JC
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sr. Fancesca Lumpp, SSJ requested by Dr. Justine Perhosky	IS
Sun 9/20	<i>The holy great martyr Eustathius Plasidas</i>		
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary Honchar requested by Michael & Jodi Hanczar	IS
	9:30am	First day of CCD class	
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Michael & Anna Zagorsky requested by Jean Daniels & Family	JC
		also....Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS
		<i>....immediately following is Faith, Family & Fun Day, on church grounds. Everyone is Welcome!!!</i>	



SEPTEMBER Birthdays at Holy Trinity

*If you have a September birthday and your name is not listed below,
call the rectory and your name will be added!*

Davis, MaryAnn
Grabowski, Allison
Konecky, Alex
Kurzawski, Andrew
Medwig, Tom
Popivchak, Helen
Schultz, Randi
Shymatta, Craig
Zaletski, Matthew

Honchar, George
Johnson, David
Koutsyk, Maria
Kuzemka, John
Mosur, Lucille
Reabe, Keith
Sembrat, Curtis
Steranko, Raymond

Gonskyi, Volodimir
Kohl, Anna
Kulik, Dimitro
Makar, Michael
Nakonechnyy, Nadiya
Saad, Andy
Sembrat, Roger, Dr.
Sywy, Marian