

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 2, 2018

9:10 AM Rosary
9:30 AM **H/B for all Parishioners**
ST NICHOLAS BRUNCH

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR 29th WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Monday, December 3rd

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, December 4th

9:00 AM **+ Pauline Halamay** – by Anna Chrapko

Wednesday, December 5th

6:30 PM **BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, December 6th St Nicholas of Myra

9:00 AM **H/B for Evan Lehner** – by Tom & Kristen Lehner

Friday, December 7th

9:00 AM **+ Rev. George Kowalsky** – by May & Steve Covert

Saturday, December 8th Maternity of the Holy Anna

5:00 PM **+ Stephen Zelinsky & Jackie Beinboff** – by the Simich Family

Sunday, December 9th 29th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 AM Rosary
9:30 AM **H/B for all Parishioners**

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Divine Liturgies I assisted and who game me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; a;; the priests who I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. Amen

“Surrender to God, and he will do everything for you.”

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Jerry Yaceczko (12/6)** is celebrating his birthday. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

Are available at our Ukrainian Display in the social hall. Items for sale include religious icons, Christmas ornaments. Ukrainian and English greeting card (most \$ 1.50), pysanky (Ukrainian eggs), jewelry, embroidery, cookbooks, ceramics, aprons, woodworking (plaques, plates, jewelry boxes, candleholders), shalws, t-shirts, caps visors, angels, bookmarks, key chain, magnets, etc. (reasonably priced).

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma OH 44134-7180.

STAYING INFORMED:

You can keep updated with Divine Liturgy schedules, current and future Church events, and Bible Study materials by checking our Church website www.hgucc.org every week. Occasionally you may even find your picture there!

ST. ANDREW’S PENCE COLLECTION:

Traditionally on or around the Feast of St. Andrew, the first called Apostle (November 30) our parishes have a special collection for needs of pastoral ministry of His Beatitude Sviatoslav. Sunday, December 2nd, we will take a collection for St. Andrew’s Pence.

QUESTION BOX:

Don’t forget to submit your questions about our faith and religion. Fr. Vsevolod is going to pick a few and give a Catechetical explanation after the Divine Liturgy on one of the upcoming Sundays. It is a good opportunity for all of us to grow in understanding of our faith. The Question Box is located in the church hall down stairs next to our donuts table.

CHRISTMAS BAKING:

Orders are now being taken for the fruit and nut rolls (kolachi)! To be sure you get what you want, you need to place an order. Forms are on the front table in the social hall.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Dec 12 – Baking
Jan 5 – Pyrohy
Feb 2 – Pyrohy

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All new items are reasonably priced, and estate items are a bargain

CAROLING IN UKRAINIAN VILLAGE This year in conjunction with the traditional Ukrainian Village Committee's caroling event, we will have caroling in our St. Josaphat Cathedral on January 13, 2019. More information to follow.

Prayer for Vocations:

Almighty and merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times.

Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call.

Give them the strength to be ready witness

of Your love and care for the world.

Amen.

VISIT THE HOLY GHOST PARISH LIBRARY

Located in the parish hall near the double doors, our library has books and other materials to borrow. Browse selections on Liturgy, Scripture, Mary and other Saints, Prayer, the Sacraments, and some children's items. There is a small collection of books in Ukrainian.

Let us know if you have books to add to the library on our Liturgy, theology, and traditions.

Books of this type may be left in the box marked "Book Donations" near the Library shelves.

Questions: Pete or Norma Kopko 330-284-8011.

THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

We are all invited to visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about various social issues relative to the teaching of the Catholic Church. It helps to stay informed, as we continue to mature in our Catholic Christian Faith. See what the hierarchy has discussed, decided and published in order to guide the faithful.

"28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World*

ARE YOU READY?:

Many people think because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. But membership requires signing up---formally enrolling yourself in parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Please make an effort to register in our parish.

FORGIVENESS:

Forgiveness does not mean acceptance of a lie. When we forgive, we don't put up with evil, but on the contrary, we name it and call a wrongdoer as such. But when we forgive, this means that first of all we throw evil out of our own heart. Only that person who is spiritually higher and stronger, can forgive. To forgive means to overcome evil. Forgiveness does not mean release from responsibility for wrongdoings. Fair punishment is necessary for reconciliation. Otherwise how can we speak about the due respect for the victims of crimes, due satisfaction for their offences if, according to the principles of justice, the person who offended them will not suffer deserved punishment?

MARRIAGE The Holy Mystery of Marriage (from the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church) Marriage Is a Mystery of Love between a Man and a Woman # 472

Marriage is based on the fact that the married couple mutually complements one another. The Church gives witness to this in a prayer of the Rite of Crowning: “Holy God, you created man from the dust and from his side fashioned a woman as a suitable helpmate for him, for such was the good pleasure of your majesty that man should not be alone on earth.” In their gender differentiation, a man and a woman complete one another, creating an indissoluble union of one body

"The merciful Lord hurries to help others using our feet, supports the sick and frail with our hands, listens to those who have been wronged with our ears, consoles those who are sad with our mouths, carries the weak with our shoulders, brings others close to Himself with our hearts. In other words, the vocation of every Christian is to be an icon of God's goodness and love in the world."

Our life, given us by the Lord, is given in order that we would use it correctly and advantageously. If we didn't have life, than everything else would not have any worth or value. Only in the context of our life everything else can have some kind of value. If God gifted us with life, then He expects us to spend it profitably and bring Him the fruits in our particular state of life. The Lord gave us life, and better said, lent it – handed it to us. In the final analysis, it is not our property, we are only making use of it and some day we will stand before God to bring its fruits from it. It's similar to that when someone who has a treasure, money, and tries to deposit it in the best way, either in a bank or in a business, in order that the transaction would yield a profit. So it is with our life—it's an enormous treasure. And the question rests is in this, where we are investing it. Inevitably we will invest it. If we invest it correctly, then later in eternity, we will have accrued a profitable yield from this transaction.