

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS;**  
**POST FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**September 9, 2018**

9:30 AM      **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**  
**Book discussion: Divine Renovation**

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**DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR 17th WEEK AFTER PENTECOST**

*Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>*

*NO SERVICES*

*Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM      **+ Olga Mosyjowski – by Wolosinczuk Family**

*Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM      **+ Marfa Vasura – by Halyna Syvanych**  
6:30 PM      **BIBLE STUDY**

*Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM      **+ Pauline Halamay – by Oriana Smith**

*Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>*      **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9:00 AM      **+ Walter & Antonia Olijnyk – by Charles & Mary Best**

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*Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM      **+ Walter Tomko – by Mary Ellen Selle**

***Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>***      **Catechetical Sunday**

9:30 AM      **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

This year we are marking the 185th anniversary of the first known Mass celebrated in the city of Akron. The first record of a Catholic priest visiting Akron was in 1833 when this area was still a part of the Diocese of Cincinnati. The Rev. John Martin Henni, who would later become the Archbishop of Milwaukee, came to say Mass in the log cabin of James McAllister, a local contractor. To help celebrate the Mass coming to our area, Akron area parishes are invited to a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, the 27th of September at 7PM, the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, at St. Vincent Parish, the mother parish of Akron. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo and Bishop Martin Amos will be here to help celebrate.

***Blessed are those who hear the word  
of God and cherish it in their hearts***

**2018 Pierogy Open Results:**

\$522 was raised for the parish. This helps offset the pierogis, plates, utensils, etc. that our church provides. \$2,010 was raised for the orphanage in Berezhany, Ukraine. With the US Dollar vs. the Ukrainian Hrivny, the purchasing power of this is about \$5,000! A huge thanks to all who golfed, volunteered, donated items, and supported this event with family and friends. Special thanks to the following for making a separate donation to the orphanage: Bruce and Mary Ann DeLagrange \$30, Pete and Norma Kopko \$60, Tony Alfiery \$200, Larry Johnstown \$ 100, Joe and Holly Kolodka \$ 50, Tom Geraci \$ 6, Robert Kopko \$ 200. Thanks to every person who donated and helped in so many ways! Thank you for supporting this parish event! See you next year!

**The Protoevangelium (“First Gospel”)**  
“I will put the enmity between you and *the woman*, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.” Gen 3:15

**CANNING POTS AVAILABLE:**

All of the large blue enamel pots (20+ qts.) used by our kitchen crew for many years (to cook holubcki and potatoes) have been replaced. The old pots are ideal for canning, and are available to anyone who can use them. Stop by the kitchen to take a look!

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:**

Next Sunday, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the Beginning of the School year will be included during the Divine Liturgy. (Specify time, if needed.)\* We will give authority to our catechists and implore God's Wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. All instructors and students are asked to be present.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF  
THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 15,  
2018:**

All faithful are invited to Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church (526 W Rayen Ave/Youngstown, OH) for a day of prayer and reflection. 11:00AM Pontifical Divine Liturgy; 12:30pm lunch; 2:00pm Akathistos Confessions will also be heard all day.

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

Sept 15 – Pilgrimage in Youngstown  
Sept 22 - Pyrohy  
Oct 13 - Pyrohy  
Nov 10 - Pyrohy  
Nov 11 - Thanksgiving Dinner  
Dec 1 - Pyrohy  
Dec 2 - St. Nicholas Brunch  
Jan 5 - Pyrohy  
Feb 2 - Pyrohy

### **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](http://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.

### **FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T JOIN US:**

Know that we are praying for all the souls connected with Holy Ghost Parish, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Greater Catholic (Universal) Church, and all Christian souls in the world. We also pray for non-Christians, and we pray for our enemies. The goal of our prayers is to bring the world into greater harmony, that all may become one in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, as he commanded.

"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*

The news media have made all of us aware of the valiant struggles that the Ukrainian people are engaged in these days. In solidarity with them, we follow Patriarch Sviatoslav's initiative to pray for Ukrainian's God-given rights to freedom of speech, choice and religion; therefore, Fr. Sal has added these liturgical Petitions to the Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Parish.

Liturgical Petitions:

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants in Ukraine as they seek to foster unity and end division, and enjoy human rights, liberty, and self-determination in their nation, let us pray to the Lord.

We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all to wisdom and grace so that those in Ukraine and throughout the world will cease the acts of aggression and respect the territorial sovereignty of Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

**"Christ among us"** - a program brought to you each Sunday at this time to reach those who are elderly or ill, and those who are not able to attend their church for Sunday worship.

**Tune in to WPIT- 73 AM - Pittsburgh, PA every Sunday at 2:00 pm (EST) or listen to the radio program on-line at [www.wpitam.com](http://www.wpitam.com) You can also listen any time at <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/listen/>**

This Program is sponsored by the Diocesan Resource Committee of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, OH, and by your contributions. Each Sunday we will bring to you the word of God, we hope to brighten your lives and bring you joy and solace

**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."**

- Patriarch Sviatoslav

On behalf of the Synod of Bishops  
of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church