



# HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 16-23, 2016

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8 5-15

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) Health of Teodozia Sroka- Family

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) Birthday Intention: Vitalla Martinez- Michtchak Family

11:00AM(English) Birthday Intention: Fr. Dan Troyan- Helen Terlesky

12:30PM TRICKY TRAY BEGINS

*All daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM .*

MONDAY Health of Myroslaw Jankowski- Stefania Trusz & Yaroslawa Zuk

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY +Robert Hale – Donna Hale

THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY +Walter Kiniuk – Pearl Kiniuk

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English)

+Walter Kiniuk -Charles & Helen Morykan

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: October 23, 2016

9:00AM ( Ukrainian) For the People

11:00AM 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intention Ted Veresink : Holy Ghost Parishioners

COLLECTION – \$1457.00 Thank you for your generosity and support

Eternal Light & Altar Candles For health of Antionette Ridilla – Loretta and Dan Bodnar

*Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers*

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczycki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Archbishop Stefan	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	Martha Charon
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Timothy Kohutka
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory & Dot Neff	Stephen Terleski	Robert Leiby
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Mary Heverling	Estelle Troyan



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Troparion (5):

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion (8):

O Christ our God, You are above all praise, for You established our Fathers as lights upon the earth. You led us to the true faith through them. O most bountiful Lord, glory be to You.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

Kontakion (6):

How the Son proceeded from the Father, our words cannot express; but having two natures, He was born of a woman. We do not reject His image when we behold it; but, in faith, we venerate and honor it. And the Church professes it as true belief when she honors the image of Christ's incarnation.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

Kontakion (5):

You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind. And so we cry out: Save us, O Lord.

**:Prokimenon (5):**

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and for ever.

Verse:

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man..

**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (Gal 6, 11-18)**

Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who are trying to compel you to have yourselves circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those having themselves circumcised observe the law themselves; they only want you to be circumcised so that they may boast of your flesh. But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

**Alleluia Verses:**

Verse (5):Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (5):For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:(Lk 8,-15)**

The Lord told this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that 'they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.' This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance."

**Communion Verse:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to all those who helped in preparing for our annual tricky tray fundraiser. Special thanks to those who donated money, food, baked goods, prizes, helped solicit donations, put out signs, helped in advertising, attended the meetings, and prepared and donated the foods,... there's a lot of work that goes into a successful Tricky Tray.. God bless all of you for your hard work and dedication.



## October is Respect Life Month

Consider parents holding their first newborn son or daughter. While there is no instruction manual for all the possible circumstances they may encounter, their guiding framework is the loving, parental relationship with their child. With his encyclical *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. "Everything is connected," he reminds us (LS 91).

God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself, most notably through the sacraments. We experience this most powerfully in the Eucharist, the true body and blood of Christ, received under the appearance of bread and wine, where "all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation" (LS 236). God invites us to embrace creation on this deeper level through our worship of himself (LS 235). Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

Pope Francis warns against placing ourselves "at the center," thinking we don't need God and lacking concern for other creatures (LS 122, 68-69). But he also rejects the view that "the presence of human beings on the planet should be reduced and all forms of intervention prohibited" (LS, 60). The Holy Father affirms, instead, that human beings possess "a particular dignity above other creatures" and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationships are out of balance—with God, one another, or the rest of creation—all our relationships suffer.

We see evidence of this imbalance on a large scale today. Building upon the teaching of his predecessors, the Holy Father discusses in great detail the disrepair apparent in creation. Our distorted relationship with God has infected our relationship with the earth, evidenced by pollution, lack of clean water, toxic waste, and immense material waste. For example, "approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and 'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor'" (LS 50).

What the Holy Father often calls a "culture of waste" or a "throwaway culture" even goes so far as to see and treat human life as disposable. The elderly are marginalized, and the lives of persons with disabilities are deemed less worth living (LS 123). The fundamental truth that "the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development" is forgotten—leading to the destruction of unwanted babies in the womb and experimentation on embryonic children in the lab (LS 136, 123).

If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom. Pope Francis stresses, "We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next" (LS 226). With this attitude of heart, we neither treat other humans as disposable, nor neglect to care for God's creation at any level. Through a conversion of heart, repairing our relationships with God, one another, and all of creation, we can combat the many pollutants that poison our hearts and our world.

**When we fall in love, become parents, or enter into any significant relationship, it is not uncommon to experience a shift in worldview that shapes our actions.**



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** are extended to some of our October birthdays **Fr. Dan Troyan** on his 60<sup>th</sup>! Happy birthday to **Marta and Adrianna Shevtsiv** who celebrated this past week. May our Lord grant them many more healthy happy years! **MNOHAYA LITA!**

### OCTOBER 30: CATHEDRAL CELEBRATION

Archbishop Stefan Soroka has invited all of our churches of the eparchy to join with him at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia for a service honoring our first bishop in the United States: Bishop Soter Ortynsky. There will be a moleben service to the Mother of God at 3:00PM followed by a panachyda at the crypt of Bishop Ortynsky in the Cathedral lower level. There will also be a rededication of the History of Faith Museum which has been also been transferred to the lower level of the Cathedral. There is a list in the vestibule of the church for any who would like to join with the celebration. Transportation will be provided from the Holy Ghost church leaving at 12:00noon October 30. Please join with us.

### TRICKY TRAY SUNDAY :TODAY

Our annual **TRICKY TRAY** will be held today Sunday October 16! The doors will open beginning at 12:30PM. There are over 150 basket prizes which have been prepared over the past year: Special thanks to the Tricky Tray committee: Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Sherry Bellfy, Chrissy Mattes, Craig Stoken, John Drozd Jr, Maryann Kramer, Donna Sidlar . Special thanks to all the parishioners who have supported the fundraiser through your donations. It is always a wonderful event with great prizes, good food, and entertainment. We will be having a tent set up for the event since there was such a large crowd last year, to hopefully make it more convenient and comfortable for our attendees and workers. Please invite your family and friends to join with us.. look forward to seeing you!

### PUMPKIN CARVING

The children of our parish will be doing their pumpkin carving next Sunday October 23 begining from 12:00 to 1:00PM. Please register your child in the vestibule of the church this week if they will be present. Thank you

### HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

We wish our cantor and parish councilor Ted Veresink a happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday next week. We will be helping him celebrate his day by joining with him at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 11:00AM, followed by cake and coffee in the church hall. All are invited ! **MNOHAYA LITA!**



### TRICKY TRAY DONATIONS

We will be holding our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser on October 16, 2016. We have sent a letter out to all of our parishioners asking for your support of \$50.00 for each family to help us prepare the prizes. The Tricky Tray is one of our major fundraisers and helps us to meet our goal of maintaining our church here in West Easton.

**\$50.00 : Marlene Lightcap, Tyma Family, Roman & Irene Stefurak**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION : THIS SUNDAY 12:00Noon

We have begun our religious education classes for the children of our parish.

***We have moved the classes to 12:00 noon on Sunday. They will be held from 12-1PM.*** This year we are covering the stories of the Bible from the Book of Genesis through the New Testament.

### ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The rosary will be recited at noon on Wednesday and Friday in Holy Ghost Church during the Month of October . October and May are traditionally months dedicated to Mary as the Mother of God. We will be praying for peace in the world and for all of our citizens and candidates as we go to the polls in November. Please join us.

### CHAPEL DEDICATION

We will be dedicating "The Chapel" on November 6 , 2016. Through the efforts of our Ukrainian Catholic Church community in West Easton we have added heat and water to the Chapel building, drywalled and painted the walls and ceiling, repaired the windows and put in new doors and electrical work .Much of the work and materials have been donated by our Ukrainian faithful which has enabled us to achieve this task with our \$10,000 budget.

On November 6 we will have a Moleben to the Mother of God and afterwards we will be dedicating the building through ribbon cutting and a blessing. There will be an open house at The Chapel from 3:30PM- 6:00PM with food and refreshments.

The parish had voted at a Parish Financial Council meeting to renovate the building and open it up for community services. The Ukrainian American Veterans will be meeting there, there is a 7:00AM AA Meeting that is held weekly, the Religious Education classes will be held there and other community events.

All are invited. Please join with us as we ask God's blessings on our ministry to the community of Holy Ghost and the people of West Easton

On Sunday November 6, there will also be a presentation of a slide documentary on the **Theology of the Maidon in Ukraine**. Ihor Mirchuk will be presenting the documentary of the crisis in Ukraine at 5:00PM November 6 in the Chapel.



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**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

**Marriages:** Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

**Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick:** Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

**Confession:** Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

### *The Church is Formed from the Side of Christ*

Do you wish to learn from another source as well the strength of this blood? Look from where it first flowed and where it had its source! It flowed down from the cross, from the Master's side. St. John says that, when Christ was dead but still on the cross, the soldier came and pierced His side with a lance, and straightway there came out water and blood. The one was a symbol of baptism, and the other of the mysteries. Therefore, he did not say: There came out blood and water, but first water came forth and then blood, since first comes baptism and then the mysteries. It was the soldier, then, who opened Christ's side and dug through the rampart of the holy temple, but I am the one who has found the treasure and gotten the wealth. So it was with the lamb. The Jews sacrificed the victim, but I reaped the

reward of salvation which came from their sacrifice. There came out from His side water and blood. Beloved, do not pass this mystery by without a thought. For I have still another mystical explanation to give. I said that there was a symbol of baptism and the mysteries in that blood and water. It is from both of these that the Church is sprung through the bath of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, through baptism and the mysteries. But the symbols of baptism and the mysteries come from the side of Christ. It is from His side, therefore, that Christ formed His Church, just as He formed Eve from the side of Adam.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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