

Glory be to Jesus Christ ~ Glory forever!

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and guests, and pray that your participation in the Divine Liturgy will be enriching and meaningful.

October 30, 2016 ~ Christ the King Sunday

Epistle: Colossians 1: 12-20 Gospel: John 18: 33-37

See insert for Troparia and special texts

On Sunday morning, we welcome the members of **St. George's Society** on the occasion of their annual Corporate Communion, and thank them for their continued love and service to God, His Church and His Kingdom here on earth. May our Lord grant all members many happy and blessed years ~ *Comeopu, Господи, многая і благая літа!*

Inspirational Words

"All the kings and queens known in history sent their people out to die for them. But I only know one king who decided to die for His people."

Liturgical Services for This Week

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

Sunday, November 6

10:00 a.m. ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost Epistle Reader: Michael Watral



Parish News & Upcoming Events



Holy Cross will once again be participating in **Operation Christmas Child**. The 'shoeboxes' that are filled will be shipped to Ukraine for distribution to the needy children there. They are available in the narthex with the information included. **Candy cannot be included**. Due date

for their return in **Sunday**, **November 13** after the Sunday Liturgy. Delivery charges of \$7.00 per box will be paid by the Parish. If there are any questions, please call Sherry Opaski @ 767-0253 anytime.

Orders are now being taken for the next Pyrohy Making Session on **November 19, 20, & 21.** Everyone is encouraged to come out and help on any one of those three days. If you would like to place an order, please contact Michael Wilding: phone: 475-8616; text: 626-0343; or e-mail: mike.wilding@gmail.com. Please note that the price is now \$5.00 per dozen - cooked or frozen. Don't delay ~ order today!

Many thanks to the small group of volunteers who came out to make cabbage rolls for a special order this past Friday. Your time and effort are sincerely appreciated. The next session will take place in November in preparation for a major sale just before Christmas - stay tuned!

Your Return Gift to God

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Envelopes: \$2,475.⁰⁰ Special Projects: \$55.⁰⁰ Candle Offering: \$44.⁸⁰

Mission Collection: \$78.²⁰

Thank you for your generosity! Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for October will be donated to **Friends of Olivia Foundation.** Its purpose is to support local families that must travel to a medical centre outside of Thunder Bay with a sick child for surgeries, treatments, appointments and tests. Since 2005, it has given out more than \$155,000 to fund local families.



As the weather gets colder, please remember the food hamper for non-perishable items which is located in the narthex. No stale-dated food items, fresh fruit or produce please. Items are regularly delivered to local food banks and soup kitchens through the courtesy of our parishioner Denny Verdenik — many thanks!

New Parishioners! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish! Please take the time to meet our priest Father Stepan Didur. You may also register as a parishioner in order to begin the tracking of your donations. To do so, please call the Parish Office and leave a message. Our bookkeeper Michele is there on Monday evenings (except holidays) and will take your information. **And an important reminder** to all current parishioners: if your contact information (address, phone number, e-mail, etc.) has changed, please let us know so that we may update our files on a regular basis. *Thank you for your cooperation!* ©



Daylight Saving Time <u>ends</u> on **Sunday, November 6th** at **2:00 a.m.** Remember to turn your clocks <u>back</u> one hour or you'll be really early for Sunday Divine Liturgy. No need to worry however, as Father Stepan will have the church open for you to pray, meditate, and even say the Rosary in the quiet of the morning.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week! Бажаємо Вам чудового тижня!

CHRIST IS OUR KING! That is our proclamation today. He is the One Who we acknowledge as our ultimate authority. His is the Kingdom of which we are subjects. His rule is the One we recognize above all others. We have chosen Christ as our King, and we stand by Christ, holding fast to our belief in the better world that is to come, and together with our King, we move forward through sacrifice and service.

Jesus' Kingdom is not like the societies we know, as the power structures we are familiar with are turned on their head. Instead of the biggest and toughest people lording it over the weak, greatness in this Kingdom is established through service. Jesus' Kingdom is one where little children are valued as highly (and maybe even more highly) than clever and accomplished adult people. His is the Kingdom where might and money mean nothing in terms of a person's value, but where humility and sacrifice mean everything. His is the Kingdom where the weak are not despised but loved, and where 99 healthy sheep are left on the hillside while attention is given to one who strays. Jesus is king of the unique Kingdom, where the first is last and the last, first, and so He says to Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this world", for He has no interest in competing with Pilate at his level. His power is not that sort of power.

It's not easy to follow Christ the King. We know that, as indeed we know that our Gospel drama today concludes not with Jesus striding from the palace victorious, but with Him being taken away and executed. Even so, we proclaim it: Christ is King - His, the Kingdom, His, the Power and His, the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen!





St. George's Society

On Sunday morning, **October 30**, after the Corporate Communion, our Breakfast meeting will take place at the Airlane Hotel in the Barcelona Room (back entrance). The cost is \$10 per member. We urge all members to attend.

The annual Fish and Game Banquet takes place on **Saturday**, **November 5** at **6 p.m.** in our parish hall. Admission is \$5 per member. Please see Maurice Zakrewski to reserve your spot. All members, fishermen and non-fishermen, are invited!

Our next bingo at Superior Shores is scheduled for **Thursday**, **November 17** in the evening. Volunteers are asked to be there no later than **5:30 p.m**. Thank you for your cooperation.

We need your help for the next Pyrohy Making which will take place on **November 19-21.** Saturday at 8 a.m. for potato peeling and preparations; Sunday at 9 a.m. for balling; and Monday at 8 a.m. morning for varenychi making, pinching, and boiling.

The annual Grey Cup Meeting and Social is tentatively set for **Sunday, November 27** beginning at 4:30 p.m. (note the time). There'll be lots of food, refreshments, and the traditional football pool. Plan to join us for fellowship and fun!

Love and Service to God since 1960!

Holy Cross Golden Agers ~ Fun for Seniors ~

Regular activities take place every Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. New members (ages 55+) may join at any time. It's just \$10 per year and well worth the membership fee. *Check us out!*

If you missed the last bus to Grand Portage, another one will be coming along on Wednesday, November 16, leaving the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. and arriving back around 10 p.m. Contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) to book your seat today. This is a <u>free</u> service. Non-members are cordially invited to join us.



Don't forget to check out the back cover of this parish bulletin for the

Children's Corner.

Take some time to sit down and read it together with your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

What's Happening In and Around Thunder Bay...

Wedding Wishes Formal Fair - Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce present this annual event in the Valhalla Inn Ballroom on Sunday, November 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See over 100 wedding specialists, fashion shows, and win great prizes at this one-stop wedding shop. Cost is \$7 at the door. Visit www.tbchamber.ca/events for more info.

<u>Columbus Centre's Spaghetti Suppers</u> - Held the first Sunday of every month. Come out and see why they are locally renowned for our delicious and hearty Italian cuisine. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Take-outs begin at 11:00 a.m. and last until 5:00 p.m. The price is an unbeatable \$11.00 per order and includes 6 meatballs and a generous serving of spaghetti. Please remember to bring your own container. Sit-down suppers begin at 5:30 p.m. and are priced at just \$13 per person, a steal for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner in Thunder Bay! Visit www.columbuscentre.ca for more information.

<u>Dress for All Reasons</u> - Ladies of Kaleva Fashion Show fundraiser, **Sunday, November 13** from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Prince Arthur Hotel, Cumberland Street. Tickets are \$45/person and include a delicious lunch. Numerous door prizes and goodies will be offered. Cash bar available.

<u>Teens Encounter Christ Youth Retreat</u> - November 18-20 at Corpus Christi Church, 664 Red River Road. These retreats are for youth in grade 11 and up and at 16 years of age or more. Please visit <u>www.tec-thunderbay.org</u> or contact Debbie DeBruyne at **ddebruyne@tbcschools.ca** for more information.



Jesus is the King of Kings!

Do you like hats? Surely you've had "Hat Day" at school where you saw all kinds – big, small, baseball, straw, funny and different. You can actually tell a lot about a person by the kind of hat he or she wears. Sometimes you can even tell what a person does for a living by the kind of hat he or she wears, for example, a hard hat for a construction worker, a helmet for a fireman, or even a cowboy hat for a rancher. Another different kind of hat is a crown worn by a king or queen.

Today's story is about a King who was born many years ago. This king was different from most. What made this king different? Well, for one thing, He didn't live in a palace. He didn't wear a beautiful robe or a jeweled crown. He had no servants to wait on Him — and He had no soldiers to fight His battles. He didn't even have a country over which to rule and there were no coins engraved with His face or His name.

Most of you have probably guessed who this king is. This King is **Jesus**. He is not just any king, He is the King of Kings. His kingdom is not on earth, His kingdom is in heaven. That is why many people never chose to make Him their king. When Jesus was here on earth, the people were all looking for a king who would set up a kingdom on earth. A kingdom where they would share the wealth and power, but this was not why He came.

Jesus finally wore a crown, but it was a crown of thorns. A cross became His throne and above His head was a sign for all to read, "This is the King of the Jews." Some people still refuse to recognize Jesus as their King. But all around the world today the Word is spoken, "Jesus Christ is still the King of Kings."

Let us sing: Christ is the King! O friends rejoice! Brothers and sisters, with one voice let the world know He is your choice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

