



## Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome Everyone to Our Parish! ~ A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years ~



*Epistle ~ Galatians 6: 11-18*      *Gospel ~ John 3: 13-17*  
Troparia and special texts on found on the insert included with the bulletin

### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

*"For God sent not His Son into the world to bring condemnation, but that the world might be saved through Him."*

**IT IS SO SIMPLE A MESSAGE** that it is difficult to grasp. In our weakness of mind, it is hard to understand how God can love everyone: His enemies, unrepentant sinners and the righteous all the same. We cannot bear to admit that God loves even those whom we cannot dream of loving — even our enemies! Strange as it may seem, we are not even supposed to hate the devil and the demons, for as St. Isaac of Syria stated, "the heart of a true Christian weeps even for demons", and this is only evidence that God's ways are not ours. If we are called to love our spiritual adversaries, then how can we for a minute think we are not called to love our human ones as well? Whenever any seed of hatred exists in the heart, it will eventually poison the whole person. That is why we must root out of ourselves anything that isn't love. The one unmistakable fruit of a life lived for God is the ability to love without limit. This is the way of the Cross and the one thing above all we must nurture in ourselves, our children, and fellow man.

~ condensed from a sermon by Fr. Antony Hughes



## Parish News and Activities

We extend our sincerest condolences to Ann Kozlowski and family on the passing of her granddaughter †**Stephanie Teeple** on August 18 in Emo, Ontario, and to Bohdan and Hanusia (Romaniuk) Tkaczyk and family on the passing of Bohdan's mother †**Olena** on September 1 in Hamilton. May the Lord accept their souls into His heavenly Kingdom, grant them eternal rest, and may their memory be everlasting ~ Вічна їм пам'ять.



Many, many thanks to all who attended St. George's Annual Corn Roast on Saturday, August 25 to help make it a super success once again. Congratulations also to the Corn Roast Committee and the small group of volunteers for putting on yet another great event for members and guests — a job well-done!

We would also like to thank **Sonia Fedyk** for her donation of coffee for the Corn Roast and the Parish Praznyk. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated ~ Щиро дякуємо Пані Соні!

On Saturday and Sunday at Divine Liturgy, Father Stepan will bless our youth in attendance as they begin a new school year. They will be asked to come forward at the end of the service.



All registered parishioners & families of Holy Cross are invited to attend the **Parish Praznyk**, our annual feast day, **Sunday, September 16** at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, followed by the traditional meal in the B.G. Shumay Auditorium.

A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex; everyone's assistance in any way (*helping to set up the hall, preparing the meal, serving and cleaning up, and taking care packages to the shut-ins, etc.*) will be sincerely appreciated. Also, donations of fresh produce or pickles will be accepted no later than **Friday at 1 p.m.** We also need ladies (and gentlemen) to help with making holubtsi on Friday: 10:00 a.m. to prepare the rice; 11:30 a.m. for rolling. Let us all come together and have another wonderful 'family' celebration!

**A reminder to all parishioners:** If your contact information has changed, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible. ☺

## Liturgical Services for This Week

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:00 p.m. ~ **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy**  
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00 a.m. ~ **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy**  
followed by the parish dinner in our hall  
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan

## Your Return Gift to God

*Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously & lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*

### AUGUST 25/26

Envelopes: \$2,365.<sup>00</sup>  
Vigil Lights: \$25.<sup>50</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$70.<sup>95</sup>  
Special Projects: \$35.<sup>00</sup>

### SEPTEMBER 1/2

Envelopes: \$1,400.<sup>00</sup>  
Vigil Lights: \$31.<sup>75</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$49.<sup>25</sup>  
Special Projects: \$125.<sup>00</sup>  
Eparchial Youth: \$115.<sup>00</sup>

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
**Щиро Вам дякуємо!**

The Mission Collection for August totalled \$241.<sup>20</sup> which will be forwarded to **Adult and Teen Challenge**.

September's Mission Collection is designated for **Our Kids Count**, a community development organization which builds stronger families and inclusive communities by enhancing people's lives through personal growth and development. Core funding is aimed at fostering the health and development of children ages 6 and under. For more information or to donate online, visit [www.ourkidscount.ca](http://www.ourkidscount.ca).





# ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members (and parishioners)! We could always use a few more bodies to work at bingo. The next two dates for training and refresher training of volunteers are **Sunday, September 9** and **Sunday, September 23** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue (beside Super 8 Hotel). The bingo schedule for October, November & December will be ready soon. When it is received, it will be published — please stay informed.



Our annual Golf Tournament is slated for **Saturday, September 22** at Chapples Golf Course beginning at 4:00 p.m. (be there no later than 3:15 p.m.). Cost is \$10 per member plus greens fees. Please sign the list in the narthex if you wish to participate in the game and/or dinner.

Fishermen: the clock is ticking — you now have seven weeks left to catch that ‘big one’ for the Tournament. Remember to submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to one of the Committee members (Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak) regularly so that the standings can be updated weekly. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes. *Tight lines to all!*

## EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Savour Superior** (Food and Drink Festival) - **Friday, September 14** and **Saturday, September 15** at the CLE Coliseum. Come and experience an exciting variety of Ontario VQA Wines, International wines and spirits, craft beers, gourmet coffee and teas, delectable desserts, mouthwatering cuisine and locally grown and prepared farmers market produce and more featuring some of the finest culinary offerings in Northwestern Ontario. You must be 19 years or older to attend. Visit [www.savoursuperior.com](http://www.savoursuperior.com) for tickets.

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Terry Fox Run** - **Sunday, September 16** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (around Boulevard Lake). Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius HS. Refreshments will be provided. Help raise money for cancer research, and keep Terry's memory alive. To register today, visit the website at [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org).

**Walk for ALS around Boulevard Lake** - Supporting Canadians living with ALS and investing in research to make this disease treatable, not terminal, happens **Saturday, September 22**. Check-in time (at St. Ignatius HS): 9:30 a.m.; start time: 11:00 a.m. Register today at [www.walkforals.ca](http://www.walkforals.ca).

**King of the Lobster Supper** - **Saturday, September 29** at the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St., 4:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$60/person. No tickets sold after Monday, September 24 at 5 p.m. Call Rosie at 623-3252 to reserve yours.

# HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS



Our new social year has begun. **Please note:** due to the upcoming bus trip to Winnipeg this coming week, regular afternoon activities will be cancelled on **September 13**, but will resume on **September 20**. New members (55+) may join at that time as well, and best of all, dues are only \$10 per year.

The next bus to Grand Portage is slated for **Wednesday, September 19** leaving the church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your spot. This is a **free** service for everyone including non-members 18 yrs. and up. Come join us for the evening!

A reminder to all members: we will be making pyrohy for sale on **Tuesday, September 25**. If you still wish to place an order (\$6/dozen, cooked or frozen), or know someone who might like to, please call Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski (numbers are above) now to guarantee product.

*"Do not regret growing older.  
It's a privilege denied to many."*

**Readings for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24**  
**Gospel: John 19: 6-11; 13-20; 25-28; 30-35**

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, “What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?” and “What are the connections between them?” This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

## With A Sincere Heart & Sure Faith

**N**OW THAT ‘SUMMER HOLIDAYS’ are over for many, and regular routines have begun again, it’s time, especially for those who have been away at ‘camp’ or traveling or just ‘having fun in the sun’, to return to the church, be it on Saturday or Sunday to participate in the Divine Liturgy, by attending special weekday services, volunteering to count envelopes, or making the commitment to help at the many fundraisers such as bingo, and pyrohy and cabbage roll making.

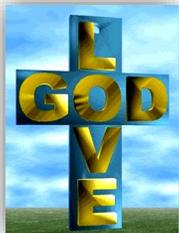
Consider what St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Hebrews:

*“We have, then, my brothers, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way, through the curtain, that is, through His own body. We have a great priest in charge of the house of God. So, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep His promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love, and to do good.” (Hebrews 10: 19-23)*



This fall, let us remember our spiritual obligations, remaining fixed on Jesus and ever faithful to Him, and let us return to church where our Lord welcomes us always!

## Words of Hope and Faith



*“This is how we know what love is: Christ gave His life for us.”*

~ 1 John 3:16 ~



# Let's Go "Back to School" with Jesus

It's back to school time again! Some of you are probably feeling excited. Some of you may be a little sad that summer is over. You may feel nervous or a little scared about going back to school because of all the new things that you will have to face. You will have new teachers, some new friends, and some of you may even be going to a new school.

On the first day of school, the teacher will probably ask some questions to see how much you already know. When the teacher asks a question to which you know the answer, you might wave your hand excitedly in the air and say, "I know! I know!" It is a great feeling when you know the answer, isn't it? It sure helps to take away those "Back to School Jitters."

Imagine, the Twelve Disciples are going "back to school." Can you guess who their teacher is? (Think for a second.) Right! Jesus is their teacher. Jesus often took His disciples aside to teach them important lessons about the Kingdom of God. This was one of those days. Jesus began His lesson that day by asking His disciples a question.

"Who do men say that I am?" Jesus asked.

I imagine that one of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know! I know! Some people say that You are John the Baptist."

Then another of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know! I know! Some people say You are Elijah."

A third disciple raised his hand and said, "Some people say that You are Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

"Very good," Jesus said, "that is what other people are saying, but who do you say that I am?"

You know, I think that Peter was so excited that he forgot to raise his hand. I think he just called out to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said, "You are right, Peter. You didn't learn that from listening to other people. It was taught to you by My Father in heaven."

The lesson that the disciples learned that day is just as important today as it was then. Many people in our world today still do not know who Jesus is. You and I need to be ready with the answer, "He is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Source: [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

## GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

God loved the world so tenderly  
His only Son He gave,  
That all who on His Name believe  
Its wondrous power will save.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,  
That whosoever believeth in Him  
Should not perish, should not perish;  
That whosoever believeth in Him  
Should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Oh, love that only God can feel,  
And only He can show!  
Its height and depth,  
Its length and breadth  
Nor Heav'n nor earth can know!

Why perish, then, ye ransomed ones?  
Why slight the gracious call?  
Why turn from Him Whose words proclaim  
Eternal life to all?

O Saviour, melt these hearts of ours,  
And teach us to believe  
That whosoever comes to Thee  
Shall endless life receive.

~ By Fanny Crosby

