



Христос Раждається ~ Славите Його! Christ is Born ~ Glorify Him! Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!

May your participation in today's Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful.

Sunday, January 26, 2020 ~ 32nd Sunday after Pentecost (Zacchaeus)

Today's Readings: Epistle: *1 Timothy 4: 9-15*

Gospel: *Luke 19: 1-10*

Troparia are in **Tone 8**, located on **page 105** of the navy blue missals

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Evelyn Poleschuk
Sunday (10 a.m.): Tanner Mills



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Francis Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki



No matter how tall or how short we are, no matter how rich or how poor, whether we are up in a tree or out on a branch, if we know we are losing our life without Jesus, then Jesus is looking for us today. The story of Zacchaeus invites us to ask ourselves if we really want to see Jesus or are we comfortable with keeping Jesus at a distance? Jesus always shows up for those who have their spiritual eyes opened to see Him when we see Jesus on the Jericho road of our lives. We are invited to receiving and to choose Him and change our lives.

Holy Cross Parish News and Activities

We extend our deepest condolences to the Fowler, Furioso, Ivanetic, Latta and Markus families on the passing of their beloved **†Harriet (Latta)** on Thursday, January 16. Funeral services will take place on Monday at 10:00 a.m. here at Holy Cross. May the Lord accept the soul of His ever-to-be-remembered servant **†Harriet** into His heavenly kingdom, number her among the just, grant her eternal rest, and may her memory be everlasting ~ Вічна її пам'ять

We only have a handful of tickets left for **Sister Act** on **Saturday, February 15** at Maple Tops/Paramount. Susan Soldan is our ticket administrator, and you can call or text her at 626-2250. Tickets are **\$20/person** (paid for upon receipt).



Any parishioner, 18 years & older, interested in serving on Parish Council is encouraged to submit his/her name to Father Stepan or Parish Council Chair Cheryl Bain. Serving on the Council is not a monumental task and it can be very rewarding. As parishioners, we are encouraged to share our ideas, experiences and insight among each other for this is necessary in order to remain a "vibrant parish." Please consider letting your name stand. The annual meeting is set for **Sunday, February 23** after the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

A friendly reminder that it's not too early to order pyrohy for the **March 30th** making. Place a call to Walter Warywoda at 475-3757 or send him an email at warywodaw@gmail.com at your earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment as last year the maximum amount was reached by early March. **Please note:** to remain competitive, the price for cooked and frozen product is now **\$6.⁵⁰** per dozen. *Thank you for your support!*

Next Sunday is **Super Bowl Sunday**, and the members of St. George's Society would like to extend an open invitation to **all men** of the parish to join them for some food in the parish hall @ 5:30 p.m. and then to watch the game on the big screen TV. There is no charge for the meal and snacks; however, you might wish to get in on the football pool for a mere \$5. Come join us for fun and friendship!

Your Return Gift to God

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

JANUARY 18/19

Envelopes and Loose: \$385.⁰⁰

Mission Collection: \$27.25

Initial Offering: \$5.⁰⁰ Special Projects: \$50.⁰⁰

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The Mission Collection from **January to June** of this year is for the **"Our Hearts at Home"** cardiovascular campaign. For more information, visit www.healthsciencesfoundation.ca.

FYI: Income tax receipts for 2019 will be available soon. Please refrain from calling the Parish Office in this regard.

Schedule of Liturgical Services

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral Services for **†Harriet Latta**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Three Holy & Great Hierarchs**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4:40 p.m. ~ Praying of the Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

5:00 p.m. ~ **Presentation (Encounter) of Our Lord**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

10:00 a.m. ~ **Presentation (Encounter) of Our Lord**

Epistle Reader: Larissa Warywoda

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Our winter break is almost over. Regular Thursday afternoon activities will resume on **February 6, 2020** at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon) when new members can still join. We hope to see you, and some new faces at that time!

Next month's bus to Grand Portage leaves the church parking lot on **Wednesday, February 19** @ 3:45 p.m. and returns @ 10:00 p.m. Those who are 18 years and older with valid passports are always welcome to join us. Just call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your *free* seat — and let Happy Time Tours do the driving!

Readings for the Feast of the Presentation and Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



**Epistles: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15
Hebrews 7: 7-17**

**Gospels: Luke 18: 10-14
Luke 2: 22-40**



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.

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“I don't like winter. There's never any daytime left over after dinner.”



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Our first bingo session of 2020 will be a matinée on **Thursday, January 30**. Sessions and training dates for February and March will be published in future parish bulletins and in our newsletter. Stay informed.

Our first meeting of our **60th** year will be the annual 'Super Bowl' Meeting on **Sunday, February 2** at 4:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and social. Hope to see many members and some new faces in attendance for this annual gathering!

Fishermen: remember to dress warmly and to conduct a visual inspection before heading out on the ice, and don't forget your cell phone! Tight lines and a safe outing!

Celebrating 60 years of Love and Service to God
1960 ~ 2020

True Words of Wisdom and Comfort

*Church is not an organization you join;
it is a family where you belong,
a home where you are loved,
and a hospital where you find healing.*

~ Nicky Gumbel ~



EVENTS IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Kindergarten Information Night - Hosted by the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board on **Wednesday, January 29** at 6:00 p.m. at the Victoria Inn Ballroom. Register online now at www.registrationtbcschools.ca. Come and learn more about them and their program Kindergrow!

Support Ukrainian Culture - The Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group will host a Valentine's Market on **Saturday, February 1**, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall (808 Ridgway Street E., across from McKellar Place). This market will be a wonderful one-stop-shop for Valentine's Day gifts featuring many homemade goods including frozen pyrohy. Admission is \$1 and includes a ballot for a door prize: a chance to win five dozen pyrohy and two tickets to Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group's 40th Anniversary concert. Hope to see many in attendance — and bring a friend or two!

2020 Career and Job Fair - **Tuesday, February 4** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Confederation College, Shuniah Building. A number of employers will be on campus who are actively hiring or looking to expand their workforce. Visit Northwest Employment Works (NEW) at Confederation College or at their second location, 34 N. Cumberland St., to get prepared in advance. They will review your résumé and offer assistance, and have additional resources such as cover letter development, creating a portfolio, career fair strategies, and interview prep. A great opportunity for those looking for employment or graduating in 2020 — don't miss it!

Have a safe, wintry week! Stay warm and cozy!
Бажаємо Вам приємного тижня! Залишайтеся в теплі!



Zacchaeus Goes Out on a Limb

Just how tall are you? Well, some of you may be tall and some of you are shorter than your brothers or sisters or friends. Some of you might have trouble reaching things up on a high shelf, so you get on a footstool or pull up a chair to stand on to reach what you want. If there was a tall person sitting in front of you at the movies, you would have to lean from side to side to see around him or her or sit on someone's to see over that person.

What are some challenges people face when they're short? What's it like for you when you're somewhere and you just can't see? What do you do to try to see better? Today's Bible lesson is about a man who was very short. His name is Zacchaeus. He wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed up a tree.



When Jesus came by and saw Zacchaeus in the tree, Jesus looked up at him and called him by name. Jesus knew his name! Jesus said, "Zacchaeus! Come down quickly. I am going to be a guest in your home today." And Zacchaeus took Jesus to his house. The people could not believe that Jesus

would go to the home of a man like that, for he was a tax collector and a very rich man.

Something wonderful then happened! Jesus changed Zacchaeus. And Zacchaeus said, "I am going to give half of all that I own to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus forgave Zacchaeus and said, "Today salvation has come to this house. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Jesus knew Zacchaeus' name and everything Zacchaeus had ever done. When Zacchaeus met Jesus, his life was changed. It doesn't matter if you are short or tall, Jesus knows your name, too, and Jesus knows everything about you.

Pray: Heavenly Father, we know that when we meet Jesus, it will be a life-changing experience. Thank you that Jesus knows our name and loves us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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