



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



Epistle ~ 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 *Gospel ~ Luke 5: 1-11*
 Troparia are found on the inserts included with this bulletin.

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Joseph Myslicki
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Tanner Mills

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki

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.

SEPTEMBER 15/16



Envelopes: \$2,315.⁰⁰
 Vigil Lights: \$63.³⁰
 Mission: \$68.⁷⁵
 Eparchial Youth Fund: \$105.⁰⁰
 Special Projects: \$15.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

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. For more information or to donate online, visit www.ourkidscount.ca.

LITURGICAL SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:00 a.m. ~ Hrychuk baptism

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5:00 p.m. ~ **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:00 a.m. ~ **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda

Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11: 31 - 12:9
 (Paul's Visions and Revelations)

Gospel: Luke 6: 31 - 36
 (Love for Enemies)

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.

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Heartfelt
THANKS
 TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A very 'heartfelt thanks' to all parishioners who helped to make our annual Parish Praznyk another success, from setting up and decorating the hall, coming together to make cabbage rolls on Friday, prepping the food on Saturday and Sunday, helping in food service and clean-up, and of course, to all who attended. It is always a special occasion to see everyone come together to work and celebrate as a community. Thanks also to those who donated items for the buffet table, and those who brought food to our shut-in parishioners — you truly know what it means to be a good neighbour. May God continue to bless us all with health, happiness and many more happy years! *Многая літа!*

The Holy Cross Golden Agers have reached their limit for pyrohy orders for **September 25**. Should you wish to be put on a waiting list, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805). Furthermore, extra help from parishioners and friends on that morning (9a.m.) will be most appreciated. *Thank you for your support!*



October is the month of the Rosary. We will, therefore, as we did this past May, pray the Holy Rosary before each Saturday/Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those who are willing to take on the important responsibility of sharing in the leading in the recitation, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

On **Sunday, October 14**, after the 10 a.m. Liturgy, we invite everyone to come down to the parish hall for the return of our luncheon/coffee hour. If you wish to prepare or donate any food items, please bring them to the parish kitchen no later than **9:45 a.m.** that morning. We will also welcome **Rev. Canon Ed Swayze**, Navy Chaplain, to our parish who will give a short PowerPoint presentation about the Mission to Seafarers. Saturday worshippers are encouraged to attend also. Let's give Rev. Swayze a warm 'Holy Cross' welcome!



The members of **St. George's Society** wish to invite all men of the parish who are not currently members to consider joining their ranks. Their club is a strong social and spiritual brotherhood that values the importance of working together to achieve a common goal not only for their organization, but also for the parish and local community. Membership is just \$25/year. The first regular meeting of the new society year will be held on **Sunday, September 30** at **7 p.m.** in our parish hall. All members are requested to attend.

Бажаємо Вам приємного тижня! Have a pleasant week!



In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus blessed Peter and his partners with a huge catch of fish, even though the night before they did not catch a thing. They were tired from the hard labour, so seeing this blessing was something that they would not want to be wasted. If we are going to be honest with ourselves in today's world, it is very much like we are a lot of times — pre-occupation with making a living makes us very, very tired, but when we see an opportunity to make more money, we quickly take it.

Jesus, however, is not interested in the fish, the boats, the nets, nor the help that we can get from others. And He does not want our hearts drawn to any of those things. Rather, our trust and focus should be on Him. It is because of His grace that we are able to enjoy many blessings that He bestows upon us, just as He bestowed the huge catch of fish upon His disciples. And as modern disciples, we, as sinners like Peter declared of himself, have an ongoing need of the grace of God as He transforms us into His likeness.

And what is the cost of discipleship? Everything — God wants our all. So let us accept this invitation, this life-long ongoing process, and realize our daily need for Christ and the relationships in His Body that are His tools for change.

~ condensed and edited from a sermon by Jeffrey Aspacio

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

A reminder to all members: we will be making pyrohy for sale on **Tuesday, September 25** starting at 9:00 a.m. Orders are now closed, but if you wish to be put on a waiting list, please speak with Ann Kozlowski or Ann (G) Opaski. ☺

Our regular monthly meeting will take place this **Thursday, September 27** at 1:30 p.m. preceded by a mini-darts tournament starting at 12:30 p.m. Following the meeting, bingo will take place as usual. Refreshments will be available also. Hope to see many in attendance!

The next bus to Grand Portage is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17**. Please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to confirm your seat. This is a **free** service to those 18 years and older with valid passports. Come join us for an evening of fun and friendship!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

'Thank You Thunder Bay' - This event is presented by Superior Shores Gaming Association, **Saturday, September 29** from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and celebrating raising over 3 million dollars for local charity groups since opening the new hall in December 2014. Everyone is invited to come in for a meet and greet the various charities, like St. George's Society, that rely on this important fundraising initiative. There will be a BBQ in the parking lot with lots of food and drink. The matinee bingo session has been cancelled to allow customers to participate in some 'play-as-you-go' games throughout the afternoon for some fun prizes. Val Mitchell, radio personality from CKPR will be on-site to help promote this event. **Come out and help them say 'Thank you Thunder Bay!'**

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



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The latest issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** is now available in the narthex. E-copies will be sent out this week.

Attention members (and parishioners)! The next date for new training and refresher training of volunteers is **Sunday, September 23** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. Our next bingo is a matinee session on **Thursday, October 11**.

Members who are able to help at the Holy Cross Golden Agers' Pyrohy making on **Tuesday, September 25** are encouraged to do so. They are set to go at 9:00 a.m. and will certainly appreciate our assistance.

A reminder to all fishermen: 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 so the standings for the annual Fish Tournament can be updated on a regular basis. Last day to do so is **Sunday, October 28**. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the water.

Our first meeting of the new society year will take place on **Sunday, September 30** at 7:00 p.m. Executive members are reminded of their meeting this coming week.

Love and Service to God since 1960!

Sunday Smile

A certain countryside church was badly in need of a coat of paint on its outside walls and roof. So, the pastor decided he'd do the job himself, but all he had was one bucket of paint. So, he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained — very hard — and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, "Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?"

To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

50th Anniversary Memories



(Above right) Father Stepan Didur accepts the framed picture of the church, on behalf of the parish, with the signatures of those in attendance at last year's gala celebrations, from Andrika Warywoda (left), co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee.



Using Your Net to Be "Fishers of Men"

Do you enjoy fishing? Have you ever caught a fish? Fishing is a great sport, and if you have ever been fishing and have caught a fish, you know that there is a great feeling of excitement when you catch a fish. One of the things that makes fishing such a great sport is that it doesn't matter if you are young or old or if you are a girl or a boy -- you can still be good at fishing.



In today's Bible story, several of the disciples were out fishing and not having much luck when Jesus told them to go further out into deeper waters and let their nets down again. They did this and were amazed at the number of fish they

caught. In fact, there were so many fish they had to call others to help them bring them all in. Then Jesus told them to leave their boats and follow Him, He would make them "Fishers of Men".

What does it mean to be fishers of men? How can you catch men? God has given us a wonderful net, our church. We can invite people to the Divine Liturgy, catechism classes, and other activities that our church has. But just like this net, it takes a lot of people to help haul in the catch. Our church needs people to help keep our "net" strong. We need volunteers to help run the programs, people who pray for our church, our leaders and our programs, we need those who contribute and give financially to the church to pay for all the wonderful things we have. You can see it takes many kinds of fishermen to keep our net strong so we can haul in lots of "fish". Just like the disciples, Jesus has made us "Fishers of Men".

Source: www.sermons4kids.com



Gospel for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Once, while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if You say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Him.



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