

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!



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

June 4, 2017 ~ Holy and Glorious Pentecost Sunday

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

Gospel: John 7: 37-52, 8:12

Please see the included insert for today's troparia and special texts



In this day, the fiftieth after Easter, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when the fullness of the Holy Trinity was revealed through the coming of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. On this day, we sing that Christ 'made the fishermen most wise'. How did Christ do this? Did He sit them on a school bench and proceed to teach them? Did He give them advanced courses in Greek Philosophy? Did He set them a translation from Hebrew into Latin? Did He ask them to learn off by heart an Encyclopedia of Theology? No, of course not. Instead, He taught them humility and purity of heart, and then when they were ready, He sent down from His Father the Holy Spirit.

This humility and purity of heart, crowned by the Holy Spirit, is the key to understanding, it is Wisdom. This explains why, at times, very highly educated people are often the most unwise, responsible for terrible misfortunes and crimes against humanity. It is one thing to have instruction, but it is quite another to know how to use that instruction. This is the true meaning of wisdom. Wisdom is discernment or the ability to use aright information and knowledge. Wisdom trumps pride and welcomes humility. Pride blinds, but humility opens eyes. Pride makes the Holy Spirit flee, but humility draws the Holy Spirit like a magnet. That is why today we confess Faith of the Holy Spirit, Who brings Wisdom and Unity wherever there is humility and purity of heart. "Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts..."



Liturgical Services for This Week

MONDAY, JUNE 5

10:00 a.m. ~ **Monday of the Holy Spirit**

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 a.m. ~ **Moleben for the Consecration of Canada**

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of All Saints**

Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of All Saints**

Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak

Holy Cross Parish News & Events

Many thanks to Father Stepan Didur and Christopher Tennant for their time and effort this year to prepare our two candidates who received their First Communion last Sunday. *Щиро дякую!*



The **Holy Cross Golden Agers** would like to express their appreciation to the parishioners and friends who came out to help at their Pyrohy Making last Tuesday. It was a very good turnout and all went very well. Their next Pyrohy Making will take place on **Tuesday, September 26**. You may place an advance order for that event with Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) at any time.

Gravesite services for the **Feast of Pentecost** will be as follows: Sunday beginning at **2:00 p.m.** at the Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery (W. Arthur St.) for a joint memorial service for our pioneers, and then individual gravesites; **3:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick's/Mountainview Cemetery (Broadway Ave.); **Saturday, June 10** beginning at **10 a.m.** at St. Andrew's Cemetery (Oliver Road). Please contact Father Stepan if you wish to have a private service, or one at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Cabbage Roll Making will take place on **Tuesday, June 6** in the parish hall. Cabbage and filling preparation will begin at 10:00 a.m. and rolling will commence at 12:30 p.m. Those who can assist on that day are encouraged to come out. Advance orders are now **closed**. Any extra product will be on sale next Saturday and Sunday in the narthex ~ first come, first served.



Tickets for our parish's **50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** are currently available in the narthex after each Saturday/Sunday Divine Liturgy. Adults are \$25 each; children (10 years of age & under) are \$15 each. These prices will be in effect until **July 31** after which they will increase to \$30 for adults and \$20 for children, so get your tickets before that date at the lower rate. Last day to purchase them is **Sunday, September 3**.

Your Return Gift to God

MAY 27/28



Envelopes: \$1,286.⁰⁰
Initial Offering: \$20.⁰⁰
Vigil Candles: \$135.²⁵
Special Projects: \$50.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$62.³⁰

Thank you for your generosity!
Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for the month of May totalled \$251.³⁵ which will be donated to **Urban Abbey's Thrive Program**.

The Mission Collection for June is designated for **Thunder Bay Shelter House's 'SOS' (Street Outreach Services) Program**. The SOS Team is a highly trained and skilled team of compassionate people who are out on the road everyday from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily offering their services to homeless, inebriated, and high risk people in our community.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 11, 2017
12 noon (rain or shine)
Parish Grounds
Family, food, friends,
and fun in the sun
Everyone is invited!

Readings for the Sunday of All Saints
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33 - 12:2
Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

As you read, ask yourself the following, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?"

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ONLINE - Donations can now be accepted online through the Holy Cross website (www.holycrossbay.com/donate). Parishioners, family and friends can do so by setting up automatic weekly donations or by one-time donation. One-time donations can be made through any major credit card, while automatic donations require the use of a PayPal® account. All donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Andrea Warywoda at 629-6818. *Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish community!*

Holy Cross Golden Agers

Regular activities take place on Thursday afternoons beginning at 1:30 p.m. [doors open at 12:30 p.m.]. New members (55+) are always welcome.

Our annual picnic takes place **Thursday, June 15** at 1:00 p.m. starting with games and entertainment, followed by the usual picnic foods, and prize presentation. Members may bring one guest. Hope to see many there!

There will be a bus to Grand Portage next month. However, for this occasion, it will leave the church parking lot on **Monday, June 19** (instead of Wednesday evening) at 10:30 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. As usual, to book your seat, please contact Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805). This is a **free** service for everyone including non-members. ☺



St. George's Society

Members who are available to help with cabbage roll making on **Tuesday, June 6** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. are asked to come out.

Our next St. George's sponsored bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre will take place on the afternoon of **Friday, June 9**. Spread the word to family and friends to come and play.

Parish Picnic Committee Members are requested to contact **Picnic Chairman Murray Salomon** to receive the schedule and other instructions. Let's make this a great event again!

Tickets for our **Annual Dinner Meeting** on **June 22** are now available. See Michael Watral to purchase yours ~ \$20/member. Last day to buy them will be **Sunday, June 18**.

Love and Service to God since 1960!



News from Ukraine: Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, retired major archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, has died at the age of 84. Cardinal Husar, who headed the Ukrainian Catholic Church for 10 years, died May 31 after a serious illness, the Religious Information Service of Ukraine said on its website. Cardinal Husar's funeral will take place on June 5 in Kyiv. May the Lord grant eternal rest to His ever-to-be remembered servant, Cardinal †Lubomyr, and make his memory everlasting ~ Вічна йому пам'ять.

What's Happening in Thunder Bay...

Friends and Family Charity Bingo Night - Thursday, June 8 at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue at the 6:45 p.m. evening bingo session. Bring your family and friends where each patron will receive a ballot to fill in their name and charity (St. George's Society or your choice). All guest names supporting St. George's Society must be given to Michael Watral before the event date. You will then check in with Iris McCoy-Slango at the TapTix counter to receive your ballot. Each patron will also receive a complimentary coffee or soft drink. The more support, the more ballots! Draw takes place at 8:00 p.m.

Yard Sale, Open House and BBQ - The Catholic Family Development Centre invites everyone to join in a day of summer fun on **Saturday, June 10** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Centre, 380 Dufferin St. Check out its Facebook page for updates: Catholic Family Development Centre Thunder Bay. For more information, please call 345-7323.

Two Bit Auction - sponsored by the RC Legion Ladies Auxiliary Slovak Branch 129 on **Wednesday, June 14** at 7:00 p.m. at the Slovak Legion Hall, 801 Atlantic Avenue. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available at the door or by calling 623-3354, ext. 2. Featured baskets will be worth \$50 to \$100. Sandwiches, dainties and refreshments will be served.

Unyielding Words of Wisdom

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
Whom the Father will send in My Name,
will teach you everything and will remind you
of all that I have told you."

John 14: 26



IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY: If you missed it last year, here's your chance this coming week. The "Holodomor National Awareness Tour" Bus will be at Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate, 130 W. Churchill Dr., on **Thursday, June 8** for public viewing from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This state-of-the-art interactive mobile learning space seeks to engage and educate students and the public across Canada about the Holodomor. For more information about this important project, visit www.holodomortour.ca



A New Wind Blows: The Holy Spirit Has Come!

Today, we celebrate a special day called **Pentecost**. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent His Holy Spirit to the Church. The Bible tells us that the Apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, we can't see Him, but we can know that He is there, just like we can know that the wind is there.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear Him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20) We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know He is there because He speaks to our hearts.

Another way we can know that the Holy Spirit is there is that we can see Him moving people to do God's will. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves His people to speak and to do things for Him. (2 Peter 1:21) We can't see God, but we can see people doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved them to do.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel His presence. The Bible says, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4) The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us." We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know He is there because we can feel His presence in our lives.

Father, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. Even though we can't see Him, we are thankful that we can hear Him speak to our hearts, feel His presence in our daily lives, and see Him moving us to do Your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

"Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth,
Who are everywhere present and fill all things,
Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life,
Come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all
that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls."

Anthem of Pentecost

Mission Days: *From the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord to the Descent of the Holy Spirit*

Tenth Day: Pentecost Sunday (Descent of the Holy Spirit)

OUR MISSION: TO CARRY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO OTHERS

Word of God. On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified... Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Meditation. What a wonderful image of the Holy Spirit: a river of living water, which flows forth from those who believe in Christ. Whenever we see a river each one of us wants to stop and look at how its waters flow. We think about those downstream and how the waters bring life and joy to them. The Holy Spirit acts in a similar fashion through us and makes us God's instruments, so that we might bring life and joy to others. He gives us various gifts (see Is 11:2-3: wisdom, reason, counsel, strength, knowledge, devotion and fear of God), while we, in turn, are called to bring forth His fruit (see Gal 5:22-23: love, joy, 25 peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, self-control) for the growth of the Church of Christ. We can say that the Holy Spirit allows us the possibility to know Christ as the Light of the world, and leads us to a life in Christ. He makes each one of us a carrier of Divine grace, an apostle of Christ, a witness to His truth and a luminary of God's goodness. We can, therefore, conclude that the Lord calls us to an active Christian life. He invites us to boldly take responsibility upon ourselves and work to change society for the better, to transfigure our parishes, to better our lives in the light of the Good News. Jesus overcame the world (see Jn 16:33) and, having given us His Holy Spirit, He calls us to holiness and to witnessing His goodness and mercy. Let us not be afraid to share our gift of faith with others. Let us be assured of Christ's support, as He has not left us alone. Let us ask for inspiration from the Holy Spirit, so that we might do God's will in all.

Quotation-witness. "The Holy Spirit teaches us: He is the Interior Master. He guides us along the right path, through life's challenges. He teaches us the path, the way. In the early times of the Church, Christianity was called 'the way' (cf. Acts 9:2), and Jesus himself is the Way. The Holy Spirit teaches us to follow Him, to walk in His footprints. More than a master of doctrine, the Holy Spirit is a master of life." (Pope Francis, Pentecost 2014)

Prayer. Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You. (*Troparion for Pentecost*)

Missionary tasks. 1. *Personal/Family.* As we close these Mission Days let us look at the list of gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves: what gifts do I see in my family, what fruits have I brought over the past year.

2. *Parish.* Let us open our eyes to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our parish community. In planning our parish life let us focus on the fruits of the Holy Spirit we would like to bring forth.

3. *Beyond the parish.* Let us teach ourselves to see our personal behaviour and our entire life in the Christian community through the lens of mission: as an opportunity to bear witness to God's love and goodness before others.