

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ ~ СЛАВА НА БІЖИ! GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST ~ GLORY FOREVER!

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

WEATHER FORECAST

**GOD REIGNS
and the
SON SHINES
EXPECT
SHOWERS
OF
BLESSINGS!**



July 30, 2017 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Gospel: Matthew 14: 14-22

Troparia are found in **Tone 7, page 103** in the navy blue missals

August 6, 2017 ~ The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Epistle: 2 Peter 1: 10-19

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Troparia and special texts are found on the insert

Important Notice For All Parishioners!

Celebrating 50 Years
1967 2017



MONDAY, JULY 31 is the last day to buy tickets for our parish's **50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance** at the lower rate of \$25 each for adults and \$15 each for children (age 5 and up). Ticket prices for both will increase on **August 1** by \$5. The final day to purchase them will be **September 3**. Contact Linda Douglas at 577-2844 anytime to get yours.

For those who have already obtained theirs and would like to reserve places in advance, you may do so, but only if you have a complete table of **eight (8)** people. Please call Sherri Opaski at 767-0253 or email her at your earliest convenience at saopaski@gmail.com. Reservations for less than tables of 8 will be decided in the near future. *Thank you!* ☺

Liturgical Service Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

5:30 p.m. ~ **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 a.m. ~ **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

5:30 p.m. ~ **10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Joseph Myslicki

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

10:00 a.m. ~ **10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Denny Verdenik



FOCUS ON THE GOSPEL READINGS

The Gospel passage for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost is impossible to read and not think about the Holy Eucharist. On the physical level, Jesus miraculously fed a lot of hungry people, powerless to feed themselves. Now, they were not hopelessly powerless. They probably could have gone to the neighbouring towns and villages and gotten food. Most likely none would have actually starved. Their physical needs were real but could be met otherwise. However, their spiritual need for nourishment, the kind that both gives and enhances life, as opposed to the kind that satiates physical hunger pains, those needs could only be met by the “miracle,” who is Jesus.

For us Christians, Jesus comes into us through His Word as well as His Word-made-flesh, the Eucharist. And Christianity without the Eucharist is not enough — not enough delight, not enough feasting, and not enough joy to be able to respond to the abundance God lays out on His banquet table for us.

The following Sunday, we will see the Transfiguration scene as yet another step or stop along the way of revealing just who Jesus is. Besides being the Messiah, the Saviour, He is also God's Son. We, like the chosen disciples at the Transfiguration, glimpse His glory and feel His presence. We are not yet on the other side of that cloudy curtain, like Moses and Elijah, but we do get to peek in and to listen in, even though we do not understand the language of heaven yet. Even when the clouds return, however, the presence, the real presence remains. Though it cannot be seen with physical eyes, it can be heard. The clouds, results of sin, can block out our vision of God, but not our hearing of His voice. This voice, the Word of God, penetrates the clouds of human one-eyed perception and speaks through them, giving us verbally a vision we cannot see optically, but evoking a felt awareness of God.

- condensed and edited from sermons by Dr. Jerry Morrissey

Your Return Gift to God

JULY 15/16

Envelopes: \$1,412.⁰⁰
Vigil Lights: \$194.⁴⁰
Mission Collection: \$52.¹⁵
Special Projects: \$10.⁰⁰

JULY 22/23

Envelopes: \$1,580.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$79.⁷⁰
Special Projects: \$25.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for **July** is designated for the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay** serving children and youth between the ages of 4 and 14 for over 40 years.

Thunder Bay & District Humane Society has been chosen to receive the funds gathered from the Mission Collection for **August**. A financially independent non-profit organization, funded entirely by its own fundraising efforts, donations from the community, and adoption/bring-in fees, TBDHS is dedicated to providing care and shelter to animals in need.

Editor's Note: There was a printing error in the amounts for the **Mission** and **Special Projects Collections** for the weekend of **July 8/9**. The amounts were **\$41.⁶⁵** and **\$200.⁰⁰** respectively. Sorry for the mix-up. *MW*

DONATE TO HOLY CROSS PARISH ONLINE

FYI: Donations are being 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!

Parish News & Activities



We welcome **Samuel Joseph Topp**, son of James and Sylvie Topp, and great-grandson of Jean Zeleny and the late †Walter Zeleny, into our Christian family, who received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism in the Byzantine Rite on **July 23**. May the light of Christ shine over Samuel all the days of his life and grant Him and his family many happy years — *На многая літа!*

On the feast of the **Transfiguration of Our Lord** (August 6), which falls on Sunday this year, Father Stepan will traditionally bless the “first-fruits” of the season at the end of the Divine Liturgy. You are welcome to bring a basket filled with your own choice of fruit (Saturday evening or Sunday morning); a table will be set up by the altar for this purpose. The following week, on the feast of the **Dormition of the Mother of God** (Tuesday, August 15), Father Stepan will bless flowers. Again, you are welcome to bring a basket or bouquet of your own on that occasion. And bring *your children* along as well, and together, let us continue to cherish our beautiful traditions.

Words of Wisdom and Faith

“Jesus on the mountaintop unveiled a foretaste of heaven and glory. It broke the barrier between heaven and earth, for Jesus was the One who could belong to both at the same time.”

Sara Lowe from her book, *Healing: Finding Truth Among the Mysteries*

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY - A reminder to members to pick up a hard copy of the summer issue of *The Plentiful Harvester* in the narthex if you so desire.

Our next bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre will take place on **Friday, August 18** in the afternoon. Please speak with Gerry Bullock if you are able to serve on the date.

We need members for usher duty on Sundays in the month of **August**. Please volunteer your services if you available.



A reminder to all fishermen: Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to the following Committee members: *Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda, or Eugene Zdebiak*. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes. Tight lines and keep your tip up!

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS - Regular activities will resume on **Thursday, September 7th**. New members (55+) may join at that time — it's only \$10 per year & a lot of fun. For now, enjoy the summer with family and friends!

The next bus to Grand Portage will depart from the church parking lot on **Wednesday, August 16** at 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. Call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) to book your seat today. This is a **free** service. Everyone is welcome aboard!

The Golden Agers are also planning a trip to Winnipeg for **September 11-14, 2017** and are extending an invitation to parishioners to join them in order to help fill up the bus. See Peter Swerdlyk or George Rusnick for more information.



Congratulations to **Suzanne Chomycz**, daughter of Cheslan and Rosa Chomycz, and **Robyn Ibey**, daughter of Gordon and Susan Ibey, who successfully earned their doctoral degrees this past June. Suzanne received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Lakehead University at the June 3 ceremony, and Robyn earned her PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo at the June 13 ceremony. On behalf of our entire parish, we pray that you both find joy, happiness, and satisfaction in your new life paths. As you embark on this next chapter of your life, may our Lord God and Saviour continue to bless your daily work in your chosen fields, grant you long life, health and salvation and many happy and blessed years ~ *На многая літа!*

There will be a ‘celebration of life’ memorial luncheon for the departed servant of Christ †**Mathew Stefureak** on **Sunday, August 13** at 12 noon at the Valhalla Inn. Beverly and family cordially invite everyone from Holy Cross to stop by and share in food and fellowship in †Mat's honour.

St. George's Society presents its annual ‘**Corn Roast**’ to be held in our parish hall on **Saturday, September 2** at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available starting August 5 in the narthex before and after each Divine Liturgy. Delicious corn, sausages, salads, and desserts will be the featured fare; refreshments will be available for purchase as well. Hope to see many there!

The *power of prayer* is enormous. Please keep those members of our parish who are ill and shut-in in your daily devotions. Pray also for peace in our world.



Readings for the 10th & 11th Sundays after Pentecost (to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

10th Sunday

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16
Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-23

11th Sunday

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12
Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

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 evoke a richer understanding.

Local Events of Interest

Festa Italiana - **August 6 & 7** at the Italian Cultural Centre, 132 S. Algoma Street from 12 noon to 11 p.m. featuring music by national and local performers, Le Stelle Alpini Dancers, authentic Italian cuisine, cultural and art exhibits, children's activities, beer gardens and fireworks. Don't miss the 27th anniversary of Festa Italiana. *Benvenuti a tutti!*

CLE 2017 is coming! August 9 to 13, noon to midnight daily. Advance tickets on sale at all Metro stores until August 8. Check out the website www.cle.on.ca for more information. Come and help them celebrate 127 years!

New Season for Chaban Dancers - Registration is now open online for dancers 4 years and up (closes Thursday, August 31) at www.chabandance.com or you can register in-person on **Thursday, August 31** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian National Hall, 211 Robertson Street. No previous dance experience is necessary and you need not be Ukrainian - just have a passion for dance. For registration inquiries, email info@chabandance.com.





The Children's Corner will return in September.
Enjoy the summer, and always remember:
Keep Our Lord as the centre of your activities in July and August.

7 THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY

1 - LIVE and WORK to reach others each day as if you knew the world were going to come to an end next Sunday night. Think of that feeling of urgency and priority! (*Read 2 Peter 3:1-12*).

2 - BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC about the Church and its services as you would be if there were an overflowing crowd each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflow crowd!

3 - COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one as you pray in your corner. This will help you to be grateful (*Philippians 4:6*). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (*Acts 17:24-25,28; John 15:5*).

4 - MAKE & MAINTAIN A LIST OF YOUR FAULTS. And pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are really not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for our Saviour. It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (*James 5:16; Galatians 6:1*).

5 - KEEP A QUIET TIME. Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. If you really love someone, you want to spend some time with him/her. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. (*Psalms 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1*). First century Christians kept an "hour of prayer" (*Acts 13:1*).

6 - VISIT SOMEONE FOR CHRIST EACH WEEK. Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person; or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who needs to become a Christian.

7 - REACH ANOTHER PERSON (RAP). Conduct a Bible study in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends and neighbours to attend. The priest will assist you if you want him to. *Matt. 5:12-15; James 5:20; Daniel 12:3*. There are 168 hours in a week. Surely you can give God more than one hour each Saturday or Sunday.

~ Grover Stevens

*God gave us Earth's four changing seasons, and five senses to hold the reasons,
Why June, July and August are by far Nature's loveliest.*

The eighth month according to the Gregorian calendar is deceptive. Its heavy, lush greenery and often hot, humid days present a surface image of sleepy summer. But it is also majestic venerable because of its age.

August is the last full month of summer, the elderly matriarch in a seasonal family of other months. It is a month of endings, of putting finishing touches on a summer in full bloom. School-age children become restive. The activities that seemed so attractive in February have become dull and predictable. Some parents have become even more restrictive and long for the school routine to being all over again. They are delighted that soon the teachers will take over.

But to the produce gardener August signals the slow conclusion of another attempt to harvest vegetables worthy of the 'homegrown' label. He gets much joy and pleasure in reaping the backyard bounty of zucchini, tomatoes, yellow squash and early corn, onions and radishes. When picking, canning and freezing are completed, only a delightful eating remains. But while enjoying the pleasures of his own labour during the cold winter months, he will begin to plan, consult, and diagram for next year.

August is deceptive because there is no finality. There is only continuation. As one garden is being laid to rest another is already taking shape. For even as a bright-red sun sits briefly on a leafy-green hilltop, the beginnings of autumn are present everywhere.

The tired farmer, plodding homeward across the meadow, suddenly becomes aware of the plaintive, shrill complaint of the upland plover — that little bird known for its migratory journey to warmer climes. Its instinct tells it to seek more hospitable weather for the next six months.

Anyone who rises soon after the sun and stay outdoors when it has set, suddenly feels a slight chill in the morning and evening air. This is an early warning of the cold months to come. But those engrossed and excited by bird dogs, wood smoke, and fresh cider begin an impatient countdown to full-blown autumn. It isn't far away. Even as August is previewing autumn, its hot, humid days and cool nights remind us that, before we pass from the bright days of October to the early darkness of late November, the 'Indian Summer' of September is yet to come. This is August's gift to us. This is August's way of atoning for a month-long deception." Even so, August has something for everyone. August is a good month.



~ Reverend George C. Powell