



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



August 26, 2018 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1: 21-2:4 **Gospel:** Matthew 22: 2-14
Troparia are in **Tone 5** located on page 97 of the blue missals

Epistle Readers: (Saturday) Evelyn Poleschuk
(Sunday) Larissa Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers: (Saturday) Christopher Tennant
(Sunday) Stanley Myslicki

September 2, 2018 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15 **Gospel:** Matthew 22: 35-46
Troparia are in **Tone 6** located on page 101 of the blue missals

Epistle Readers: (Saturday) Gloria Sherban
(Sunday) Andrika Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers: (Saturday) Francis Puchalski
(Sunday) Murray Salomon

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

We extend our sincerest condolences to the Clavet family on the unexpected passing of their beloved †Ann on August 21 while at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. May the Lord accept the soul of his departed servant †Ann into His heavenly Kingdom, grant her eternal rest, and may her memory be everlasting ~ Вічна її пам'ять.



Are you a senior aged 55 years and up with nothing to do on a Thursday afternoon? Then Holy Cross Golden Agers invite you to come and join them. Their first gathering of the new year is on **Thursday, September 6** in our parish hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and activities begin at 1:30 p.m. Membership is just \$10/year and well worth it. Come check us out — you'll be glad you did. For more information, speak with any current member. And in case you haven't yet heard, they will be making pyrohy for sale (cooked and frozen) on **Tuesday, September 25**. If you wish to place an order in advance, or know someone who might like to, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) as soon as possible as the cut-off is approaching. *Thank you for your continued support!*

On **Sunday, September 9th**, after the Divine Liturgy, there will be a blessing of the children as they begin a new school year. Please bring your children and grandchildren to church for this event. All those attending college/university are also included.

All families of the parish are invited to attend our *Parish Praznyk*, a celebration of our parish feast day, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, on **Sunday, September 16th** at the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, followed by the traditional community meal in our parish hall. Donations of fresh produce will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers will be needed to make cabbage rolls, prepare the meal, set-up the hall and clean-up afterwards. More information will be provided in the September 9th bulletin. Let's all come together to make it happen cooperatively!



Please remember that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please remain consistent in your gifts. Your weekly offering is important to our financial well-being. *Thank you for your continued support and generosity throughout the summer. ☺*

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 11/12

Envelopes: \$1,130.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$89.¹⁵
Vigil Lights: \$208.²⁰
Special Projects: \$120.⁰⁰

AUGUST 18/19

Envelopes: \$1,095.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$32.⁷⁵
Vigil Lights: \$54.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity!
Щиро Вам дякуємо!

August's Mission Collection is designated for **Adult and Teen Challenge** of Thunder Bay. The total amount collected will be published in the September 9th bulletin.

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. Their core funding is aimed at fostering the health and development of children ages 6 and under.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 a.m. ~ Visitation with family
10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral services for the departed servant of Christ
†Ann Clavet

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (Beginning of the Church Year)

5:00 p.m. ~ **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. ~ **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Andrika Warywoda

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God**
5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

On the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, in Matthew 22:14 we read, "For many are called, but few are chosen." Is heaven like a selection process — being invited then chosen? Is being chosen also a process — accepting the invitation then wearing the right clothing? We go to church to learn about this. We must clothe ourselves with Christ (Romans 13:14). When we are baptized we put on Christ (Galatians 3:27). Salvation is only possible in Jesus Christ and those who ultimately refuse Him, refuse salvation. God invites us to the wedding of His Son. What is our response? Will we choose the right clothing? What are we doing with the opportunity God has placed before us? Let us accept God's invitation and those He sends with the message. Above all, let us wear the right clothing, putting on Jesus every day.



In the Gospel passage from the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, the Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus by asking their question in verse 36, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"... but Jesus was ready for them, because the Pharisees wanted Jesus to say that one commandment was greater than all the rest, and that way they could focus on keeping that one commandment, while paying lip service to the rest. Indeed, the Pharisees liked to demonstrate to their followers how holy they were, and at great lengths too. But their hearts were false, and Jesus could clearly see this, and this is what He was trying to get across to them — that their hearts were not pure, that they were rotten to the core, even though their outward actions were seen to be holy and pure. So transparent were they to Jesus that He wanted to expose them, and turn their wrong thinking or teaching around, and have them start to radiate love to their own people.

This is what Christianity is all about; it is about a process of turning us mere mortals, sinful human beings into God-like creatures, creatures who radiate His love, and who are ready to meet with Him in heaven one day.

- condensed from sermons by I. G. Spong and Gordon McCulloch

CITY AND AREA HAPPENINGS

Registration for the 2018/2019 Dance Season - Are you and/or your little one interested in joining our Chaban family for the 2018/2019 dance season? You can now register online at <http://registration.chabandance.com/register>. A one-time in-person registration date be held on **Thursday, August 30** from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian National Hall, 211 Robertson Street. Got questions? Feel free to contact us at info@chabandance.com anytime.

Zorya Ukrainian Dance Association - Registration for its 21st season takes place **Tuesday, August 28** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Zorya Dance Studio, 716 Pacific Avenue (St. Mary's Church Hall) or on **Thursday, September 6** - same time and venue. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Eric Hibbert at 629-4067, Alice Chony at 577-2100, or send an email to zorya@tbavtel.net. Visit the website at www.zorya.ca. Anyone interested in Ukrainian dance is welcome. Proud supporter of P.R.O. Kids.

Hymers Fall Fair - **Sunday, September 2** (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) & **Monday, September 3** (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.). Admission: \$7/adult; \$5/seniors; children (6-12 years) \$5, or \$1 with a zucchini or sunflower (which can be entered into contests on the Hilltop stage), and children (5 and under) are free. For more information and how to get there, visit www.hymersfair.com.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members (and parishioners)! We still could use a few more bodies for bingo. The next date for training and refresher training of volunteers is **Sunday, September 9** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue (beside Super 8 Hotel). Our next scheduled bingo is a matinée on **Monday, September 3**.

Our **Annual Golf Tournament & Steak Dinner** will take place on **Saturday, September 22** beginning at 4 p.m. at Chapples Golf Course. All members are cordially invited to come out and enjoy the fun in the sun. Please sign the list on the narthex bulletin board indicating your intentions.

Fishermen: please remember to submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to one of the Fish & Game Committee members Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak as you go along, so the standings can be updated on a regular basis. Good luck to all anglers, and be safe on the water.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

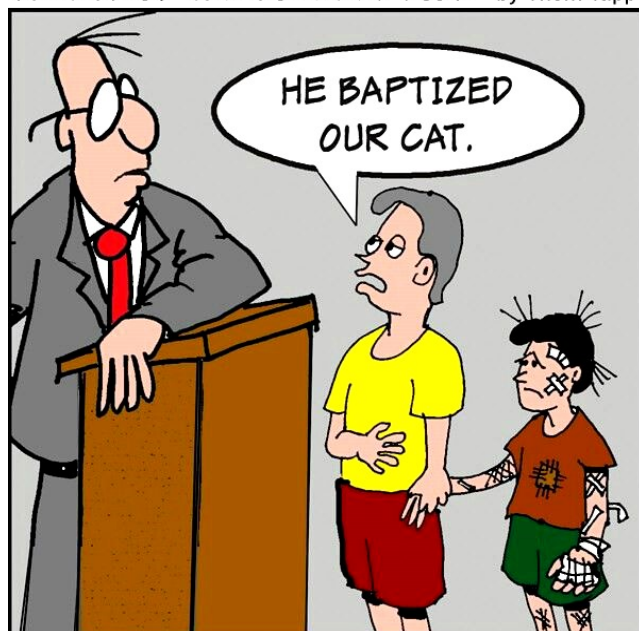
Our new social year begins on **Thursday, September 6**. Regular activities will start at 1:30 p.m. as usual; doors opened at 12:30 p.m. New members are always welcome and it's only \$10/year. **And please note:** due to the upcoming bus trip to Winnipeg, afternoon activities will be cancelled on **September 13**, but will resume on **September 20**. New members (55+) may join at that time — it's only \$10 per year & a lot of fun. You might even make new friends as well.

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), or know someone who might like to, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) now to guarantee product.

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

Sunday Smile

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



THE BUILDING IS NOT THE CHURCH

WHILE IT MAY BE TRUE that a particular building belongs to a specific church or denomination, the Bible never uses the word “church” to refer to a physical structure. The word “church” is translated from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which literally means, “to call out.” In the first century, this word referred to an assembly or a group of **people** - not to a building or any physical structure. In fact, the word itself doesn’t even have a religious significance in the original language. This can be seen in Acts 19:39, where *ekklesia* is used to refer to a civic assembly. We understand the word “church” to have religious significance because the Bible often uses it to refer to the “group of people” who have been “called out” of the world and now belong to Christ.

When Jesus promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18), He did not mean that He would construct a physical building, but that, based upon His identity as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16), He would establish a means of saving men which would set them aside from the sinful world.

There is a sense in which the church is a *spiritual* building. Paul told the Corinthian church that they were “God’s building” (1 Cor. 3:9). Together, saved individuals comprise a spiritual building. “You also, as living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5). Jesus Christ is the foundation (1 Cor. 3:11), the chief cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6), upon which this spiritual building is constructed. Every time a person is saved, another stone is added to the building, that is - another person is added to the church (Acts 2:47).



There is nothing wrong with us using pictures of our building or with placing a sign that reads “church” in front of our building. When we do so, we are not claiming that the building is “the Church,” nor are we placing undue attention upon our building. We are simply helping others identify the location of our assembly. However, it is unscriptural to refer to the building as “the Church.” The Church is the “called out” body of saved people.

by Heath Rogers – via *The Robison Reminder*, 20/07/08
(Edited by Michael Watral)

The Harvest is Near

By Deborah Ann Belka



The seed has been planted for every nation to hear,
The fields are now ready, the harvest is almost near.

The season is turning right, the time is drawing close,
Soon our Saviour will come, but the hour no one knows.

The Word has gone out, the desert rose is a bloom
In God’s heavenly mansion, there is still plenty of room.

The soil has been prepared, the sacrifice has been made
The time is running out for lost souls to be swayed.

The showers have increased, the outpouring is on the rise,
And the day Jesus comes will be twinkling in our eyes.

The message of hope continues, it will to the very end...
Still we don’t know how much longer the time God plans to extend!

*“But about that day and hour no one knows,
Neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”*

- Matthew 24:36