

Слава Ісусу Христу ~ Слава на віки! Glory be to Jesus Christ ~ Glory forever!



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

November 12, 2017 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
and Feast of the Holy Priest-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (†1623)

Epistle: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

See the bulletin insert for troparia and special texts for today

Focus on the GOSPEL

Evil spirits are powerful. They can be scary, but the truth is neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Sin, evil, wickedness, pain, lies, and deceit — these are the tools of the devil, designed to separate us from God. Jesus has the power to overcome, so whether your trial is sickness, suffering, sin, or spirits, Jesus has conquered them all. He and He alone offers life to all who will follow Him. Through the cross Jesus frees us from darkness and death and offers to fill us with the power and presence of God.

Your Return Gift to God

NOVEMBER 4/5

Envelopes: \$1,517.⁰⁰
Mission Fund: \$71.⁴⁵
Special Projects: \$185.⁰⁰
Church in Ukraine: \$155.⁰⁰



Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!



The Mission Collection for November is designated for **Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer**, a volunteer organization whose mandate is the provision of toys for children living in poverty and hampers for their families at Christmastime. For more information, visit the website at www.thunderbaychristmascheer.com.

DONATE TO HOLY CROSS PARISH ONLINE

Donations can also be made anytime online through the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosstbay.com/donate). Registered parishioners, family and friends can donate weekly or through one-time donations. All donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish Office. *Thank you for your generous contributions!*

The Coming Week's Liturgical Services

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. ~ **The Holy and All-Praiseworthy Apostle Philip**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00 a.m. ~ **The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5:00 p.m. ~ **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. ~ **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak



Biblical Words of Encouragement

"Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together."

 ~ Ephesians 4:3

Parish News and Events

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to **Mrs. Anna Soldan** on the occasion of her **90th** birthday on **November 11**. May the Lord continue to bless her with good health and salvation, and may He grant her many more happy and blessed years ~ Многая і благая літа!



On Sunday morning, following the Divine Liturgy, we invite everyone to come down to the parish hall for this year's final mini-luncheon/coffee hour. You are welcome to bring an item for the buffet or dessert table or both. Saturday worshippers are also welcome to join us as there'll be plenty to eat & drink and lots of good conversation.

St. Philip's Fast (Поступка or Advent in our rite) begins on **Wednesday, November 15**. During this time, candles on the Advent banner will be 'lit' each Wednesday to signify the different ways on which we can focus our spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who is represented by the centre candle "Emmanuel – God is with us".

This year's final Pyrohy Making Session will take place on **November 18, 19, & 20** (Sat-Sun-Mon), and the customary schedule and list of tasks will be followed. **Orders are now closed.** Everyone is encouraged to come out to help.

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Cheer project, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, facecloths, combs/brushes, anti-perspirant/deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, body wash, etc. to make up personal hygiene packages, as well as any Christmas mugs and candy to fill them. There is a box in the narthex that you can place your donated items in during November or you can give them directly to Sherry Opaski. If there are any questions please call Sherry at 767-0253.



LIVES OF THE SAINTS: HOLY AND ALL-PRAISEWORTHY APOSTLE PHILIP



The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) list Philip as one of the Apostles. The Gospel of John recounts Philip's calling as a disciple of Jesus. Philip is described as a disciple from the city of Bethsaida, and the evangelist connects him with Andrew and Peter, who were from the same town. He also was among those surrounding John the Baptist when the latter first pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. It was Philip who first introduced Nathanael (sometimes identified with Bartholomew) to Jesus. According to English bishop, theologian, apologist, and philosopher, Joseph Butler, Philip was among those attending the wedding at Cana.

Of the four Gospels, Philip figures most prominently in the Gospel of John. Jesus is asked by Philip on how to feed the 5,000 people. Later he appears as a link to the Greek community. Philip bore a Greek name, may have spoken Greek, and may have been known to the Greek pilgrims in Jerusalem. He advises Andrew that certain Greeks wish to meet Jesus, and together they inform Jesus of this (John 12:21). During the Last Supper, when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, he provides Jesus the opportunity to teach His disciples about the unity of the Father and the Son.

The Eastern Church (Catholic and Orthodox) celebrates St. Philip's feast day on November 14. The Nativity or Christmas Fast, often referred to as St. Philip's Fast or Pylypivka (*Пилипівка*) in Ukrainian, traditionally begins on the day following the Feast of St. Philip and lasts until December 24 inclusively. Like Great Lent, it is a time of preparation and repentance with fasting and abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving, and its purpose is to help us better appreciate our Christmas celebration.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular activities happen on Thursday afternoons in the parish hall starting at 1:30 p.m. (Doors open at 12:30 p.m.) New members (aged 55 and up) are welcome to join anytime. It's just \$10 per year and well worth the membership. Come check us out!

The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 15** and return @ 10 p.m. To book a seat, please contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) before that date. This is a **free** service. Everyone (18 years and up) is welcome aboard for the ride and the fun!

Readings for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

(November 19)

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



Epistle: Ephesians 2: 14-22

Gospel: Luke 8: 41-56

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Two-Bit Auction - Hosted by the St. Elizabeth CWL on **Sunday, November 12** at 1:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Church, corner of Sprague and Empire. Bring your quarters! Tickets (\$5) are available at the door. Everyone is welcome!

Candy Cane Christmas Tea and Bazaar - St. Patrick Cathedral will be holding its bazaar on **Sunday, November 19, 2017** from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Auditorium. There will be a tea room, penny auction, 50/50 draw, raffle (prizes of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500), bake table, used treasures table, crafts table, and children's table. For more information, please call Joleene at 622-2531.

Snowflake Tea - Hosted by the R.C.L. Ladies Auxiliary Slovak Legion Branch 129, 801 Atlantic Avenue on **Sunday, November 26** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$5 per person. Featuring fancy sandwiches and baking, cabbage rolls, perogies, meatballs and baking for sale.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Congratulations to **Maurice Zakrewski**, who, at last week-end's Fish and Game banquet, received this year's 'Master Angler' award. Way to go Maurice!

Our next bingo session at Superior Shores is a matinée on **Thursday, November 16**. Those who have agreed to volunteer for that event are reminded to be there no later than 12 noon in proper attire. ☺

The next bingo training session will take place at Superior Shores on **Sunday, November 19** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. We need a few more members to do so in order to expand our pool of volunteers. All parishioners are also welcome to take the training and help at bingos. *Thank you for your kind cooperation and support.*

Pyrohy Making will take place on **November 18, 19 & 20**. Orders are closed. Members are needed to help peel and prepare potatoes, make potato balls, process dough, pinch, boil, help package and clean-up. Your assistance will be appreciated. The usual schedule will be followed. If you have any questions, please contact Gord Ibey at 768-0942.

Our annual 'Grey Cup Meeting and Social' will take place on **Sunday, November 26** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and share in the food and festivities!

Sunday Smile



An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38! (*Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.*)

On hearing this, the burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman then calmly called the police, and when they arrived, innocently explained what she had done.

As an officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an ax and two 38s!"



Let Us Always Remember Jesus

On Saturday, we celebrated “Remembrance Day” in Canada. It is a time to remember all the brave men and women who went to war for our freedom, and to never forget their sacrifice for all of us today. We acknowledge the courage of those who served our country and we acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace that they fought hard to achieve. We **must** remember them.

Do **you** ever have trouble remembering things? Of course you do. Has your mother ever asked you, “Did you clean up your room?” and you said, “I forgot.” Or did she ask, “Did you take out the garbage like I told you to?” and again you replied, “I forgot.” Well, you’re not alone – even grown-ups are always forgetting something that they were supposed to do from time to time, and when we get older, it happens more often.

Being forgetful isn’t new. It has been around since just about the beginning of time. On the night Jesus was betrayed, He was eating with His disciples. He knew that He would soon

return to His Father in heaven. He wanted to make sure that His disciples would remember Him after He was gone, so He did something that would help them to remember. As they were eating, He took a piece of bread and He broke it and said, “This is My body which is broken for you. When you eat the bread, remember Me.” After they ate, He took a glass of wine and held it up and said, “This is My blood which is shed for you. When you drink it, remember Me.”

It has been almost 2000 years since that night and we still use that same way to remember Jesus. When we take Communion, it reminds us that Jesus suffered and died on the cross so that we might have life. As we receive Holy Eucharist today, and at every Divine Liturgy, we remember Him.

Let us pray: Dear Jesus, we remember You today. We remember that Your body was broken and Your blood was shed so that we might have life everlasting. Thank you.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

Question: "What are unclean spirits? Are unclean spirits demons?"

Answer: An unclean spirit is simply a New Testament synonym, a more descriptive Jewish term, for a demon. The terms *unclean spirit* and *demon* seem to be interchangeable in Scripture. There is no clear difference in their definitions. Some translations refer to them as “impure spirits.”

Throughout the New Testament, the term *unclean spirits* (*akathartos* in the Greek language) is mentioned over twenty times. Throughout those passages we read that unclean spirits can possess people and cause them sickness and harm (Matthew 10:1; 12:43; Mark 1:26; Luke 4:36; 6:18; Acts 5:16; 8:7), that they are searching for someone to possess if they are not currently possessing someone (Matthew 12:43), that some are more unclean or evil than others (Luke 11:26), that unclean spirits can interact with one another (Mark 5:1–20; Matthew 12:45), and that unclean spirits are under God’s authority and must submit to Him (Mark 1:27; 3:11; 5:8, 13).

An unclean spirit or demon is “unclean” in that it is wicked. Evil spirits are not only wicked themselves, but they delight in wickedness and promote wickedness in humans. They are spiritually polluted and impure, and they seek to contaminate all of God’s creation with their filth. Their foul, putrid nature is in direct contrast to the purity and incorruption of the Holy Spirit’s nature. When a person is defiled by an unclean spirit, he takes pleasure in corrupt thoughts and actions; when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, his thoughts and actions are heavenly.

Some people hold the idea that unclean spirits or demons are deceased humans who may or may not have been evil while alive. However, we know the unclean spirits mentioned in the Bible are not referring to the dead, for several reasons. One, humans are never called “spirits” when the word *spirit* is used as a stand-alone term, without a possessive. In Scripture, men are said to have a spirit/soul (saying “his spirit” in Proverbs 25:28 and 1 Corinthians 5:5), but men are not called “spirits.” Another reason is that, once a person dies, he immediately goes either to eternal life with the Lord or to eternal darkness in hell (Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:6–8; Matthew 25:46). Human spirits, therefore, do not and cannot wander on earth in their spirit bodies. Any unclean spirit that wanders around, taking up residence in places or people or interacting with people in any way, is a fallen angel—a demon (Matthew 12:4). All unclean spirits mentioned in Scripture are demons, and all demons are definitely unclean, unholy, impure, evil spirits doomed to an eternity in hell (Matthew 25:41).

Source: www.gotquestions.com