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Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста \* Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church

## October 4, 2020 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

## October 11, 2020 ~ Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Scripture Readings: Epistle: Hebrews 13: 7-16 Gospel: John 17: 1-13

### Parish News & Events

Our deepest condolences are extended to Marilyn Petrunka and family on the passing of her mother †**Josephine (Josie) Bodnar**, who fell asleep in the Lord suddenly on Saturday, September 26. Private funeral services took place this past week. May the Lord grant rest to the soul of His servant, †Josephine, in a place of light from which pain, sorrow, and mourning have fled, and may her memory be eternal.

On a recommendation from Parish Council, and with approval from Father Stepan, Divine Liturgy (Mass) on Saturdays at 5 p.m. will resume, **but will only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month**. This will be a trial basis only. The first date will be **October 10, 2020**. Help will therefore be needed (5-10 persons) after the service to clean/disinfect the church proper/washrooms in preparation for the next morning. ☺

Those who wish Father Stepan to make visits to the hospital or long-term care facilities are requested to place his name on their 'family list' (at the entrance of the facility), so that he can enter the building without impediment, especially in the case of an emergency. Please contact Father in advance if your loved one or another parishioner is nearing death, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for anointing.



As the weather gets colder, please remember the food hamper located in the narthex for non-perishable goods. No stale-dated food items, fresh fruit or produce please. Donations are delivered to St. Andrew's Dew Drop Inn.

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions placed on our parish halls, there will be **no** Hallowe'en Party for the children this year. Hope to see you all next year!

## Your Return Gift to God

*Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*

Due to a directive from the Chancery Office re: parish security issues, weekly collection numbers will no longer be published online.

*Thank you for your support and understanding!*

**Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!**

September Mission Collection will be sent to **PRO Kids**. October's Mission Collection is designated for **St. Andrew's "Dew Drop Inn" Soup Kitchen**.

*As You Celebrate Thanksgiving Day...*

*Thank God  
for what you have  
Trust God  
for what you need*



## LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

5 p.m. ~ **Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

10 a.m. ~ **Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

10 a.m. ~ **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

5 p.m. ~ **Feast of Christ the King**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

10 a.m. ~ **Christ the King Sunday**



Those who are able to help with ushering/entry/cleaning protocols are requested to speak with Father Stepan.



### 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**I**n the Gospel for this Sunday, Simon Peter had this profound conversion prompted by the astonishment at the catch of fish they had made, and he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). But, Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid, for now on, you will be fishers of men." So, Simon is **called, cleansed, and commissioned** to catch people. He becomes the eventual leader of all Christians, the first pope.

### SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

**S**t. John records that Jesus, at the Last Supper, prayed, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You." And part of that glory is that the Father's Word and mission have been successfully given to the Church. The Church continues the mission of Jesus Christ as one Body and is able to do so because of the prayer of that same Christ, "Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

*~ from sermons by Paul Andrew and W. Pat Cunningham*



## ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The fall issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** is now ready and will be electronically sent to those who have given us their e-mail addresses. Hard copies will also be available. Call Michael Watral or send him an email and he'll be glad to drop one off to you. Let's continue to stay connected!



The Executive met to discuss how to proceed forward until the end of the calendar year. As a result, the following decisions were made: 1) The annual Corporate Communion & Breakfast meeting on **Sunday, October 25** will go ahead. Members will be contacted to confirm their commitment as the venue has already been booked; 2) The Fish & Game Banquet in the parish hall, set for **Saturday, November 7**, is also tentative; 4) There will be no pyrohy making in November; 4) The CFL is not running this season, therefore will be **no** Grey Cup Meeting. However, if a meeting will be allowed and/or necessary, it may take place in the parish hall tentatively on **Sunday, November 29** (Time TBA).

Fisherman: remember to submit your weigh-in slips to any Fish and Game Committee member as soon as possible so that the Board can be updated regularly.

*Celebrating 60 years of Love and Service to God  
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## HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** All regular afternoon activities are cancelled until the new year (February 2021) — including pyrohy making. Members will be contacted in November with an update as changes are happening from day to day. Until we are allowed to gather again, stay safe and healthy. Wear a mask in public, wash your hands regularly, and practice social distancing wherever and whenever necessary.

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

### READINGS FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday (October 18)      Christ the King (Oct. 25)**

**Galatians 1: 11-19**

How Paul Became an Apostle

**Colossians 1: 12-20**

The Person and Work of Christ

**Luke 7: 11-16**

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

**John 18: 33-37**

Jesus is Brought before Pilate

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.

## The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of goldenrod and field asters, the flowers that are called the stars of autumn. It is also the month of roses - spiritual roses with which we lovingly crown the Queen of Heaven. In other words, it is the month of the Most Holy Rosary, that beautiful prayer in which we meditate on the chief events of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.



In the *Joyful Mysteries* we think of Jesus' becoming Man and giving Himself up to Mary's care. In the *Sorrowful Mysteries* we dwell on the price Our Saviour paid to free us from guilt of sin. The *Glorious Mysteries* remind us of heaven, our eternal home, where Jesus went to prepare a place for us. If we say the Rosary faithfully and with devotion, we endear ourselves to Our Lady.

By meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary, we are inspired to follow their holy example. We learn to be humble, obedient, and pure; to love everyone; to be patient in time of sorrow. We learn too, to hope in the promises of Our Lord and to will for ourselves only what God wills.

Let us, in the month of October, recite the Rosary frequently, at least once each day. When we say the Rosary, we make our Guardian Angel very happy, for he knows how Mary rewards those who honour her as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.

### Autumn Prayer

Spirit of Life, be with us this autumn.  
Just as the trees and nights are changing,  
so too are our lives shifting.  
Some among us are grieving.  
We grieve for loved ones and for parts of our own hearts  
that do not fit us any longer.  
We mourn the green leaves and the summer birds,  
and we mourn the dreams we had that are dying.

Spirit of Life, do not let us be empty this autumn.  
Remind us of the life that will flourish come spring,  
and help us to hold space for the loss that comes first.  
We cannot resurrect ourselves  
without letting something in ourselves die.  
May we gently guard those tender empty places,  
and may all the great love of the universe  
press against our raw edges and our sorrow.

Spirit of Life, hold us in this season of dying.  
Hold us in the chill October wind  
and among the branches scraped clean  
and in the swirling center of migration.  
May we close our shutters but not our hearts,  
and may we gather by the hearth in communion,  
that we might manage to fill one another  
with the warmth to make it through the winter.

Blessed be.

—Jess Reynolds

## COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Slovak Legion Take-Out/Curbside Pick-up** - Every Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 for more information. A different meal is featured every week. Visit [www.slovaklegion.com](http://www.slovaklegion.com) for more information.

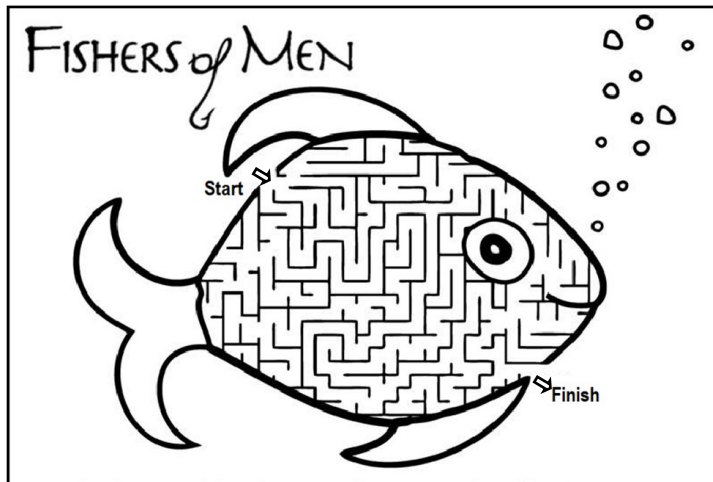
**Columbus Centre Spaghetti Takeout** - Thursday, October 8 and 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Containers not required. All orders are prepackaged. Spaghetti and 6 Meatballs: \$13; Meatballs (10) in sauce: \$13; Roasted chicken thighs (2 pc.): \$3; Perogies (1 doz.): \$6; Spaghetti sauce (1L): \$10; Tossed salad: \$3.75. Debit or credit only. Large quantities, please pre-order. Call 623-3252 and leave a message.





# We All Can Be "Fishers of Men!"

In today's Bible story, several of the Jesus' disciples were out fishing and not having much luck when He 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? Well, did you know that Jesus loves you? Aha, you've been caught! Did you know that we have a group at our church for men -- St. George's Society -- where they can meet, discuss ways of helping our parish, and become friends? They've been caught! (Call on third child) Did you know there is an opportunity for your grandparents to meet every week (but not during COVID-19), enjoying each others' company and having fun? They've been caught, too!

How did all these people get caught? God has given us a wonderful net, our church. We can invite people to Divine Liturgy (Mass), meetings, fundraising events, 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 programmes, people who pray for our church, our leaders and our programmes, we need those who tithe and give financially to the church to pay for all the wonderful programs. 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 all us - young and old -- "Fishers of Men".

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