

Слава Ісусу Христу ~ Слава на віки! Glory be to Jesus Christ ~ Glory forever!
Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!
~ May your participation in today's Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful ~



Sunday, March 1, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 24-26; 32-40; 12: 1-2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak



Eucharistic Ministers

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Holy Cross Parish News and Activities

Our next after-liturgy coffee/luncheon hour will take place on **Sunday, March 22** at which time a representative from the **Our Hearts at Home** cardiovascular campaign will be present to speak about this important surgical program. More info to come...

Lenten Mission

Msgr. P. Stilla of St. Patrick's Cathedral will once again lead us in a Lenten Mission, to be held at our parish on **March 24, 25 & 26 at 6:30 p.m.** You are encouraged to attend as many days as possible. As in the past, let us welcome Father Pat with open arms. The sessions will begin in the church and then continue in the parish hall. A light snack and refreshments will be provided, but if so desired, you may bring an item (cake, cookies, squares, etc.) to share. ☺

FYI: Online donations are an easy way for parishioners to donate, especially for those who cannot make it to church each week due to various reasons and circumstances, but allow the church to reap the benefits on a continuous basis (many other churches in our city have this in place as well). On our parish website (www.holycrossbay.com) you can click on the **DONATE** button and through PayPal® you can choose to make a one-time donation or to donate weekly – which means you are supporting **YOUR** church even when you cannot attend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our bookkeeper Michele at the Parish Office.

Help us keep our church tidy. Place all blue liturgy books (missals) into the book holders at the end of the each service, return all special tropar inserts to the entrance, and please do **not** leave the weekly bulletin, calendars or other publications in the pews, but rather take them home to put on your fridge or bulletin board so you can stay 'in the know.' *Thank you very much! Щиро дякую!*

"The time of Lent opens for us the way to Heaven. Let us walk it together, growing in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Let me remind you about the obligation to partake in this blessed time in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. May Lent grant us with the renewal of the spiritual life, the awakening of the Christian zeal and love of God and neighbour in all our parish communities!"

~ Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk

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.

FEBRUARY 22/23

Envelopes and Loose: \$1,535.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$82.¹⁵
Initial Offering: \$20.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$570.⁰⁰
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$5.⁰⁰



This Week's Liturgical Services

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 a.m. ~ **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** followed by Panakhyda for the deceased

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 a.m. ~ For the soul of †**Anna Soldan** (1st year)
Offered by the family

5:00 p.m. ~ **Second Sunday of Great Lent**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 a.m. ~ **Second Sunday of Great Lent**
(DST) Epistle Reader: Andrika Warywoda
Eucharistic Minister: Stanley Myslicki

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!

Our sincerest appreciation is extended to the **Holy Cross Golden Agers** for their donation of **\$500.⁰⁰** to the parish Special Projects account (reflected in the collection figures). May God continue to bless you all with good health, happiness and many more happy years ~ Многая літа!

The Mission Collection from **January to June 2020** is for the TBRHSC "**Our Hearts at Home**" cardiovascular campaign. The running total so far is **\$776.⁹⁰**. If desired, parishioners can make a larger donation to this cause and get a receipt from the parish.

Please pick up your 2019 Income Tax Donation receipt and envelopes from the narthex table if you have not yet done so.



Thank God for fig trees! Thank God that we are allowed to all sit under our own fig trees, because through them we are brought to our own personal realization concerning whom Jesus is and what He means to us in our lives. Through the spiritual fig trees, you are better able to, "...continue to work out your salvation with love and fearful respect," – what a powerful revelation! We are now able to see greater things. Now we can approach God and enter heaven through Jesus Christ; now we have a constant communication with God because hereafter we shall see the very heavens open up, with angels ascending and descending. And it is all because of the blessed privilege of sitting under our fig tree and being confronted by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Spencer Miller

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular Thursday afternoon activities start at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon), and new members are still welcome to come and join us. Membership is only \$10/year and well worth it. Come check us out!



The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, March 18** @ 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10:00 p.m. To book your free seat, call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805). There's plenty of room for friends and acquaintances, and it's always a fun evening out!

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Palliative Care Volunteers Needed - Hospice Northwest is seeking volunteers who will support individuals living with dementia and to be compassionate listeners for persons grieving the loss of a loved one. The deadline for applications is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. For more information, call 626-5570, or visit the website at www.hospicenorthwest.ca or via email at mailthomas@hospicenorthwest.ca.

K of C Shrimp Feast - **Saturday, March 7** at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$26/person, which includes one pound of golden shrimp, home fries, coleslaw, hot vegetable, bread, cheesecake & coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Tickets are limited and **must** be purchased in advance. Call Rosie at 623-3252 (Mon-Fri. during business hours) to reserve your tickets by phone.



Pysanky Workshop - **Saturday, March 14** at the 'Ukrainian Home', 211 Robertson Street. Choose one of two sessions this year: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **or** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have never tried doing this before, don't worry. Experienced instructors will guide you through all the steps of transforming a plain egg into a beautiful work of art. Cost is \$30 per person which includes materials, along with snacks and refreshments (\$25 if you have your own stylus/kistka). To pre-register, call or text Kyle at 629-3969. Limited seating, so book early. Come try your hand at this 'egg-citing' workshop!

For more listings of local events of interest, check out the calendars at www.calendar.thunderbay.ca on a regular basis.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The date and time for our next monthly meeting is **Sunday, March 1** at 7:00 p.m. (note the time) in our parish hall. New members are welcome to join our ranks at that time.

The next bingo training session will take place on **Sunday, March 8** at 4:00 p.m. at Superior Shores. Our next scheduled bingo is **Wednesday, March 18** at 12 noon. Please let our Volunteer Coordinator Gerry Bullock know if you wish to attend the training and/or can volunteer at the next session.



*Celebrating 60 years of Love and Service to God
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Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 8** at 2:00 a.m.

*God of sleep and God of slumber
Help us not be late we ask:
Changing clocks one forward number
May we not forget this task,
Choir directors, preachers, teachers,
All will bless Your holy name,
If to Sunday church on time we came.*

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Now that the ushers have locked all the doors, my sermon topic today is tithing..."

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Hebrews 1: 10 - 2:3

The Greatness of God's Son and the Great Salvation

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

Jesus Helps a Paralyzed Man

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.



Come and See: Telling Others About Jesus

Did you know that in the Bible some of twelve disciples came to Jesus through their friends? Philip was called to be a disciple by Jesus Himself. But his friend Nathaniel came to Jesus through Philip. Philip was so excited about meeting and following Jesus that he ran to tell one of his friends. Nathaniel ended up becoming one of the twelve disciples, living and travelling with Jesus as He shared of God's love.



Jesus could have gone to Nathaniel Himself, but instead He had Philip bring Nathaniel to Him. Jesus wants us to tell others about His love and forgiveness, and the opportunity to live with him forever in heaven. Just like Philip and Nathaniel, Jesus chooses *US* to be His messenger, and bring people to God.

It can be scary to tell people about Jesus. You never know what they might think! What if they say something mean, or stop spending time with you? No one wants that to happen. But do you know what? It's totally worth it! How amazing would it be to be able to help someone else get to know Jesus and spend eternity with Him in heaven!

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