



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



July 29, 2018 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16 **Gospel:** Matthew 17: 14-23
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Epistle Readers: (Saturday) Gloria Sherban
(Sunday) Tanner Mills

Eucharistic Ministers: (Saturday) Linda Douglas
(Sunday) Christopher Tennant

August 5, 2018 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 **Gospel:** Matthew 18: 23-35
Troparia are in **Tone 2, page 91** in the blue missals

Epistle Readers: (Saturday) Michael Watral
(Sunday) Larissa Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers: (Saturday) Francis Puchalski
(Sunday) Stanley Myslicki



In the Gospel reading for the 10th Sunday, Jesus tells us that the strength of our faith determines our ability to overcome evil. Christ teaches us that our faith, however small it may be, is very much alive, very active and powerful! He compares the growth of our faith to the raising of a tiny mustard seed. When we plant and nurture that tiny seed, it will produce a tree so tall that the birds of the air will be able to nest in it. That is how our faith must grow and develop. We must never allow it to lie dormant after we have planted it. Christ tells us if we keep it alive and nurture it, we can move mountains with that same faith.

Jesus, however, was not talking about being able to physically move mountains, but rather the many sins that we amass in our lifetime. These can grow to mountainous size if we don't do something about them. If we have faith in God, we can very easily make those mountains move into the abyss of refuse. Through confession, reconciliation, and partaking of the Holy Eucharist, we are able to break down these cold and dark mountains of sin and pride, and remove the barriers that keep us separated from God.

In the parable of the unforgiving servant from the Gospel of St. Matthew on the 11th Sunday, Jesus narrates the story of a servant who was forgiven a debt he could never repay. It was purely an act of grace as the servant did not deserve the King's forgiveness. When the servant forgot how he had been forgiven and failed to forgive his fellow servant, the king had him jailed for a debt he could repay.

Forgiving one another pleases God and gives us access to His presence and blessings. When we value the sacrifice Christ made for our forgiveness, we cannot help but forgive. It is very easy to forgive if we know how much we have been forgiven. God has forgiven us all our past, present and future sins. Forgiving one another attracts the favour of God. It is proof that we are His beloved children who are always ready to do what is pleasing to our Father. Forgiving one another proves that we are righteous with the righteousness of Christ. This righteousness compels us to forgive as we enjoy the blessings of God.

~ condensed from sermons by Michael Tkachuk and William Baeta

The Best Recipe Ever

*Prepare one cup of love, two cups of trust,
three cups of forgiveness, four quarts of faith,
and one barrel of laughter. Take love and trust
and mix them thoroughly with faith;
blend with tenderness, kindness and understanding.
Add friendship and hope. Sprinkle abundantly
with laughter. Bake it with sunshine.
Wrap it regularly with lots of hugs. ♥*

LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00 p.m. ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 a.m. ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

11:30 a.m. ~ Sinfield Baptism

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 a.m. ~ **Transfiguration of Our Lord**
Fruit will be blessed after Liturgy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 a.m. ~ For the repose of the soul of the servant of God, †**Bohdan Zinko**
Offered by **Ludmila Shnitsar**

5:00 p.m. ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost and
Post-feast of the Transfiguration
Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

10:00 a.m. ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost and
Post-feast of the Transfiguration
Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda

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.

JULY 14/15

Envelopes: \$735.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$83.⁵⁰
Special Projects: \$45.⁰⁰

JULY 21/22

Envelopes: \$1,227.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$53.⁵⁰
Special Projects: \$20.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity!
Щупо Вам дякуємо!

July's Mission Collection is for **Roots to Harvest**.

Please remember: Our parish depends on your regular financial support during the summer months even when you are on vacation or cannot attend liturgy. This is easy to do by submitting post-dated cheques or donating online using our parish website. May God reward your continued and generous support! ☺

Parish News and Summer Events

Many thanks to the parishioners and guests who brought items for the buffet table for the post-liturgy luncheon on Sunday, July 22, as well as those who helped prepare and clean-up afterwards. It was nice, once again, to gather together and share food (the holubtsi and 'studenets' were delicious!) and conversation. God bless you all!



We welcome into our Christian family **Griffyn Roger Donald Sinfield** who will receive the Holy Sacrament of Baptism in the Byzantine Rite on **August 5**. May the light of Christ shine over him all the days of his life, and God grant him and his family many happy & blessed years ~ Многая і благая літа!

Many thanks to **Sophie Kozyra** for her time and care used to mend one of the phelons (chasubles) used by Father Stepan at services. It looks brand new ~ Дякую!



On the feast of the **Transfiguration of Our Lord** (Monday, August 6), 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 to be blessed and shared — this includes tomatoes, peppers, etc. also! Remember to bring along *your children and/or grandchildren* as well to witness this event, and together, let us continue to cherish the beautiful traditions of our Byzantine Rite.

St. George's Society presents its annual '**Corn Roast**' on **Saturday, August 25** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please note that this event is being held one week earlier than usual. Tickets are \$10 per person and now available for purchase before and after liturgy or by contacting Michael Watral. And if you have any door prizes to donate, please speak with Michael Watral to arrange for pick-up or you may bring them to him at the church any Saturday or Sunday before August 20. We hope to see many there!

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

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! No previous dance experience is necessary and you need not be Ukrainian - just have a passion for dance! Link for registration: <http://registration.chabandance.com/register>. One in-person registration date will be held on **Thursday, August 30** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian National Hall, 211 Robertson Street. Got questions? Feel free to contact us at info@chabandance.com anytime.



Festa Italiana - **August 5 & 6** at the Italian Cultural Centre, 132 S. Algoma Street from 12:00 noon to 11:00 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 28th anniversary of Festa Italiana. *Benvenuti!*

CLE 2018 is coming! **August 8 to 12**, noon to midnight daily. Advance tickets on sale at all Metro stores until August 7. Check out the website www.cle.on.ca for more information. Come cheer for its 128th year!



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@tbaytel.net. Visit the website at www.zorya.ca. Anyone interested in Ukrainian dance is welcome. Proud supporter of P.R.O. Kids.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The latest issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** is now available. Pick up your copy in the narthex or check your email this week for the online version.

Attention members (and parishioners)! We still could use a few more bodies for bingo. Training and retraining of volunteers in the summer is now combined, and the next date is **Sunday, August 19** from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue (beside the Super 8 Hotel). Our next scheduled bingo is a matinee on **Thursday, August 23**. More bingo news is in The Harvester.

Fishermen: remember to submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to one of the Committee members: Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda or Eugene Zdebiak as you go along, so the standings can be updated on a regular basis. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes. *Tight lines and safe boating to all!*

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

On **Wednesday, August 15**, the next bus to Grand Portage will leave our church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. To book your spot, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) sometime soon. Remember: this is a **free** service for everyone including non-members 18 years and up with valid passports. Come join us for a relaxing ride and some gripping gaming!

Our trip to Winnipeg this **September 10 to 13** is definitely happening! The bus is now filled to capacity, but if you wish to be placed on the 'waiting list', please contact George Rusnick (577-3361) soon. He will take your name and call you if a spot (or spots) open up between now and September, as well as answer any questions you may have.

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

Seasonal Church Signs





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.

The Meaning and Importance of the Transfiguration



Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the “inner circle” of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God’s voice from heaven – “Listen to Him!” - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One Who is the new and living way is replacing the old – He is the fulfillment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. Also, in His glorified form they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, “We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only” (John 1:14). Peter also wrote of it, “We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18). Those who witnessed the Transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries.

Source: www.gotquestions.org

An Atheists' View on Life

I will live my life according to these beliefs.
God does not exist
It is just foolish to think
That there is a God with a cosmic plan
That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing to the pain and suffering in the world
Is a comforting thought, however
It
Is only wishful thinking
People can do as they please without eternal consequences
The idea that
I am deserving of Hell
Because of sin
Is a lie to make me a slave to those in power.
“The more you have, the happier you will be.”
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
In a world with no God
There is freedom to be who I want to be
But with God
Everything is fine
It is ridiculous to think
I am lost and in need of saving.

A Christian's View on Life

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