

Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!



Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

We extend a warm "Happy Easter!" to all our parishioners, their families, and guests on this glorious feast day of the Resurrection, and pray that your participation in the Easter Divine Liturgy will be enriching, meaningful and truly special for you.

April 21, 2019 ~ The Glorious and Holy Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: John 1: 1-17

Troparia and special texts are located starting on **page 1** of the **white Easter season booklets**

Epistle Reader

Brett Glenna



Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Ann Lysak & Stanley Myslicki



In today's Gospel, we hear of the seven truths about the Word: 1) the Word is **Eternal**. John is making a deliberate reference to Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning..." He wanted his readers to know that the Word was with them now as well; 2) the Word is **Personality**. The Word is a personal being, present with God in the beginning. There was a relationship with the Word and God; 3) the Word is **Deity**. John writes, "...and the Word was God." Here John is making a distinction between two beings, which is part of the mystery of the unity with the Godhead; 4) the Word is **Creating**. It was the Word who created all things and John affirms that the Word is the creator because "all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being"; 5) the Word is **Animating**. Verse 4 says, "In him was life." The Word, the second person of the Godhead, has life in himself, is the one who creates life, and there is no life apart from the Word; 6) the Word is **Revealing**. The Word not only gives life, but gives light too. The Word guides his creatures by the light of his truth into a right relationship with himself; and 7) the Word is **Incarnate**. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John is intentionally helping his readers understand that God was dwelling physically among them once again, in the person of Jesus. Thus, John establishes the point at which he was aiming throughout the passage: the Son of God *is* the Word of God. The Word's ultimate purpose was to die in order to purchase salvation for sinners. He did so, and God accepted his sacrifice by raising him from the dead.

~ from a sermon by Freddy Fritz

LITURGICAL SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK & ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 22

10:00 a.m. ~ Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. ~ Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
(and Feast of St. George, the Great-martyr)

7:30 p.m. ~ Panakhyda Service

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral services for the departed servant of God
†**Mary Fiala**; lunch to follow in the parish hall

BRIGHT THURSDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 a.m. ~ For the repose of the departed servant of Christ
†**Aniela Trusz** (one year)
Offered by Walter and Marika Warywoda and family

BRIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 26

10:00 a.m. ~ For the repose of the departed servant of Christ
†**Stephanie Kravetz**
Offered by Garry and Elsie Caron

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of St. Thomas**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of St. Thomas**
Epistle Reader: Christopher Tennant
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

Parish News and Events



We extend our deepest condolences to the Fiala family on the passing of their beloved †**Mary** on April 16. May the Risen Lord accept His servant †**Mary** into His heavenly kingdom, number her among the just, grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, and make her memory everlasting ~ вічна її пам'ять.

Our parish Easter Dinner (Свячене) will take place **Sunday, April 28** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Help will be needed to set up the hall on Thursday evening, make cabbage rolls Friday morning (10:30 a.m.), and prepare and serve the meal, and clean up on both Saturday and Sunday. If you are able to lend a hand, please sign the sheet in the narthex, or speak with kitchen lead Dr. Larry Watral, or hall lead Susan Ibey in advance. *Let's all work with each other to have another delicious and communal Easter dinner!*



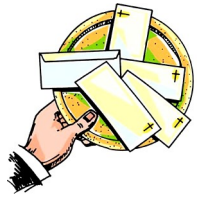
Applications for St. George's Scholarships are available in the narthex. All potential high school graduates who are parishioners of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church, are encouraged to apply.

The deadline is **Friday, May 3, 2019**. The completed application should be submitted to the Parish Office no later than that date. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Patrick Opaski, Scholarship Chairman, at 767-0253 or email him at pmopaski@gmail.com.

A reminder to all that the Holy Cross Golden Agers will have their pyrohy making on **Tuesday, June 4**. You may put in a standing order with Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) anytime. *Thank you for your support!*

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.



APRIL 13/14

Envelopes: \$2,150.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$95.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$77.⁹⁵
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$80.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

April's Mission Collection is designated for the **Thunder Bay and District Humane Society**, a 100% not-for-profit established as a corporation in 1994 and an affiliate of the Ontario SPCA that does not receive any government funding, but rather relies solely on donations, fundraising and adoption income. Visit www.tbhdhs.ca for more information.

Readings for St. Thomas Sunday

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



Epistle: Acts 5: 12-20

(Miracles and Wonders, and Persecution)

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

(Jesus Appears to His Disciples)

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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Conductor's Playlist - Join the Lakehead Choral Group this **Wednesday, April 24** for its annual concert celebrating their conductor's 25th year at the podium at **7:30 p.m.** at **St. Agnes R.C. Church** (corner of Brown and Mary Sts.). Adults: \$20; Students: \$10. Speak with LCG member Susan Soldan to get your tickets for this musical occasion!

Support Ukrainian Culture - Chaban Ukrainian Dancers present "**Vasyl and the Varenyky Factory**" ~ their annual concert at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. An evening of colour, energy and traditional music! To get your tickets, visit the Box Office, call (807) 684-4444, or order online at www.tbca.com.



Blue Mass - St. Patrick Cathedral will be celebrating a 'Blue Mass' on **Sunday, April 28, 2019** at 1:00 p.m. to show support and appreciation of the Thunder Bay First Responders. Invited to this Mass are members of the Thunder Bay Police Services, O.P.P., R.C.M.P., Anishinabek Police Services, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and Superior North Emergency Medical Services. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

Travel the World in 48 hours! - Thunder Bay Multicultural Association's 46th annual "**Folklore Festival**" on **Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5** at the FW Gardens & Curling Club. Tantalizing international foods, imported wines & beers, incredible entertainment, 'shop-the-world' booths, an activity-packed Children's Area with all free activities, beautiful exhibits & displays, and local artists on site await you. Adults: \$5; Seniors/Students: \$3; Children (4-12): \$1, and those 4 and under: free. Win a fabulous "stay-cation" for 4 courtesy of Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre. Check out the poster on the narthex bulletin board or visit the website at www.folklorefestival.ca for more info.

Fantastic entertainment on Mother's Day weekend! - Zorya Ukrainian Dance Association presents its 21st annual concert "**Podorozh**" on **Saturday, May 11** at 7:00 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Zorya Dancers will be travelling to Ukraine in August 2019. At this concert, they will take the audience on a trip through Ukraine. Join them as they will be on the road again." Tickets available in person at the TBCA Box Office or call 684-4444 or order yours online at www.tbca.com.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention all members! There will be no monthly meeting in April; our next one will be on **Sunday, May 26** at **7 p.m.** Help will be needed later this week to prepare for the Parish Easter Dinner (**April 28**), and early next month for the annual Mother's Day Breakfast (**May 12**).

Our next bingo session is a matinée on **Monday, May 20**. Those who have agreed to volunteer on that date should be at the hall no later than 12 noon in proper attire.

The next two training dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.



All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (it's only an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock, our volunteer coordinator so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.

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HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular activities will resume on **Thursday, April 25** with our monthly meeting preceded by a mini darts tournament at 12 noon. Coffee/tea and snacks will be served before the entertainment. New members are still welcome to join. ☺

Orders for our Spring Pyrohy Making session on **Tuesday, June 4** can be placed anytime. Contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 to get your name of the list. The price is \$6 per dozen (for cooked or raw frozen). Help spread the word!

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

Words of Truth and Wisdom

"He is risen!"

*Three words that can wipe away
all the loss and grief of the past days.
Three words that change everything!*

~ Mike McKinley ~



The Stone Was Rolled Away!

Everyone knows what a magician is and the many tricks he or she can do. You have probably seen magicians on TV or even at a special assembly program at school or at the circus. Most of the time, a magician always has an assistant who helps him or her perform tricks. A favourite one is when the magician would put his or her assistant into a trunk, lock it, and tie ropes around it, then tap the trunk with his or her wand, untie the ropes, unlock and open the lid...and voilà -- the trunk was empty.

On the Sunday morning after Jesus was Crucified, two women named Mary went to visit the tomb where Jesus had been buried. When they arrived, there was a great earthquake and an angel came and rolled away the huge stone that had been covering the entrance to Jesus' tomb. The angel sat on the stone and said to the two women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus Who was crucified. He is not

here; for He has been raised, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay." You see, the stone was not rolled away so that Jesus could get out of the grave, it was rolled away so that His followers could go in and see that the tomb was empty.

Now, we know that the magician making his or her assistant disappear from the trunk is just a trick, but the empty tomb of Jesus was not a trick. Jesus had risen, just as He said He would! Today we celebrate the fact that the stone was rolled away, not so Jesus could come out, but so that we could see that He has risen from the grave, and because of His victory over death, we can enter into eternal life with Him.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that the stone has been rolled away and because the grave is empty, we can enter into eternal life with You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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