

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

A place of prayer, family, and community since 1967 which follows the Eastern (Byzantine) Christian traditions of the Catholic Faith that first emerged in the lands of Rus-Ukraine through the preaching of Saint Andrew, the First-Called, and echoed onwards through the mission of the holy apostles to the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius. At Holy Cross, we are called to enter into communion with God within the community of the faithful, the Church, that is, the Body of Christ. Here, services are offered in the English and Ukrainian languages where we are united to God and one another, and, "with one heart and one voice", form the family of God. Jesus Christ is the centre of our life, and it is in the Divine Liturgy where we come to know Him in each other by means of the Sacred Scriptures, and through the receiving of the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today's celebration be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

Sunday, September 22, 2019 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: *Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15*

Gospel: Matthew 22: 35-46

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
Sunday (10 a.m.): Michael Watral



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
Sunday (10 a.m.): n/a

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.

SEPTEMBER 14/15

Envelopes & Loose: \$2743.⁷⁵ Vigil Lights: \$46.¹⁵
Mission Collection: \$116.¹⁰ Special Projects: \$70.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity! Щиро дякуємо!

September Mission Collection is designated for the **Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)** Thunder Bay Branch.

Parish News & Activities



A very 'heartfelt thanks' to all parishioners who made our annual Parish Praznyk another success, from setting up and decorating the hall, coming together to make cabbage rolls on Friday, prepping the food on Saturday and Sunday, helping in food service and clean-up, and of course, to all who attended. Special thanks to this year's kitchen lead **Jim Glena** for his time spent purchasing the groceries and coordinating the food preparation. We also extend our appreciation to those who donated items for the buffet table and prizes for the draws. It is no wonder that we are truly grateful and blessed. *Многая і благая літа!*

We offer our condolences to the Witzell family on the passing of their beloved †**Anne** on Thursday, September 19. Panakhyda will take place at our parish on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. with funeral liturgy on Friday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. May the Lord accept her soul into His heavenly kingdom, number her among the just, and may her memory be eternal ~ вічна її пам'ять.

The Holy Cross Golden Agers have reached the limit for their pyrohy making on **Tuesday, October 8**, so orders are closed. Thank you for your support. Extra help that day is appreciated.

The members of **St. George's Society** wish to invite all men of the parish who are not currently members to consider joining their ranks. Their club is a strong social and spiritual brotherhood that values the importance of working together to achieve a common goal not only for their organization, but also for the parish and local community. Membership is just \$25/year. The first regular meeting of the new society year will be held on **Sunday, September 29 at 7 p.m.** in our parish hall. All current members are requested to attend.

Liturgical Services Schedule

for the week of September 23-29, 2019

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 a.m. ~ **The Passing of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian**

7:00 p.m. ~ Panakhyda (prayer) service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral services for †**Anne Witzell**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 p.m. ~ **16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban

Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 a.m. ~ **16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak

The command to love our neighbor as ourselves strikes at the root of human failure. The seed of society's evils is love for self and reckless disregard for others. It is also very shortsighted, because ultimately love of others returns long-lasting recurring benefits to us and is therefore an act of self-love. We were designed to naturally love ourselves. We want food, shelter, protection, health and happiness. As we appropriately bless others, crime and other evils should decrease. All this is impossible unless we first love God with all of our being and our neighbours as ourselves.



~ condensed from a sermon by I. G. Spong



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The current issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** is ready. Please pick up a copy in the narthex. Electronic versions will be sent out sometime soon — check your email account this week.



The next bingo training session at Superior Shores is **Sunday, September 22** at 4 p.m. sharp. Those who plan to attend the training should notify Gerry Bullock or Michael Watral so that either can notify the staff at Superior Shores of how many to expect. Our next bingo session scheduled for **Friday, October 4** in the afternoon.

Fisherman: please submit your weigh-in slips to any Fish and Game Committee member as you go, so that the Board can be updated regularly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Our first regular meeting after the summer break will take place on **Sunday, September 29** at 7:00 p.m. New members are welcome to join at that time. All current members are encouraged to help in our ongoing membership drive as we prepare to mark our **60th** anniversary in 2020.

Readings for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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



Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10
Friendship with God through Christ

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30
The Parable of the Three Servants

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.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN OUR CITY

Volunteers Needed - The **Meals on Wheels** program needs volunteers to deliver hot nutritious meals Monday to Friday (mid-morning between 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) to seniors in need in our community. They have two types of volunteer positions: drivers and servers. Drivers receive \$10/route for gas reimbursement (paid quarterly). To become a volunteer, complete an application (available on the table in the narthex) and submit it to the Supervisor, Meals on Wheels, Pioneer Ridge, 750 Tungsten St. *Thank you for your consideration!*

2019 Public Safety, Security and Health Recruiting Expo
Friday, September 27 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. or **Saturday, September 28** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CLE Coliseum building. Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a police or correctional officer, or to be someone who ensures that our community is safe and cared for when medical emergencies, fires and disasters happen? Come out and meet some of the people who do just that. Talk to front line staff and recruiters from over a dozen organizations and learn what education and skills you need to start your career. For more information, contact Jennifer Roukkula at 708-1049 or send an email to her at jennifer.roukkula@ontario.ca.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Attention all members! Our regular monthly meeting takes place on **Thursday, September 26** at **1:00 p.m.** preceded by a ‘mini’ darts tournament starting at 12 noon. Following the meeting, coffee/tea and snacks will be served and then bingo games will take place as usual. New members are still welcome to join anytime. See you there!

A reminder that our fall pyrohy making takes place at 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 8**. Our order limit has now been reached and a waiting list is in effect should any extra product be available. *Thank you!* ☺



Next month's bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, October 16** @ 3:45 p.m. and return at the usual time. To book your free seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) or sign the sheet at our next gathering. Non-members (18 years and up) with valid passports are invited also.

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

Words of Wisdom & Truth



*“Do you know that nothing you do
in this life will ever matter,
unless it is about loving God
and loving the people He has made?”*

~ Francis Chan ~

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Pictured above (left to right): Iris McCoy-Slango, Superior Shores Charity Manager, and Susan Maloney, Floor Manager, present a ‘ceremonial cheque in the amount of \$44,696.⁰⁰’ to Susan Soldan, parish treasurer, Cheryl Bain, Parish Council Chair, Fred Humeniuk, Joseph Z. Myslicki and Michael Watral, St. George's Bingo Committee signing authorities, at our Parish Praznyk on Sunday, September 15. These funds, accumulated through pooling cheques from bingo revenues from December 2014 to July 31, 2019, have been used to cover the cost of snowplowing and air conditioning, plus much more. Awesome!

Wishing everyone a wonderful week!
Бажаємо Вам всім чудового тижня!

Autumn is Here!



Love the Lord God and Love Others

There have probably been more songs written about love than about anything else in the world. A few famous ones are "All You Need is Love," "Can't Help Falling in Love," and "I Will Always Love You." For us, one of the best love songs ever written is "Jesus Loves Me." Most of you know it:



*Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*

What a wonderful song about Jesus' love for us. In today's Bible story, Jesus teaches another very important lesson about love.

People were always amazed at the teachings of Jesus. One day a crowd was gathered around Jesus when a man who was an expert in religious law tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?"

Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others.

Let's pray and ask God to help us to love as we ought:

Dear Father, help us to love You with all our heart and our soul and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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