



СЛАВА ИСУСУ ХРИСТУ ~ СЛАВА НА ВИКИ! GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST ~ GLORY FOREVER!

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors, and pray that your participation in the Divine Liturgy will be enriching and meaningful.

October 22, 2017 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Galatians 1: 11-19 **Gospel:** Luke 7: 11-16
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Comforting Words of Faith

“God is never blind to your tears,
never deaf to your prayers,
and never silent to your pain.
He sees. He hears. He will deliver you.”

~ Anonymous

Focus on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates His power over death and that He was even greater than the Old Testament prophets. He fulfilled the imagery of Elijah, Elisha, and Moses and so much more. He didn't go through any rituals, He didn't stretch Himself out over the body of the dead son, He just spoke and a miracle happened. Only God Himself could do that, as in the creation of the world.

So what can we take away from this scene? First, that Jesus is truly compassionate, concerned about the plight of this obscure widow and her son then, and concerned about us now as well. Second, even though we believe in the resurrection of the dead, that there is still room for sorrow, and we need to grieve with those who have lost loved ones and vice versa. Third, that the divine care and guidance and supreme authority of God works His plans and program out in life. Jesus meeting that funeral procession in Nain was no accident, God made it happen. And last but certainly not least, we need to understand that He genuinely cares for all of us. He wants to raise us to a new life in Him. If, as Christians, we are weak and sick, spiritually He wants to take care of that also. He wants all of us restored to fellowship and power. If He can raise a woman's dead son to life, He can do everything that we need. Will you let Him do it today? All it takes is trust in Him.

Liturgical Services for This Week

There will be no services during the week as Father Stepan will be away on a retreat in southern Ontario.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 p.m. ~ **Christ the King Sunday**
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 a.m. ~ **Christ the King Sunday**
Epistle Reader: Dr. Larry Watral



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Great news! The 'Legacy Project' commemorative bench is now in place and adorned with a special plaque. If you have not yet seen it, check it out soon. Parishioners can choose to donate to this project by labelling their Special Projects envelope **ATTN: LEGACY PROJECT**.

Please complete the brief survey (1 minute) regarding your preferred time for Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy this year. We want to hear from you and ensure everyone has a chance to provide feedback. This year's Christmas Eve services will be on Sunday, December 24, 2017. Please return the survey to an usher or to the box in the narthex. The survey will close next Sunday, October 29. *Many thanks to all!*



Orders for the next parish **Pyrohy Making** on **Monday, November 20** are currently being accepted. Call 475-3757 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to warywodaw@gmail.com.

The price remains at **\$5 per dozen**, cooked or raw frozen. Help will be needed. The usual schedule will be followed.

We are still looking for parishioners of all ages who would like to be trained (or get updated) to respond to emergency situations in our church. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to do so. This is a very important issue. Training sessions will be announced at a later date as long as there is sufficient interest.

A gentle reminder to all that if you need to carry on a conversation after the liturgy has finished, please do so in the narthex rather than in the church proper out of respect to those who desire to continue praying/meditating in the house of the Lord.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week!

Your Return Gift to God

OCTOBER 14/15

Envelopes: \$1,305.⁰⁰
Vigil Lights: \$31.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$30.⁰⁰
Mission Fund: \$99.⁰⁵
Seminary Fund: \$5.⁰⁰



Thank you for your generosity ~ Щупо Вам дякуємо!

October's Mission Collection is designated for **The Salvation Army**, which exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs, and be a transforming influence in the world. Visit www.salvationarmy.ca for more info.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Attention all members! Our regular monthly meeting is on **Thursday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m.** preceded by a mini-beanbag tournament starting at 12:30 p.m. Following the meeting, bingo will take place as usual. Refreshments will be available also. Hope to see many in attendance!

On **Thursday, November 9**, eligible members are reminded of the **Free Bingo** featuring special prizes and tasty treats. You don't want to miss it!

Readings for Christ the King Sunday

(October 29)

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

Epistle: Colossians 1: 12-20

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!



A **Parish Fundraising Subcommittee** is being established to look into regular fundraising events throughout the year, such as cabbage roll making, pyrohy dinners, and other ideas that have been requested and may be considered. Please note: activities will not be limited to occur during the daytime or weekends. And they will not be limited to adults — we hope to engage parishioners of all ages to participate. **Youth members (high school) can collect volunteer hours towards their graduation diploma requirements.** A date for the first meeting has not been yet set, but hopefully will be scheduled for early November. We are looking for a commitment from as many parishioners as possible. Please expect a phone call in the near future requesting your participation and ideas. More information will appear in upcoming bulletins.

"The Vibrant Parish ~ A Place to Encounter the Living Christ"

DONATE TO HOLY CROSS PARISH ONLINE

Donations can be made online through the Holy Cross web-site (www.holycrosstbay.com/donate). Registered parishioners, family and friends can donate weekly or through one-time donations. All donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any further questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish!



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The next bingo training session will take place at Superior Shores, 435 Memorial Avenue, on **Sunday, October 22** from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. We need a few more members to do so in order to expand our pool of volunteers. Please contact Gerry Bullock, our volunteer coordinator, so he can inform those at Superior Shores how many to expect. All parishioners are also welcome to take the training and help at bingos.

A reminder to all fishermen: Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to the following Committee members: **Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tamawsky, Myron Warywoda, or Eugene Zdebiak.** The deadline is **Sunday, October 29.** Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes. Tight lines and keep your tip up. And don't forget the Fish & Game Banquet on **Saturday, November 4** at 6 p.m. in our parish hall. Cost is \$5/member. See Maurice Z. with your 'fin' to confirm your attendance.

Our annual Corporate Communion will take place **Sunday, October 29** at the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All members are encouraged to attend in semi-formal society attire. Afterward, we will proceed to the Airlane Hotel for breakfast and our regular monthly meeting. Cost is \$10 per member.



*Rejoice, O Virgin, God-bearer!
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
For you gave birth to Christ, the Saviour
and Redeemer of our souls. Amen.*

What's Happening Around Town...



A Concert of Faith & Hope - A spiritual and inspirational celebration of life, love and music starring Daylin James, **Saturday, October 28** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 207 S. Brodie Street (across from City Hall). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (*non-refundable*). Also available at the Community Auditorium Box Office. Call 684-4444

6th Annual Top Chef Thunder Bay - **Saturday, November 4** at 6:00 p.m. at the Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street W. Join Food Network personality Kevin Brauch for a fun and tasty evening as local restaurants compete by creating "The Perfect Bite" to win the title of Top Chef Thunder Bay. Your ticket includes being a judge along with Kevin and the panel of local celebrity judges as you try each bite and cast your vote. Kevin promises to keep the audience in stitches as he interacts with the chefs, judges and the audience. Be prepared to have a blast! Limited VIP tickets are available. Check out www.tbshows.com for more information.

Tis the Season Show and Shop - Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce is pleased to introduce this spectacular new event, **Sunday, November 5** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Valhalla Inn. Thunder Bay's leading experts in fine foods, cocktails, fashion, home decor and gifting gifts will delight and inspire thousands of visitors with fashion shows, demonstrations, samples and featured inventory available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 (cash) at the door. For more information, including the list of exhibitors and exhibitor information, visit www.tbchamber.ca.



Knights of Columbus Shrimp Feast - **Saturday, November 11** at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$25 per person, includes one pound of golden shrimp, home fries, coleslaw, hot vegetable, bread, cheesecake and coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Limited tickets — must be purchased in advance. Call Rosie at 623-3252 during regular business hours to reserve yours now.



A Miraculous Turn Around



Have you heard of Bethany Hamilton? Bethany is a girl who began surfing (no, not the Internet!) at a very early age. In fact, she entered her very first surf competition when she was only eight years old. Unbelievably, she won both the short and long board divisions in her very first competition. There was no doubt that she had a very bright future in the sport of surfing.

When Bethany was thirteen, she was surfing off of the island of Kauai in Hawaii when she was attacked by a 14-foot tiger shark. The attack left Bethany with only one arm. She lost 60% of her blood and went through several surgeries. Most people assumed that her dream of becoming a professional surfer was over, but it wasn't. Bethany had a positive attitude and a deep faith in God. Amazingly, just one month after the attack, Bethany returned to the water and continued pursuing her goal of becoming a professional surfer. In 2007, Bethany turned professional and two years later she placed second in the World Junior Championships. Now that is a miraculous turnaround!

Our Bible lesson today is about an even more miraculous turnaround. One day, Jesus and His disciples were walking toward a town called Nain. As they approached the town gate, a dead man was being carried out. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. She was very sad because she was left with no one to care for her. When Jesus saw her, His heart was touched and He said to her, "Don't cry." Then He went up and touched the coffin. "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk. Jesus gave him back to his mother and the young man and his mother turned around and went back home. Now, that's another great example of a miraculous turnaround!

Jesus wants you and me to experience a miraculous turnaround in our lives too. The prophet Ezekiel said, "The soul that sins will surely die." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." That's the miraculous turnaround that Jesus wants for us.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

Do You Believe in Miracles?

Natural processes are miraculous. They cannot be duplicated by man. Super-natural processes are called "signs, wonders, and miracles" (Hebrews 2:4). God worked signs and wonders through Christ (Acts 2:22). The Apostles were granted power to perform signs and wonders (Acts 2:43). Turning water into blood or wine is not a natural process. (Exodus 4:9; 7:19; John 2:9; 4:46). Raising the dead is not a natural process. God sets aside natural processes in the signs, wonders, miracles recorded in the Bible.

In order to confirm the claims of Christ and to verify the word spoken by His Apostles, supernatural powers were wielded. The sick were miraculously healed and deformities were instantly corrected (Acts 5:16; 3:2-11). Some were made to see (John 9:11-15) and others were struck blind (Acts 13:11). Without the miraculous powers, the Apostles would have been credulous. Miraculous powers confirmed what they said to be truly the word of the Almighty (Mark 16:20; Heb 2:1-4).

God's will is completely revealed (2 Pet 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). Supernatural miracles have it confirmed. Once the revealed will of God is complete, the miracles are neither possible nor necessary (1 Cor. 13:8-10). Misguided people still contend that the identical power given to Jesus and His Apostles is available to them now. Do not be deceived. Men can no longer turn water into either blood or wine, give sight to blind or blind those who see. All so-called miracle workers today are frauds and fakes.

Believe the miracles of the Bible? Absolutely! Those marvelous things have no natural explanation. Believe the so-called miracles today? Absolutely not! They are cheap fakes and frauds. This is one of the most provable statements ever made. Want to put it to the test anyone?

Aquinas

Aquinas identified three types of miracles:

1. Events done by God which nature could never do e.g. make the sun go backwards.
2. Events in which God does something which nature can do but not in this order e.g. someone living after death – resurrection of Christ.
3. An event which could happen naturally but God breaks the rules of nature. E.g. someone being instantly cured of a disease which doctors might have been able to cure given time.