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Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста * Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church



November 1, 2020 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: *Epistle: Galatians 6: 11-18*

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

November 8, 2020 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

(Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and All Other Bodiless Powers)

Scripture Readings: *Epistle: Ephesians 2: 4-10*

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In the story about the Rich Man and Lazarus, God's eternal judgment has everything to do with how we use wealth in this life and whether we attend to those less fortunate in our midst. Our temptation is to explain away a story like this and to remove its blatant depiction of how God will ultimately vindicate the cause of the poor. But the message has been clearly stated. Like the rich man's five brothers, we have been given all the warning we need.

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus comes to the demoniac man seeing and knowing a truth about him that the man can neither see nor know for himself. In the face of that truth the unclean spirit cannot remain. Legion can never be our final reality or ultimate identity. That will always be Jesus. That is the truth that commanded Legion to leave. That is the truth that puts life back together. That is the truth that clothed this man, returned him to himself, and seated him at the feet of Jesus.

~ from sermons by Lois Malcolm Michael K. Marsh

Parish News & Events



We extend our sincerest condolences to the Cvornjek and Tarnawsky families on the passing of their beloved †**Rudy Cvornjek**, on Wednesday, October 21. And our deepest condolences are also sent to Angela Witiw and family, and the Romanick, Gratta and Clark families on the recent passing of their beloved †**Orest Witiw** on Monday, October 26. May the Lord grant them rest in His heavenly kingdom, and may their memory be eternal ~ вічна їм пам'ять.

This year, due to COVID-19, we will not be able to take donations for our Christmas Cheer Mugs. The Christmas Cheer Organization will only be accepting monetary donations so that it alone can purchase the hamper items. You can donate directly to it or through our Mission Collection in November. If you have any questions, please call Sherry Opaski (number not published online).



Our parish extends sincerest congratulations and best wishes to **Reverend Bohdan J. Bilinsky**, our former pastor, upon whom was bestowed the title of "Monsignor" by His Holiness Pope Francis, and received the decree of confirmation from Bishop Bryan Bayda during a ceremony on Sunday, October 25 at St. George the Great-Martyr Church in Oshawa. Axios!

We would like to update our records to make sure all parishioners and families can be contacted, especially during these uncertain times. A new **Parish Information Form** has been developed and is now ready for completion. Copies are available in the narthex or you can download it from our website in the **Bulletins & News** tab.

The Parish recently received a generous donation from the estate of †**Joseph Bobyk**. Joseph resided in Toronto for most of his life, but attended Church of the Transfiguration as a child. Several of his relatives belong to our parish. The funds are to be used for flowers and other expenses related to the altar. May the memory of †Joseph Bobyk be eternal ~ вічна пам'ять.

Liturgical Services Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5 p.m. ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10 a.m. ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10 a.m. ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost & Post-feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God

Those who are able to help with ushering/entry/cleaning protocols are requested to speak with Father Stepan.



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.

Due to a directive from the Chancery Office in Toronto, weekly collection numbers will no longer be published online.

Thank you for your support and understanding!

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!

October's Mission Collection will be sent to **St. Andrew's Dew Drop Inn**.

The Mission Collection for November is designated for **Christmas Cheer Thunder Bay**.



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

All regular Thursday afternoon activities remain **cancelled** until February 2021 — this includes the annual Free Bingo in November and Christmas social and dinner in December. Should there be any major changes, which may be unlikely, you will be contacted by phone in November with an update.

Flu season is upon us, and therefore, all members are encouraged to get the annual flu shot as a wise precaution. Until it is safe for us to congregate in large groups again, stay safe and healthy. Wear a mask in public, wash your hands regularly, practice social distancing wherever and whenever necessary, and limit your contact with others. We want to see everyone return with a smile, hear some interesting 'quarantine' stories, and be thankful to know that 'our friends' are still with us.

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

Words of Grace and Truth

"In His discourse, our Lord mentions the name of the poor man (Lazarus), but not the name of the rich man, because God knows and approves the humble, not the proud."

~ St. Gregory the Great, Pope of Rome ~



History Corner



BAKING UP IS NOT HARD TO DO

Seven days gone by, when November was upon us, it was a sure sign that the afternoon on the second Sunday would be very special. Since September, the Ladies of St. Anne's Society members would be busy getting ready for their annual Christmas Tea. But it wasn't all work and no play — it was a lot of fun, too!

Taking a break from all the action to get a picture for their archives is a happy group of ladies at their 2003 Christmas Tea. Pictured above (left to right, in true cooperative fashion) are: †Sally Andrusky, †Ann Stupendick, Olga Belbas, Sophie Szarko, Carla Olesko, and Mary (W) Karachok.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

After a successful Corporate Communion and Breakfast Meeting, we will now take another break until the New Year.

November is normally a busy time for us, but due to the coronavirus, our usual yearly events — the Fish & Game Tournament Banquet, November Pyrohy Making, and the Grey Cup Meeting — have all been cancelled.

Members are still needed for ushering/entry protocols on Saturday and Sunday; the schedule for Christmas services will be decided soon and members will be informed.

The next issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** will be ready later this month and will be forwarded to members via e-mail; hard copies will be available by contacting Michael Watral.

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READINGS FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

24th Sunday (November 15)

Ephesians 2: 14-22
Christ Is Our Peace

Luke 8: 41-56
Jesus Performs Two Miracles

25th Sunday (November 22)

Ephesians 4: 1-6
The Unity of the Body

Luke 10: 25-37
Parable of the Good Samaritan

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

Slovak Legion Take-Out/Curbside Pick-up - Every Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 for more information. A different meal is featured every week. Visit www.slovaklegion.com for more information.

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A Tribute to Those Who Paid the Price



Do you know what the name of this flower is? It is a poppy. The poppy serves as a reminder that soon we will celebrate a very important holiday. How many of you know what holiday we will celebrate?

We will celebrate Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is a day on which we honour the men and women who have served in the military and who have fought to defend our freedom. The poppy was chosen as a symbol for Remembrance Day because it reminds us of a place called Flanders Fields where many soldiers from the first World War are buried. The poppies grow wild there between all the crosses that mark their place.

We enjoy a lot of freedom. We are free to come to church and worship, we are free to choose what we want to be when we grow up, we are free to choose where we want to live, we are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives. This might come as a surprise to some of you - but did you know that freedom isn't free? Someone had to pay the price for us to have the freedom that we enjoy. There are many men and women who helped to pay that price. Some have served in the military and many of them have fought in wars. These are the ones that we honour as we celebrate Remembrance Day.

We have a lot of freedom, but the greatest freedom that we have is the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus. The Bible teaches that the penalty for sin is death, but you and I have been set free from this penalty. We have been set free because Jesus paid the penalty. The Bible tells us that Jesus died to set us free from the penalty of sin. Instead of death, we have been given eternal life. This freedom wasn't free, Jesus paid the price.

As we celebrate Remembrance Day on November 11, let us remember to stop and thank God for those who have paid the price for our freedom. Let us also remember to thank God for Jesus, who has set us free from the penalty for sin, because He was willing to pay the price.

Let us pray: Dear Father, thank You for the freedom that we enjoy. We are thankful for those who paid the price for that freedom, but even more important, we thank You for the freedom we have because Jesus was willing to pay the penalty for our sin. Amen.



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15th Annual Undercover Project

Our Support is Required

Community Clothing Assistance is gathering NEW packages of socks and underwear for youth ages 4 to 14 in our community. It relies on support and donations from the community to successfully run this program.

“1 in 5 children are living in poverty in Thunder Bay and do not have access to new socks and underwear.”

Donations in kind or monetary donations will be accepted if you cannot shop during this time of COVID-19. A basket will be placed in the narthex for donations until November 30.

Questions? Contact Zenya (number not published online.)



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