

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ ~ СЛАВА НА ВІКИ! GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST ~ GLORY FOREVER!

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



August 13, 2017 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost

(Post-feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-23

Troparia and special texts are found on the insert

August 20, 2017 ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

(Post-feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

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SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Rosary

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God**
with blessing of flowers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

5:00 p.m. ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost and Post-feast
of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 a.m. ~ 11th Sunday after Pentecost and Post-feast
of the Dormition of the Mother of God
Epistle Reader: Andrika Warywoda

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00 p.m. ~ †Dmytro (Dan) Watral ~ 5 years
Offered by the Watral family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 p.m. ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Reader: Grant Andrusky

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 a.m. ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak

Your Return Gift to God

JULY 29/30

Envelopes: \$1,355.⁰⁰
Vigil Lights: \$78.¹⁰
Special Projects: \$5.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$28.⁶⁵
50th Anniv. Donations: \$200.⁰⁰

AUGUST 5/6

Envelopes: \$1,320.⁰⁰
Vigil Lights: \$23.²⁵
Special Projects: \$75.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$58.⁵⁵

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for July totalled \$283.¹⁵ which will be donated to the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay**.

The August Mission Collection is designated for the **Thunder Bay & District Humane Society**, a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing care and shelter to animals in need. Being an affiliate with the Ontario SPCA (Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) allows its shelter to go above and beyond the Canadian Standards of Care in Animal Shelters Guidelines. For more information, visit the website: www.tbdhs.ca.

Unyielding Words of Wisdom

*"Our sin debt was paid in full
by Christ and is the only basis
for God's forgiveness."*

~ Author unknown

Parish News & Events



Tickets for our parish's 50th Anniversary Dinner and Dance are still available after each liturgy for \$30/adult and \$20/child. During the week you may contact Linda Douglas at 577-2844. Your last opportunity to buy tickets will be on **Sunday, September 3** following the service. **Please note:** tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door.

On the feast of the **Dormition of the Mother of God** (August 15), Father Stepan will bless flowers following the Divine Liturgy. You are welcome to bring a basket or bouquet of your own on that occasion, and please encourage all young children to attend as well to witness and help us continue to cherish our beautiful traditions.

Church of the Transfiguration is celebrating its Praznyk on **Sunday, August 20** and is extending an invitation to all our parishioners to attend. Divine Liturgy will be at 10 a.m. followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

St. George's Society's annual '**Corn Roast**' will take place in our parish hall on **Saturday, September 2** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets (\$10/person) are now available in the narthex before and after each Divine Liturgy. Delicious corn, sausages, salads, and desserts will be the featured fare; refreshments will be available for purchase as well.

Readings for the 12th & 13th Sundays after Pentecost

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

12th Sunday (Aug. 27)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-26

13th Sunday (Sept. 3)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16: 13-24
Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-42

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.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY - A reminder to members to pick up a hard copy of the summer issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** in the narthex if you so desire.

Our next bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre will take place on **Friday, August 18** in the afternoon. Please speak with Gerry Bullock if you are able to serve on the date.

We need members for usher duty on Sundays in the month of **August**. Please volunteer your services if you available.

A reminder to all fishermen: Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to the following Committee members: *Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda, or Eugene Zdebiak*. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes. Tight lines and keep your tip up!



There will be a 'Celebration of Life' for the departed servant of Christ †**Mathew Stefureak** on **Sunday, August 13** from 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Valhalla Inn, Ballroom 3.

Beverly and family welcome this opportunity to spend time with Mat's many friends and colleagues who contributed to the richness of his life for many years, and cordially invite everyone from Holy Cross to stop by and share in food and fellowship and the many memories over their 46 years on the shores of Lake Superior. *Eternal memory ~ Вічна пам'ять.*

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS - Regular activities will resume on **Thursday, September 7th**. New members (55+) may join at that time — it's only \$10 per year & a lot of fun. For now, enjoy the summer with family and friends!

The next bus to Grand Portage will depart from the church parking lot on **Wednesday, August 16** at 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. Call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) to book your seat today. This is a **free** service. Everyone is welcome aboard!

The Golden Agers are also planning a trip to Winnipeg for **September 11-14, 2017** and are extending an invitation to parishioners to join them in order to help fill up the bus. See Peter Swerdlyk or George Rusnick for more information.

Community Events



New Dance Season for Chaban - Dancers can register online (now open - closes Thursday, August 31) at www.chabandance.com or in-person on **Thursday, August 31** from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at 211 Robertson Street. For registration inquiries, email info@chabandance.com.

No previous dance experience is necessary and you need not be Ukrainian - just bring a passion for dance!

Westfort Street Fair - Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come bring your community spirit to Frederica Street in the heart of downtown Westfort for the 35th annual Street Fair! Take in the sights, sounds, flavours, & bargains. Proceeds go towards neighbourhood beautification projects and improvements.

Live on the Waterfront (formerly *Summer in the Parks*) continues every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Marina Park until August 30th, showcasing performers presenting a variety of musical styles, plus children's activities, a variety of on-site concessions and an artisans' market. Free shuttle service from the Court Street Parkade right to the festival area.

Focus on the Gospel Readings

The events in the Gospel from the 10th Sunday after Pentecost occurred just after the descent of Our Lord from Mount Tabor where He had been transfigured. The disciples are confronted with a situation where they had had some experience and a bit of success, but for some reason, they couldn't get the job done this go-round. And Jesus gives them a lesson that they probably did not forget: that the faith of the worker is all-important in the work of the kingdom. The demon was out to hurt the boy and unless Jesus intervened, it would be just a matter of time before the boy would end up dead. So, Jesus, in His compassion, called for the boy, rebuked the demon, and the boy was healed instantly — for many, then and now, an indescribable moment.

However, the main thrust of this passage isn't the healing of the boy as wonderful as that was, but Jesus' response to why His disciples couldn't do anything about the boy's problem: because "you have so little faith." And not about the amount of faith, but the quality of their faith. The kind of faith that would allow them to do what they had been called to do. And this is the same kind of faith required from us to do our part for God's kingdom — the faith that trusts God to help us do what He's called us to do. If we want mountain-moving faith as we seek to do His will, then our faith has to be in Christ, not in our abilities, our charm, our good looks, our talents, our money, or anything like that. It has to be in Christ. And when we can get that focus, then we'll have the effective kind of faith necessary for kingdom work.

On the 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Jesus makes it plain and simple that to be forgiven, we are first to forgive others. He knows we all need forgiveness and it's by God's grace we are forgiven. Living a life in grace nourishes us. It enables us to live in harmony with others.

When someone wrongs us, we tend to hold grudges, but grudges are very harmful to our lives as Christians. When we fail to forgive we are only hurting ourselves. An unforgiving heart is a form of hate -- it's like a cancer of the soul that festers until it consumes the spirit. When we choose not to forgive, we miss out on the spiritual blessings God has in store for us. Unforgiveness keeps us in chains and blocks us from peace and joy. It paralyzes and holds us captive. When we choose to forgive, we are set free from bitterness and hate. We are set free!

Condensed from sermons by Brian La Croix and Perry Anderson

Ukrainian Independence Day



Every year, many Ukrainians celebrate their country's independence on August 24. It is a public holiday across Ukraine and a big celebration that sees parades and crowds of people in folk costumes proudly waving the Ukrainian flag. In true patriotic fashion, other events include: fireworks, outdoor exhibitions, concerts, free public markets and fairs, circuses, and sporting events.

In Toronto, North America's largest celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day, a full day of food, fun and festivities will take place on **Saturday, August 19** at Centennial Park from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. A special commemoration of Canada's 150th Birthday will also be part of the event. Visit www.ucctoronto.ca for more information.



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.

FAITH ON THE WIRE

IMAGINE, if you will, a wire stretched between the bank building and the city hall on the square in our town. A lone individual stands atop the bank building and announces his intent to walk across the wire to the other building. Of course, a crowd has gathered below because what he intends is a bit strange (needless to say). The tightrope walker asks the crowd if they believe he can make it across. They nod in assent (who would be dumb enough to try without a reasonable chance?). Carefully, slowly he teeters his way across almost falling. Reaching the other side he holds up a wheelbarrow and asks the crowd if they think he could push it across before him. Some nod in assent. Some shrug their shoulders in response. The tightrope walker then singles out a man and yells down to him, "Sir, do you think I can make it?" The response is affirmative so the walker says, "Then prove your faith by riding in the wheelbarrow." Christ calls to us personally, saying He will guide us over life with its dangers. Would you ride in the wheelbarrow?



Source: www.vscoc.org

The Dormition of the Mother of God: Our Solemn Belief

The Most-holy Mother of God after the Ascension of Jesus Christ continued to live on earth for several years. One Christian historian says — ten years, and another — twenty-two years. Apostle John the Theologian, according to the instructions of Jesus Christ, took Her into his home and cared for Her with great love as Her own son until the end of Her life. The Most-holy Mother of God became a mother to all twelve of the apostles in general. They prayed with Her with great joy and were comforted to listen to Her instructive conversations about the Saviour. When the Christian faith had spread to other lands, many Christians came from distant countries to see and listen to Her voice. Living in Jerusalem, the Mother of God loved to visit those places where the Saviour had frequented and where he had suffered, died, rose from the dead, and ascended to Heaven. She prayed at these places weeping, remembering the suffering of the Saviour, and rejoicing at the places of His Resurrection and Ascension. She often prayed that Christ would soon take Her to Himself in Heaven.

One day, when the Most-holy Mary was praying thus on the Mount of Olives, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Her with a branch from a date palm in Paradise and told Her the joyful news that in three days She would finish Her earthly life, and the Lord would take Her to Himself. The Most-holy Mother of God silently rejoiced over this news. She told Her adopted son, John, and began to prepare for Her end. At that time, the other apostles were not in Jerusalem, as they had dispersed to other countries to preach about the Saviour. The Mother of God wanted to bid farewell to them, and so the Lord in a miraculous manner gathered all the apostles to Her, except Thomas, transporting them by His omnipotent power. Grief befell them over losing the Mother of the Lord and their own spiritual Mother when they learned why God had gathered them. But the Mother of God comforted them promising not to leave them and all Christians after Her death and promising also to pray for them. Then, She blessed them all.

At the hour of Her death, an extraordinary light shone in the room where the Mother of God lay. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself, surrounded by angels, appeared and received Her pure soul. The apostles buried the pure body of the Mother of God according to Her wishes in the Garden of Gethsemane where the body of Her parents and the righteous Joseph were buried. At the funeral, many miracles were performed. By touching the deathbed of the Mother of God, the blind regained their sight, demons were driven away, and all sorts of illnesses were cured. Crowds of people followed Her most pure body. Jewish priests and leaders tried to break up this holy procession, but the Lord invisibly protected it. One of the Jewish priests, by the name of Athonius, ran up, seized, and tried to overturn the bier on which the body of the Mother of God was laid, but an invisible angel chopped off both his hands. Athonius, struck by such a wondrous miracle, repented and the Apostle Peter healed him.

Three days after the burial of the Mother of God, the absent Apostle Thomas arrived in Jerusalem. He was greatly saddened that he had not been able to say farewell to the Mother of God; and with all his heart, he desired to venerate Her most pure remains. The apostles felt so sorry for him that they decided to go and roll away the stone from the tomb to give him the possibility to venerate for the last time the body of the Mother of God. But when they opened the tomb, Her most holy body was not found, but only one piece of burial shroud was there, surrounded by an abundance of fragrant flowers. The amazed apostles returned to the house together and prayed to God to reveal to them what had become of the body of the Mother of God. In the evening, at the end of dinner during prayer, they heard angelic singing. Looking up, the apostles saw in the air the Mother of God surrounded by angels and in the radiance of heavenly glory. The Mother of God said to the apostles, "Rejoice! I am with you always and will pray for you before God." The apostles exclaimed to Her in joy, "Most-holy Mother of God, help us!"

Thus the Lord Jesus Christ glorified His Most-holy Mother. He resurrected Her and took Her most holy body to Himself and set Her higher than all His angels.