

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 — the Body of Christ. Here, we offer services in Ukrainian and English languages where we are united to God and one another, and 'with one heart and one voice' form the family of God. The Divine Liturgy is the centre of our life, and it is here where we come to know Christ in each other, in the Sacred Scriptures and through participation in the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today's Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Ephesians 4: 7-13* *Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17*
Antiphons, troparia and special texts are included in the insert provided with this bulletin

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Dr. Larry Watral
Sunday (10 a.m.): Tanner Mills



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Mary Ann Lysak
Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki



If we truly want to be able to be taught by Christ, we must take the first step in the process and repent of having ourselves on the throne of our hearts. We must repent of the things in our life that put a barrier between us and Christ. Once we have repented of these things, it is then that Christ has the freedom to work and move in our lives. It is then that He is able to make us what we are fully meant to be in Him. Our whole life and work in Christ starts at that one moment when we repent. Once we are repentant we will know the love, joy, hope and peace that only Christ can give. It is then that we can be made fishers of men. It is then that we can start on our never-ending love story with Christ.

~ edited from a sermon by Todd Stacey

Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously & lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

JANUARY 5/6

Envelopes: \$1,485.⁰⁰ Initial Offering: \$232.⁰⁰
Mission: \$68.⁷⁵ Special Projects: \$90.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

January's Mission Collection is designated for **Community Clothing Assistance**. Its mission is to assist in the relief of poverty among poor families and people in crisis with an emphasis on community supported clothing assistance programs.

FYI: Income tax receipts for 2018 will be available sometime in late January/early February. As this is a **major** task for our bookkeeper Michele, please allow her time to prepare them and refrain from calling the office. *Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding.* ☺

Parish News and Events

Each January, many homes of Eastern Rite Christians are blessed with "Jordan Water." following the "Great Blessing of Water" at the Feast of Theophany. By sanctifying our homes, we invite Christ to be a part of every area of our lives. If you would like your home blessed by Father Stepan this year, please call him at the rectory at 577-7721.



Join us for a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 27**, following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy with a 'mini' penny auction (like last year). Breakfast cost: \$10/adults; \$5/children (5 to 12 years; 4 and under - free). If you have any prizes for the auction (no used items please), they can be brought to the church before January 25 and given to Michael Watral. Your support is very much appreciated. We hope to see many parishioners, family and friends in attendance for the return of this delightful event and fundraiser!

Please remember in your prayers those people of our parish who are in the hospitals, care homes, shut-in, and those who are not able to join us actively. If you would like to request a hospital or home visit, please call the rectory and speak with Father Stepan. And if your loved one or another parishioner is nearing death, please call Father Stepan as soon as possible. Don't leave it to the last minute.

Liturgical Service Schedule

for the week of January 14 to January 20, 2019

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

5:00 p.m. ~ **30th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 a.m. ~ **30th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Larissa Warywoda
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon



Бажаємо Вам всім приємного зимового тижня!
Wishing everyone an enjoyable winter's week!



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The first bingo for us in 2019 is an evening session on **Thursday, January 17**. The next training session for new volunteers is scheduled for **Sunday, January 13** (4 p.m. - 5 p.m.) held at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. Please consider coming out to be trained. We would like to increase our pool of volunteers (parishioners are welcome, too).



Attention all current and potential members! Our first gathering in 2019 will be the annual **'Super Bowl'** Meeting on **Sunday, February 3** beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and social. Hope to see many members — and some new faces as well — in attendance.

The **2019 Usher Schedule** is now posted on the narthex bulletin board, and there are still opportunities for members to volunteer their services as many of the blanks have not been filled in. We ask all able members to make it one of your New Year's resolutions and to sign up for one (or two) months. Remember: there is no substitute for the ministry of an usher. Like John the Baptist, ushers are forerunners for all other ministries in the congregation. so let's continue serving God in this capacity.

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Readings for the 30th Sunday after Pentecost (to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



Epistle: Colossians, 3: 12-16

(The Old Life and the New)

Gospel: Luke, 18: 18-27

(The Rich Man)

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

3-part Finance Series - hosted by the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River St. and led by Richard Barnes, beginning on **Thursday, January 17** from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. The first session is on retirement planning. A free lunch will be provided. Call 684-3066 to register.



Pickerel Fish Dinner - Saturday, January 26,

at the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St. (in support of KC community projects) featuring delicious pickerel, home fries, coleslaw, bread/butter, coffee/tea and desserts. Refreshments available for purchase. Two seatings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 per person and can be reserved by phone (credit card/debit) by calling the office at 622-3252. Limited tickets available.

New Singers Welcome! - Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus welcomes new singers with choral experience. Practices are Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 30 S. Algoma St. at Waverly). The winter season began last Wednesday, so there's still time to join. For more information, call 344-7845 or 625-9450.



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS



We are now on our holiday/winter break. Regular afternoon activities will resume on **February 7, 2019** at 1:00 p.m. when new members are welcome to join. Until then, stay warm and healthy!

The next bus to Grand Portage is scheduled for this **Wednesday, January 16**, leaving the church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10:00 p.m. To book your seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) within the next few days. This is a **free** service for those 18 years and older who have a valid passport. Come join us for a fun evening across the border (Trump-free)!

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

Unyielding Words of Wisdom



*"God is not looking for repayment,
but repentance. What heals
a broken relationship
is sincere love and contrition."*

~ Frederica Mathewes-Green

Sunday Smile

THERE WAS A BAPTISM in church, and five-year-old Emma watched intently as the pastor poured water on the tiny infant's head and said some important sounding words. Confused by what she saw, Emma leaned over and whispered in her father's ear, "Daddy, why is Pastor Bob brainwashing that baby?"

HAVING LOCKED HER KEYS inside her car one wintry day, a woman prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation and got her car door opened in nothing flat.

"Thank you, God, for sending me this nice man to help," she exclaimed.

The man replied, "I'm really not that nice. I just got out of jail for auto theft."

"Thank you, God!" the woman shouted to the sky, "You even sent me a professional!"

MR. JOHNSON, a businessman from Wisconsin, went on a business trip in January to Louisiana. He immediately sent an e-mail back to his wife, Jean. Unfortunately, he mistyped a letter and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. Joan Johnson, the wife of a preacher who just passed away.

The preacher's wife took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted. When she was finally revived, she nervously pointed to the message, which read: "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!



There was a time when you could walk the streets of a city and hear the voice of a newspaper boy crying out, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it." He called out to get the attention of people who were passing by so that they would come to him and buy a newspaper. That was the way the news was spread in those days.

How do people get their news today? People get their news in many different ways. For some, the newspaper is still their main source for news and they read it from cover to cover. Some may get their news from the radio. Probably the main way that people get the news today is from the Internet and television. No matter how we get our news, it is important for us to know what is going on in the world around us.

Did you know that Jesus himself was in the news business? The Bible says that Jesus went into Galilee pro-

claiming the good news of God. Listen to what He said, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news." Jesus wanted everyone to know the good news of God's love for them.

How do people get the good news of God's love today? Some may get it from newspapers, radio or television. Some may come to church and hear about God's love. But the best way to spread the good news of God's love is the same today as it was in Jesus' day. The best way is for you and me to tell others about it!

All of us should be like the newsboy standing on the street corner crying out, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news -- God loves you!"

Dear Jesus, may we follow Your example and share the good news of God's love with everyone we meet. Amen.

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