



## Вітаємо Всі до Нашої Парафії! Welcome All to Our Parish! A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years

Epistle ~ Hebrews 6: 13-20

Gospel ~ Mark 9: 17-31

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### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Brett Glena  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Susan Soldan

### Eucharist Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Francis Puchalski  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki

Today's Gospel account takes place soon after Jesus' Holy Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. As Jesus, Peter, James and John made their way down the mountain, they were immediately met with a dilemma. There would be no time to rest in the beauty of the moment. They were back among the world, and would need to be ready to endure the difficulties it brings. We all face difficulties in life; often they are beyond our ability to handle. Faith in the Lord is essential to overcome and experience victory for He has the power and ability to meet our needs and increase our faith. We must trust Him to provide, even when it appears hopeless. Maybe you are like the young man in today's Gospel account, in need of spiritual deliverance. Jesus provided the means of salvation. We must come to Him in repentance and faith and say: "Lord, I do believe. Help my lack of trust!"

~ Condensed from a sermon by Christopher Benfield



## Parish News & Activities

On behalf of Msgr. Pat Stilla, sincere appreciation is extended to all who took part in the **Lenten Mission**. It was truly an inspirational time, and a pleasure to have Fr. Pat with us again.

It's pyrohy making again! Peeling and prep take place **Saturday @ 8 a.m.**, ball making happens on **Sunday @ 9 a.m.**, pinching, boiling, packaging, etc. on **Monday @ 8 a.m.** And don't forget — help is also needed to package frozen orders, and clean-up on **Thursday @ 10:30 a.m.** Your help is always appreciated ~ there'll be something to do for everyone!



On **Sunday, March 18** from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (in co-operation with St. Vladimir's Orthodox parish), the feature film "*Bitter Harvest*", set in the 1930s during the Holodomor, will be shown in our parish hall. Admission by donation at the door. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase.

We will again be making cabbage rolls for sale and are taking orders for **frozen ones only**. Please sign the list in the narthex. Cabbage preparations will start on **March 19** at **10 a.m.**, rice preparation on **March 20** at **10 a.m.**, followed by rolling and packaging at **12 noon**. Help to clean-up will be needed. Those who placed orders will be called when the product is ready. ☺

The youngsters of our parish will have an opportunity to put together an Easter Basket on **Saturday, March 31** at **3 p.m.** in our hall, and therefore, we need to know for how many to prepare. Please call Jaclyn Strehlow at 252-1789 at your earliest convenience to indicate if your child(ren), grandchild(ren) will be attending. Let us continue to foster this tradition!



Our parish Easter Dinner (Свяченне) will take place **Sunday, April 8** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Help will be needed make cabbage rolls Friday afternoon (April 6) before the dinner, set up the hall on Thursday evening, prepare and serve the meal, and clean up on both Saturday and Sunday. Please speak with any member of the current Parish Council, kitchen lead Dr. Larry Watral, or hall lead Susan Ibey if you are able to help in any way. *Let's all come together to have another delicious and communal Easter dinner!*

## 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.

### Collection for March 3/4

Regular Envelopes: \$1,762.<sup>00</sup>  
Mission Fund: \$46.<sup>85</sup>  
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$175.<sup>00</sup>  
Special Projects: \$160.<sup>00</sup>



**Щиро Вам дякуємо ~ Thank you for your generosity!**

The Mission Collection for March is for the **Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA)** of Northwestern Ontario. Visit [www.foodbanksnorthwest.ca](http://www.foodbanksnorthwest.ca) for more info.

## This Week's Liturgical Services

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 a.m. ~ **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** followed by Panakhyda (Sorokousty) for the deceased

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

5:00 p.m. ~ **Fifth Sunday of Lent (St. Mary of Egypt)**  
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk  
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglass

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 a.m. ~ **Fifth Sunday of Lent (St. Mary of Egypt)**  
Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda  
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

**FYI:** The schedule for **Holy Week, Easter and Bright Week** will be included in next weekend's bulletin, and posted on our website as well.



## Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18 ~ St. Mary of Egypt

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



**Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14**

**Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45**

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.



## Sunday Smile

The response from the February 11 bulletin of statements about The Bible written by children was so positive, we offer you the following to read and enjoy!

### If Students Wrote the Bible

Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the day before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.

Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't cafeteria food.

The reason Cain killed Abel: they were roommates.

The Ten Commandments would actually only be five double-spaced lines and written in a large font.

The reason why Moses and his followers walked in the desert for 40 years: they didn't want to ask for directions and look like freshmen (first-year students).

The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning — cold.

Paul's Letter (Epistle) to the Romans would become Paul's email to [abuse@romans.gov](mailto:abuse@romans.gov).

A new edition of The Bible would be published every two years in order to limit reselling.



## ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Time to make pyrohy! Peeling takes place Saturday morning. Ball making happens Sunday morning, and everything else on Monday morning — the usual start times will be followed.

Our next bingo takes place on **Tuesday, March 13** in the afternoon at Superior Shores Gaming Centre. Volunteers are reminded to be there in proper attire no later than 12 noon. Also, another training session will take place on **Sunday, March 11** from 4 to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores at which we need more members (and parishioners) to attend. Your assistance is gratefully appreciated. A refresher training for current volunteers is set for **Sunday, March 18** from 4 to 5 p.m. also. This is important as new requirements are being instituted.

There will be no other monthly meeting in March. We will gather on **Sunday, April 29** at 7:00 p.m.



## HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular afternoon activities happen every Thursday afternoon at the usual time (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) when new members are welcome to join. Membership is just \$10 per year and well worth it. Come check us out ~ you'll be glad you did!

Members are also welcome to provide assistance at the Parish Pyrohy Making if you are able and available on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (March 10, 11 & 12).



It's not too early to place an order for our Pyrohy Making session on **Tuesday, May 29**. You may contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 now to get your name of the list. The price is now \$6 per dozen for **cooked or raw frozen**. Help spread the word ~ *thanks!*

The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, March 21** at 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10 p.m. To book a spot, please contact Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski as soon as possible (numbers are above). This is a **free** service. Non-members (18 years and up) with **valid passports** are invited also. Come join us for the ride and recreation!

## Taras Shevchenko (1814-1861) Humanistic Poet and National Bard



The period of Taras Shevchenko's life and creativity — the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century — was the age of humanistic ideals and the exalted aspirations of romanticism that had captivated the European continent, including Ukraine. A laureate of the Academy of Arts of St. Petersburg and universally recognized poet of Ukraine of that time, Shevchenko was particularly sensitive to those ideals. His soul bore the scars of servitude, and as a son of a people who had suffered intensely at the hands of Tsar Nicholas I, the gendarme of Europe, Shevchenko appreciated the gift of freedom.

A deep sense of human dignity and a profound yearning for freedom emanate from every line of his poetry. He nourished, in addition, a deep love for the innocence and purity of children and reverence for motherhood, for they were the source of his faith in the love of man for man, which alone can inspire true human relations.

Yet his perception of life is thoroughly biblical, after the image of the author of the psalms, and his poetical interpretations of the psalms reveal the unshakeable anchoring of his soul in God's eternal mystery — the meaning of man's divine destiny.

Source: Progress (Поступи)

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**Souvlaki Dinner Takeout** (last one this winter) on **Thursday, March 15** at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Parish, 651 Beverly St. (at Balmoral), 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., featuring souvlaki, tzatziki sauce, Mediterranean rice, Greek salad, and pita for the low price of \$12 per person. Check out their 'a la carte' menu in our narthex.

**Primavera Tea** - presented by the Principe di Piemonte Ladies, **Sunday, March 25** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Da Vinci Centre. Featuring Bake Table, Penny Auction, and Food Hamper. Dainties and sandwiches served. Proceeds to the Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay. Come join them for some delicious food, social time, and a great cause!

## Undeniable Words of Wisdom

*“Prayer carries us  
halfway to God,  
fasting brings us  
to the door of His palace,  
and almsgiving  
procures us admission.”*







# Everything is Possible for the One Who Believes

**H**ave you ever tried to do something but you couldn't do it? Well, in today's Gospel story, Jesus' disciples needed some help. Listen to what happened...

A large crowd had gathered around the disciples who were having an argument with the religious leaders. Jesus asked them, "What are you arguing about?" A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought my son. He is possessed by an evil spirit. The evil spirit keeps him from talking. Whenever the evil spirit wants to, it throws him on the ground and makes him foam at the mouth. His whole body becomes extremely stiff. I asked your disciples to help him, but they could not." Once Jesus heard the man, He became upset. He looked at the crowd and said, "You people have no faith. How long must I stay with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." The boy was brought to Jesus. The evil spirit recognized Jesus right away and made the boy fall to the ground. He rolled around and begun to foam at the mouth. The evil spirit knew that Jesus was God's Son and He was very powerful. Jesus asked the father, "How long has the boy been like this?" "Ever since He was little," said the father. "The evil spirit has even thrown him into fire or water to try and kill him. But if you can do anything, please have pity on us."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for the one who believes." Jesus knew that the boy's father did not quite believe that Jesus could help his son. Had the father truly believed, he would not have used the word "if." Jesus then made the evil spirit leave the boy's body. The spirit yelled and shook his body and came out. The boy laid on the ground and the crowd thought he was dead because he was not moving. Jesus took his hand, lifted him up and the boy stood up! Jesus healed the boy of the evil spirit! After everyone had left, the disciples asked Jesus a question. "Why couldn't we remove the evil spirit from the boy?" Jesus answered, "That kind of spirit can only come out by prayer."

Jesus was teaching them and us something very important. Prayer is powerful, useful, and important. When we pray about something, we are trusting God that He is going to handle whatever it is we are praying about. The father in the story did not have that trust at first. Once Jesus told him he needed to believe, then he decided he was ready to completely trust what Jesus could do. Jesus did something for all people so that we can know Him: He died on the cross and came back to life. If we ask Him to take away our sins and believe in our heart He has given us a new life, He will be with us forever.

Source: [www.missionarilington.org](http://www.missionarilington.org)



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*and*  
**St. Volodymyr's Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

## BITTER HARVEST

BASED ON TRUE HISTORICAL EVENTS

**Sunday, March 18**

**2:00 p.m.**

**B. G. Shumay Auditorium**

(Holy Cross Parish Hall)

**415 W. Victoria Avenue**

**Admission: Donation at the door**

**B.Y.O.P. (Bring Your Own Pillow)**

**Refreshments available for purchase**

This film is rated **14A** – 14 Accompaniment  
 Persons under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult

There will be a 10-minute intermission. Film length: 103 minutes

Nominated for 4 Movieguide Awards in 2018,  
 Including Best Movie (Mature Audiences)

