



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 English and Ukrainian 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 of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Acts 20: 16-18; 28-36* *Gospel: John 17: 1-13*

Troparia and special texts are on **page 20** of the **white** Easter season booklets

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
Sunday (10 a.m.): Susan Soldan



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Zenya Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon

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.



MAY 25/26

Envelopes: \$1,115.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$67.⁶⁵
Special Projects: \$85.⁰⁰
Eparchial Needs: \$45.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

The Mission Collection for May totalled **\$298.⁷⁰** which will be sent to **Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay**.

June's Mission Collection is designated for **The Underground Gym and Youth Centre**, a unique gathering place for community youth in transition.

Parish News & Events

The Holy Cross Golden Agers are making pyrohy this coming **Tuesday, June 4** and are still taking orders. Please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805).

Pentecost Sunday (Зелені Свята) is Sunday, June 9. However, Father Stepan will be out of the city on that afternoon. Therefore, services at the gravesites will take place as follows: **Saturday, June 15 @ 10:00 a.m.** at St. Andrew's R.C. Cemetery, Oliver Road; **Sunday, June 16** first at the Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery (W. Arthur St.) @ 2:00 p.m. and proceeding to St. Patrick's/Mountainview Cemetery @ 3:00 p.m. You may also call Father Stepan to arrange a private service. *With the saints, O Lord, grant them rest...*



Sunday, June 23 is the date for our annual **“Parish Picnic & Volunteer Appreciation Day”** right here on our parish grounds, and hopefully, we will get to go outside and enjoy the warm weather for a bit. There'll be activities and games, lots of food and drink, and a short ceremony recognizing all our wonderful volunteers. Everyone is welcome!

We will have one more **“Cabbage Roll Making Session & Sale”** on **Tuesday, June 25**, and are now taking orders for **frozen ones only**. Please sign the list on the table in the narthex to do so. Preparations will take place in the next little while; the exact schedule will be published in future bulletins. We thank you all in advance for your support and assistance! ☺

Liturgical Services Schedule

WED., JUNE 5, AND THURS., JUNE 6 - MISSION DAYS

10:00 a.m. ~ Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

5:00 p.m. ~ **Holy and Glorious Pentecost Sunday**

Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban

Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Tennant

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 a.m. ~ **Holy and Glorious Pentecost Sunday**

Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak

Jesus' longest recorded prayer in The Bible (from John 17) has much to say and there's much to be gained by going through it.



First, He prays for Himself, albeit briefly, to show us that in our prayers praying for ourselves should be the shortest part. Then we see Jesus asking the Father to glorify Him, but it's not for Himself - it's that the Father would be glorified for allowing Him to complete His work and His mission of making a way for mankind to be saved. Jesus wanted everyone to be convinced of who He was so that they would believe upon Him for salvation.

Second, Jesus prays for His followers — for His disciples and for us, who have accepted Him as having come from the Father, and that His words are straight from God. Jesus, Who was not of the world, prays for His believers that, as having once been of the world, who are now called out of the world, be one with Him. As they were once one with the world now the desire is that they would be one with Jesus. That's His desire for us: to cease from continuing to be one with the worldly ways and one with our sinful nature, and in turn to be one with our new nature and focussed on our new world-heaven and have the mindset of living for our new master, Jesus.

~ from a sermon by Derrick Tuper

Holy Cross Golden Agers



Our Spring Pyrohy Making session takes place this **Tuesday, June 4** and you can still place an order. Call Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 to get your name of the list. The price is \$6 per dozen (cooked *or* raw frozen). Help from parishioners, families, and friends on that day will be greatly appreciated; a delicious lunch following the making will be served. *Many thanks for your support!*

Our annual wind-up will take place on **Thursday, June 13** at 1:00 p.m. starting with games and entertainment, followed by the usual 'picnic foods', and prize presentation. We hope to see many members in attendance before we break for the summer.

The bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, June 19** at 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10:00 p.m. Please call Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski (numbers are above) to book your seat or sign the sheet at our regular Thursday afternoon gathering. This is a **free** service. Non-members (18 years and up) **with valid passports** are invited also. Call up a few friends and make an evening of it — it'll be a lot of fun!

Readings for the Pentecost Sunday

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



Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

The Coming of the Holy Spirit



Gospel: John 7: 37-53; 8: 12-13

Streams of Living Water and Division Among the People

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.

The Nicene Creed: Emphatic Affirmation

The Councils at Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381) emphatically affirmed the divine and human natures of Christ. The Nicene Creed declares Christ's deity — He is "true God of true God" — and Christ's humanity — "He was made man." The Creed further and rather eloquently declares that this view of the person of Christ has everything to do with the work of Christ.

He is the God-man "for us and for our salvation."

While not establishing the divinity of Christ, Nicea did express His deity, and His humanity for that matter, with clarity and eloquence and with a finality that has stood the test of time, providing the church with the orthodox definition of the person of Christ.

~ from an article by Stephen J. Nichols



Since 1960!

In the spirit of cooperation, all available members are encouraged to come out to help at the Golden Agers' pyrohy making in our parish hall and kitchen on **Tuesday, June 4** starting at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Tickets for our annual dinner meeting (\$20/member) on **Thursday, June 20** at the Columbus Centre are now available, but only until **Sunday, June 16** (Father's Day) as a final count must be submitted no later than June 17. Call or text Michael Watral (626-2182) to get/reserve yours.

The next bingo training date and time is **Saturday, June 22 @ 10:00 a.m. sharp** at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the one-hour training and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.



Our next scheduled bingo session is a matinee (12 noon to 4 p.m.) on **Friday, June 28**. Family members are invited to come out and play on that afternoon as well.

If any member would like to assist with the planning and running of this year's Parish Picnic on **Sunday, June 23**, please speak with Picnic Chairman, Murray Salomon in the next little while. Extra helping hands are always welcome.

Sunday Smile

DID I READ THAT SIGN CORRECTLY???

In an office building:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE THE FLOOR BELOW.

In a laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

Notice in a health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS...

In an office breakroom:

AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

Outside a second-hand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN!

Thanks again to **Pat Swiderski** for submitting these gems! ☺

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Strategic Plan and Budget Open House - Tuesday, June 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre, 132 S. Algoma St. Hear from our mayor, Bill Mauro, walk through stations to review and give your ideas on the draft strategic plan, share your priorities for the 2020 City Budget, and meet members of City Council and Administration. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Call 625-2438 for more information.



Pickerel Dinner - St. Andrew's R.C. Church invites everyone to its pickerel dinner on **Sunday, June 9** at 5:30 p.m. in Saunders Hall. The menu also includes baked beans, potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and coffee/tea. Limited seating. Tickets (\$25/adult; \$10/child age 6-12) can be obtained by calling the parish office at 345-5202 during office hours. (Tuesday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Paint Night - St. Agnes R.C. Church is hosting this fundraiser (in support of its Alpha program) on **Wednesday, June 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Learn how to paint a beautiful painting with step-by-step instructions and guidance. Tickets are \$45 per person and include all materials and appetizers. Please call Kim Coursolle for more information at 628-2724. All ages and abilities welcome!



Jesus Will Return and Take Us Home to Heaven

Do you like balloons? There are so many things you can do with them. Some people can make balloons into various shapes—that's cool! There are also a lot of different games you can play with balloons. You can tie them around your ankle and play "Stomp the Balloon" or you can fill them with water and have a water balloon fight.

One of the most enjoyable things one can do with a balloon is to fill it with helium which allows it to float in the air. If you don't want it to get away from you, it is a good idea to hold on tight or tie it around your wrist. But it is also quite enjoyable when it does float away from you. It is fun to stand and watch as the balloon floats higher and higher into the sky until it totally disappears. The only way to experience that is to be willing to let it go.

When Jesus was ready to return to heaven, He took His disciples aside to make sure that they understood everything that had happened to Him. He explained why it was important for Him to be crucified and to be raised from the dead to fulfill what the Sacred Scriptures had said about Him. He also told them that He was going to return to His

Father in heaven, and that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them.

At first, His disciples were sad that Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so they would understand. Then, an amazing thing happened. The Bible tells us that Jesus lifted His hands and blessed His disciples. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Just imagine the disciples standing and watching as Jesus ascended higher and higher until He disappeared from view. Were they sad? No way! The Bible tells us that when Jesus had ascended into heaven, the disciples worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. There they stayed continually in the temple, praising God.



Dear Father, we thank You for sending Jesus, Your only Son, to die for our sins. We know that He has risen from the dead and has returned to heaven. Bless us today as we worship Him with great joy! Amen.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

Beebe
Mechanical Systems Limited

345 N. May Street
P7C 3R3
623-4181

Blake
Funeral Chapel Limited

"Where Your Confidence
is Well Placed"

**Greg Sargent
Mike Sargent**

TEL: (807) 623-6446
FAX: (807) 623-1427
TOLL FREE: 1-888-584-4444

200 SOUTH MAY STREET
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO
P7E 1B4

<http://www.blakefuneralchapel.com>
blakes@blakefuneralchapel.com

Direct Cabinets
It's that easy!

New Location ~ 941 Simpson Street,
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 3K7
807-622-4349

Visit our website at www.directcabinets.ca

Serving our community one family at a time!

**EVEREST
OF THUNDER BAY**

Owned and Operated by the Cartier Family

The Waverly Chapel The Westfort Chapel
299 Waverly Street 420 W. Gore Street
344-1121 or 344-2014 473-1121

499 North Cumberland Street
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 4R9

**HARBOURVIEW
FUNERAL CENTRE**
by Arbor Memorial

Managing Funeral Director
Cory Kutschke

Senior Funeral Director
Michael Uitto

Funeral Director
Rachel Isleifson

Hot & Cold Food Receptions
Reception Halls seat up to 300

Video Recorded Services
Parking for over 200 cars

24/7 SERVICE

www.harbourviewfuneral.ca
(807) 346-9880

**HOSANNA FIRE
PROTECTION SERVICES**

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER
SALES & SERVICE**

- Recharging, Testing All Makes
- Restaurant & Kitchen Fire Systems
- Fire Equipment, Industrial, Municipal, Residential
- Hoses, Lighting, Fire Plans, Extinguisher Training
- On Site Inspections
- Mobile Service Available Throughout Northwestern Ontario

807-346-7054

Mobile Unit: 807-627-5746 • Fax: 807-577-2142
290 S. Water St. • Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6P6

SARGENT & SON LTD.
• FUNERAL DIRECTORS SINCE 1924 •

Funeral Home, Reception and Cremation Centre
21 N. Court Street, Thunder Bay, ON
807-345-5351
www.sargentandson.com

Family Owned Since 1924

THUNDER BAY INSULATIONS

Blown In Fiberglass & Polyurethane Foam Specialists
Residential & Commercial
Approved For Energy Efficient Grants

2210 Oliver Rd. 344-5667 FAX 345-2034

THUNDER BAY INSULATIONS LIMITED 1978
Mechanical Insulation Contractor
Registered CUFEA Member • Insulation Materials For: Piping, Ducts & Outside Boiler

2210 Oliver Rd. 344-5667 FAX 345-2034

Oksana Harapyuk
Branch Manager

THUNDER BAY BRANCH
697 RED RIVER ROAD
THUNDER BAY, ON P7B 1J3
T 807 622 9796 x 261
F 807 622 0441
oharapyuk@ukrainiancu.com
www.ukrainiancu.com

UCU UKC UKRAINIAN CREDIT UNION LIMITED
УКРАЇНЬСЬКА КРЕДИТОВА СПІЛКА

If you, or someone you know, would like to purchase advertising space on this page, please speak with Michael Watral or call the Parish Office (577-7720) and leave a message or send an email to holycros@tbaytel.net.