

Христос Воскрес! Christ Is Risen!

We extend a warm “**Happy Easter!**” to all our parishioners, their families, and guests on this glorious feast day, and pray that your participation in the Easter Divine Liturgy will be enriching, meaningful and truly special.

April 16, 2017 ~ The Glorious and Holy Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Tropars and special texts found on **page 1** of the white **Easter Season** booklets

May the Risen Christ bless the many volunteers who assisted to make Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. From those of our Music Ministry for their faithful leadership in the various services and liturgies and the many singers under their direction, to those who set up and disassembled the tomb and decorated the church so lovely, to those who helped iron the linens and change the altar cloths, to the members of St. George's Society and parishioners who were present to watch over and pray at Our Lord's tomb on Friday evening and on Saturday, to those who participated in the processions on Friday and this morning, to those who facilitated with the children's Easter Basket workshop, to those who attended and participated in the Easter basket blessing, and to everyone who is present here today at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on this glorious day of the Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray for all of you that you may be spiritually uplifted!

Your Return Gift to God

APRIL 8/9

Envelopes: \$1,948.⁰⁰

Flowers for the Tomb: \$54.⁰⁰

Candle Offering: \$254.⁵⁰

Mission Collection: \$85.³⁰

Special Projects: \$250.⁰⁰

Memorial Donations: \$20.⁰⁰

(In memory of †**Frances Brescacin**)

Thank you for your generosity!

Щиро Вам дякуємо!



The Mission Collection for April is designated for the Thunder Bay Chapter of **Children of Chornobyl**.

SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK & ST. THOMAS WEEKEND

MONDAY, APRIL 17

10:00 a.m. ~ Bright Monday Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 a.m. ~ Bright Tuesday Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday of St. Thomas

Epistle Reader: Grant Andrusky

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday of St. Thomas followed by the Parish Easter Dinner in the B. G. Shumay Auditorium ~ everyone is invited!

Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak



St. John Chrysostom's Words at Easter (an excerpt from his sermon)



Are there any who are devout lovers of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Are there any who are grateful servants? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let them with gratitude join in the Feast!

Christ is risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!

Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever.

Amen!

Holy Cross Parish News and Events

Our annual **Easter Dinner (Снільне Свячене)** takes place next **Sunday, April 23** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. The traditional Easter foods will be served. Mark your calendars and please bring your family and join us in this community sharing of a festive meal.

Tickets for our parish's **50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** are now available in the narthex. Adults are \$25 each; children (10 years of age and under) are \$15 each. These prices will be in effect until **July 31** after which they will increase to \$30 for adults and \$20 for children, so get your tickets before that date at the lower rate. Final date to purchase all tickets will be **Sunday, September 3**.

The annual **Children of Chornobyl Panakhyda and Reception** will be held at Holy Cross on **Sunday, April 30** beginning at 2:00 p.m. with the candlelight service in the church followed by a concert in our hall. Door prizes and lunch will be provided. Admission is free. Everyone is invited to attend this important commemoration.

The Holy Cross Golden Agers will be making pyrohy on **Tuesday, May 30**. You are welcome to place an order or spread the word to those in our community who might like to order some as well. Contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann Opaski at 577-2803 at your earliest convenience.

We would like to welcome and say 'thank you' to **Sargent & Son Ltd.** (Greg Sargent) as the newest sponsor for our parish bulletin. See their ad on the back cover of this publication.



CHRIST IS RISEN! WHAT A MESSAGE! EASTER IS RESURRECTION DAY!

CAN YOU IMAGINE what that first day was like? As the buzz of excitement filled the air, it was obvious that something unusual had taken place, yet no one seemed to have a handle on it. There was a flurry of activity from the very people who were too afraid to be seen or heard after the violent activities of the past week. Surely something remarkable had happened, but what was it?

The celebration of Easter has continued for all these years because despite all the concerted efforts to disprove it, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead stands, for it has withstood the scrutiny of one investigation after another. Secular professors of history and archeology who have set out to disprove the fact of Christ's Resurrection have come away with the clear testimony that history is an ally of such a remarkable event. Think about it in terms of today: Jesus was dead, He was buried, and has now risen from the dead! If Christ can rise from the grave, we can surely trust Him with the problems of our lives. Happy and Holy Easter to all!

- Jerry Watts

Holy Cross Golden Agers

Regular activities take place on Thursday afternoons beginning at 1:30 p.m. [doors open at 12:30 p.m.]. New members (55+) are always welcome with open arms — it's just \$10 per year and well worth the membership fee.

If you missed the last bus to Grand Portage, the next one will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, April 19** at 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. To book your seat, please contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805). This is a **free** service for everyone.

Non-members are cordially invited for the ride as well. ☺



St. George's Society

Thanks to those members who have signed up to help with the Parish Easter Dinner. See Dr. Larry Watral for further information. Members who have not yet signed up can always help with clean-up of the hall and kitchen afterwards. Your assistance is always appreciated.

Our next monthly meeting is **Sunday, April 30** at 7:00 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

Our next bingo at Superior Shores is on **Friday, May 16** in the afternoon. Please see Gerry Bullock if you are available to help out on that day. The next bingo training session will take place on **Tuesday, May 23** at 7 p.m. in our parish hall. Those interested in attending, please inform Gerry B.



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смертю смерть подолав,
і тим, що в гробах,
життя дарував!*

WHAT, WHERE & WHEN: EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Spring Fashion Show and Tea - presented by the RCL Ladies' Auxiliary Slovak Branch 129 and Little Mermaid and Silhouette Boutique, **Sunday, April 23** at 1:30 p.m. at the RC Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Avenue. Tickets: \$15/person at the door or call 623-3354, ext. 2. Fancy sandwiches and dainties will be served as well. Come and see the latest in spring finery!

Canada's Story in Song - Lakehead Choral Group will mark Canada's sesquicentennial at its annual spring concert taking place on **Wednesday, April 26** at **7:30 p.m.** at St. Agnes Church (corner of Mary & Brown Streets). Enjoy the music of our Indigenous peoples and founding nations, as well as Canadian composers – past and present. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Ticket locations include Rollason Flowers, Kitchen Nook & Finnish Book Store and Music World Academy, and can also be purchased from choir members.



Spaghetti Sing-A-Long Supper - presented by the Fort William Male Choir. **April 28 and 29** at the Slovak Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m.; program starts at 6:30 p.m. They serve, they pour, they sing and more. Tickets are \$30 and \$15 and can be purchased by calling 622-0251/356-4633 at www.fwmc.ca. If you like food, music and fun, join them for their unique brand of dinner theatre.

An Evening of Colour and Energy! - Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group presents its annual concert "Kalyna" **Saturday, April 29** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Available in person, on line at www.tbca.com, or by calling the TBCA Box Office at 684-4444. Come out and support our talented local dancers!



Travel the World in 48 hours! - Thunder Bay Multicultural Association's 44th annual "Folklore Festival" on **Saturday, May 6** and **Sunday, May 7** at the Fort William Gardens and Curling Club. Tantalizing international foods, imported wines and beers, incredible entertainment, 'shop-the-world' booths, an activity-packed Children's Area with all free activities, beautiful exhibits and displays, and local artists on site await you. Adults: \$5; Seniors/Students: \$3; Children (4-12): \$1 and those 4 and under: free. Win a fabulous "stay-cation" for 4 courtesy of Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre. For more information, visit the website www.folklorefestival.ca.

For a complete listing of all events happening in and around Thunder Bay, visit the website www.thunderbay.ca/Living and check out the monthly calendars. They're filled with exciting events for the whole family.

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ONLINE - Donations can now be accepted online through the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosstbay.com/donate). Parishioners, family and friends can now donate by setting up automatic weekly donations or by one-time donation. One-time donations can be made by any major credit card, while automatic donations require the use of a Paypal account. Donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any questions about online donations contact Andrea Warywoda at 629-6818. *Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish community!*



I've Just Seen Jesus - He is Alive!

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and another disciple, whose name was John. She told them, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put Him!"

Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her Master and she didn't know where they had taken Him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought He was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard His voice, she recognized Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!"

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is now seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, the Holy Gospels. He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!

Dear God, we thank you that Jesus, our Saviour, is not in a grave. He is alive! We serve a risen Saviour! Hallelujah! Amen.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church ~ 50th Anniversary Jubilee ~

Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00 p.m.

**Festive Divine Liturgy with
Testimonial Dinner and Dance to follow**

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*Let us all come together to celebrate
this important milestone of our parish!*