



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

Epistle ~ Acts 2: 1-11

Gospel ~ John 7: 37-52; 8: 12

Please see the included insert for today's troparia and special texts

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Larissa Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Today's Gospel passage is a picture of the great claim of Jesus and the divided opinions about Him — a picture that should cause every one of us to search our own response to Jesus. For those who listen, there is something amazing being offered. When Jesus said "living water", He was speaking of the Spirit, Who would be given to everyone believing in Him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into His glory. Well, now the Spirit has indeed been given, and Jesus has entered into His glory, and here-in lies the amazing source of life. The Spirit is like water to the thirsty, a picture of abundance for a people where water was scarce and offered to people who, at that moment, were participating in a religious festival where water was being offered to God as a symbol of their prayers for rain for the sake of the harvest, and as a remembrance of the God Who had provided water from a stone while the nation wandered in the desert. Now, Jesus says, here is something better: living water, the Holy Spirit of God, the incredible presence and power of God with us always, flowing from Christ and into us and then through us into the world. This is what is being offered by the Man shouting at the crowds at the climax of the festival, and what is still offered today.

~ condensed from a sermon by Steven Simala Grant



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 May 12/13

Envelopes: **\$1,559.⁰⁰** Eparchial Needs: **\$50.⁰⁰**

Mission Collection: **\$96.⁶⁵**

In Memory of †Aniela Trusz: **\$100.⁰⁰**

Special Projects: **\$185.⁰⁰**

(Regular: **\$95.⁰⁰**; Holodomor Project: **\$90.⁰⁰**)

Thank you for your generosity! Щупо Вам дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for May is designated for **Thunder Bay Red Cross**.

Note: In May, parishioners can donate their "Special Projects" envelope to the building of the **Holodomor Monument & Garden** in Toronto if so desired. Please indicate by writing 'Holodomor Project' on your special envelope.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SERVICES

MONDAY, MAY 21

10:00 a.m. ~ **Monday of the Holy Spirit**

FRIDAY, MAY 25

10:00 a.m. ~ **Moleben to the Mother of God**

SATURDAY, MAY 26

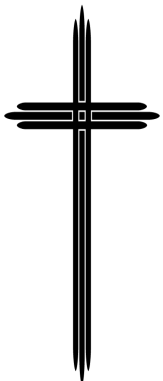
5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of All Saints**

Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban

SUNDAY, MAY 27

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of All Saints**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral



Veritable Words of Wisdom

Bethlehem was "God with us;"
 Golgotha was "God for us;"
 Pentecost is "God in us."



~ Robert Baer

Holy Cross Parish News & Activities

Heartfelt thanks to the members of St. George's Society for putting on a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch last Sunday after the Divine Liturgy, with special recognition to coordinator **Fred Humeniuk** who, once again, spearheaded this annual traditional event. It was truly a joyous and wonderful occasion. May you all continue to love and serve God unconditionally for many more years to come ~ Многая і благая літа!

On the feast of **Pentecost**, it is our tradition to visit the gravesites of our departed loved ones and to pray for them. Since there are a number of cemeteries scattered throughout our city, it is impractical to accomplish this on one day. To this end, we will use the following schedule: **Sunday, May 20** starting at **2:00 p.m.** at the Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery (W. Arthur St.); **3:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick's/Mountainview Cemetery (Broadway Ave.); **Saturday, May 26** beginning at **10:00 a.m.** at St. Andrew's Cemetery (Oliver Rd.). If you wish to have a private service or one at Sunset Memorial Gardens, please speak to Father Stepan personally or call the rectory (577-7721).

We will have one more Cabbage Roll Making Session & Sale before the summer on **Tuesday, June 26**, and are now taking orders for **frozen ones only**. Please sign the list posted in the narthex. Preparations will take place in the next little while; the exact schedule will be published in future bulletins. ☺



DID YOU KNOW?



Thunder Bay Catholic
District School Board

In recent years, there has been some debate about continued public funding for Catholic schools. We must realize that Catholic education is an integral part of Ontario society and has deep roots throughout the province's history and culture. The system of education, one of the best in the world, works well for all our students and families and for Ontario.

Some say it's unfair for only Catholics to have publicly funded schools. Historically, Ontario's Catholic education system was established to address the needs of Catholic families, who were a religious minority in the province. In 1867, the British North American Act guaranteed that all education rights held by minorities would be protected. Please help to uphold this 151-year tradition. Elect those who support Catholic education.

Readings for the First Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday of All Saints ~

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

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 33 - 12: 2

Gospel: Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38; 19: 27-30

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

Thank you to Fred Humeniuk and member crew who came out to help prepare and serve the food and drink for the annual Mother's Day Breakfast. May God bless you and your efforts.

The next dates for **retraining** of bingo volunteers originally trained prior to February 2018 are **Sunday, May 20** and **Sunday, June 10**. The date for **new volunteer training** is **Sunday, June 3**. Parishioners are most welcome to take the training and volunteer to help at bingo. All training and retraining sessions take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue.



Our next two bingo sessions are both matinees: **Wednesday, May 23** and **Wednesday, June 13**. Speak with Gerry Bullock if you are able to volunteer on that date. Please be in proper attire and at the venue no later than 12 noon.

Our last regular monthly meeting is set for **Sunday, May 27** at 7:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend; there are many important issues to discuss and vote upon. Tickets for the annual dinner meeting will be available at that time. We will need a final count no later than June 18.

In the spirit of cooperation, all available members are encouraged to come out to help at the Holy Cross Golden Agers pyrohy making on **Tuesday, May 29** starting at 9:00 a.m. in our parish hall and kitchen. Let us come together as a community!

Love and Service to God since 1960!



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular activities happen every Thursday afternoon at the usual time (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) — and new members are still welcome to join at any time. Membership is just \$10 per year and well worth it. A trip to Winnipeg in mid-September is in the planning stages — last year's was very successful.

Pyrohy orders for May 29 are now **closed** — the limit has been reached. To get on the 'waiting list', please speak with Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) at your earliest convenience. **Please note:** there is no guarantee that there will be any extra product on that morning. *Thank you for your cooperation and support!*

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST



Walk for Alzheimer's - Saturday, May 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Walk for Alzheimer's brings together friends, families, colleagues, businesses, organizations, and community groups to walk in honour and in memory of individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease. We walk to advance the cause and raise funds to address the needs of these individuals and their care partners in our community. Pledge forms are available at the Alzheimer Society Office, 180 Park Avenue, Suite 310, or you can go online at www.walkforalzheimers.ca.

King of the Lobster Supper - Saturday, June 2 at the Columbus Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Guaranteed 3 lobsters, salads, scalloped potatoes, dessert, rolls and coffee/tea. Tickets are \$60/person and are available at the Centre Office or by calling Rosie at 623-3252 to purchase your tickets with a credit card. **No tickets will be sold after Monday, May 28 at 5:00 p.m.**

Staal Foundation Open - Volunteers and caddies are needed for this annual event from **July 10 to 16, 2018** at Whitewater Golf Club. More than 400 amazing volunteers took part in last year's event and they are looking for as many, if not more. Previous golf experience is not required. Visit www.staalopen.ca for more details, and click on "Get Involved" today!



Leaving a legacy of faith ~ Remembering your church in your will

Holy Cross has been there for its parishioners and their families during the most important times of their lives. Wouldn't you want to be there for the future generations on their journeys of faith? Then please consider including our parish in your will. As a supporter of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a bequest in your will ensures that our parish of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will continue to thrive after you are gone in many different areas, such as helping to maintain the church as a focal point of the community, providing important ministries to future generations, and contributing to the cost of repairs and upkeep of the property. In its true essence, a will is an expression of your commitment and gratitude to the people and groups that you cherish here on earth, and Holy Cross has been a place where many have come to give thanks to God for the gifts received and enjoyed during their lifetime. Scripture tells us that Jesus was able to do His work because of the generosity of His friends and supporters. A gift in your will is a testament to your allegiance to the ministry of Christ and can help ensure that the Ukrainian Catholic Church continues to share in God's mission for years to come. *Thank you!*



The Power of the Holy Spirit

Do you know what special day this is? This is **Pentecost Sunday**. It's the time when we remember that before Jesus returned to heaven, He promised that His Father would send a helper — the Holy Spirit — to live inside of those who follow Him. He promised that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.

It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus in many different languages. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.



Most of you know what a flashlight is, and your family probably has many of them in your home. If the electricity goes off and it is dark, these flashlights help you find your way around the house and provide an emergency lighting system. What do you think gives a flashlight the power to light up a room? Batteries inside give it power. Without that power inside, the flashlight just doesn't work. That is exactly the way the Holy Spirit works in our life. Jesus once said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Today's Gospel reading tells us that on the day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit so that they could do mighty things as the Spirit gave them the ability. It is the same power of the Holy Spirit that enables you and me to let our light shine in the world. Just as a flashlight must have batteries to give it power, the Holy Spirit is our source of power to live for Jesus.

Source: www.sermons4kids.com

Question: "What is the power of the Holy Spirit?"

Answer: The power of the Holy Spirit is the power of God. The Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, has appeared throughout Scripture as a Being through and by whom great works of power are made manifest. His power was first seen in the act of creation, for it was by His power the world came into being (Genesis 1:1–2; Job 26:13). The Holy Spirit also empowered men in the Old Testament to bring about God's will: "So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power" (1 Samuel 16:13; see also Exodus 31:2–5; Numbers 27:18). Although the Spirit did not permanently indwell God's people in the Old Testament, He worked through them and gave them power to achieve things they would not have been able to accomplish on their own. All of Samson's feats of strength are directly attributed to the Spirit coming upon him (Judges 14:6, 19; 15:14).

Jesus promised the Spirit as a permanent guide, teacher, seal of salvation, and comforter for believers (John 14:16–18). He also promised that the Holy Spirit's power would help His followers to spread the message of the Gospel around the world: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The salvation of souls is a supernatural work only made possible by the Holy Spirit's power at work in the world.

When the Holy Spirit descended upon believers at Pentecost, it was not a quiet event, but a powerful one. "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:1–4). Immediately afterward, the disciples spoke to the crowds gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. These people hailed from a variety of nations and therefore spoke many different languages. Imagine their surprise and wonder when the disciples spoke to them in their own tongues (verses 5–12)! Clearly, this was not something the disciples could have accomplished on their own without many months—or even years—of study. The Holy Spirit's power was made manifest to a great number of people that day, resulting in the conversion of about 3,000 (verse 41).

During His earthly ministry, Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1), led by the Spirit (Luke 4:14), and empowered by the Spirit to perform miracles (Matthew 12:28). After Jesus had ascended to heaven, the Spirit equipped the Apostles to perform miracles, too (2 Corinthians 2:12; Acts 2:43; 3:1–7; 9:39–41). The power of the Holy Spirit was manifest among all the believers of the early church through the dispensation of spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues, prophesying, teaching, wisdom, and more.

All those who put their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately and permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11). And, although some of the spiritual gifts have ceased (e.g., speaking in tongues and prophecy), the Holy Spirit still works in and through believers to accomplish His will. His power leads us, convicts us, teaches us, and equips us to do His work and spread the Gospel. The Holy Spirit's powerful indwelling is an amazing gift we should never take lightly.

Source: www.gotquestions.org