



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, that is, the Body of Christ. Here, services are offered in the 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. Jesus Christ is the centre of our life, and it is in the Divine Liturgy where we come to know Him in each other by means of the Sacred Scriptures, and through the receiving of the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today's celebration be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

Sunday, November 24, 2019 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Ephesians 2: 14-22* *Gospel: Luke 8: 41-56*

Troparia are found on the inserts included with this bulletin

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Joseph Myslicki
Sunday (10 a.m.): Walter Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Zenya Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

Comforting Words of Wisdom

*Jesus Christ heals body, mind and spirit.
And His healing begins with faith.*

~ Timothy J. Dyches ~

Parish News and Events

A sincere thank you to all who came out to help at last week's Pyrohy Making — it was awesome. And we do have some extra frozen ones for sale. Speak with Walter Warywoda or Michael Watral if you are interested. The 2020 Pyrohy Making Schedule is posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex and hall. **Please note:** the Golden Agers have yet to decide their dates. When confirmed, they will be published. ☺

We are still accepting donations for our **Christmas Cheer Project** to make up personal hygiene packages, as well as any Christmas mugs and candy with which to fill them. There is a box in the narthex for such items. Any questions? Contact Sherry Opaski (767-0253) or Cheryl Bain (623-2138) anytime.

November 24th is "**Grey Cup Sunday**", and the members of St. George's Society would like to extend an open invitation to **all men** of the parish to join them for some food and fellowship @ 5:30 p.m. Come out and watch the game on the big screen TV while cheering for the Blue Bombers or the Tiger-Cats!

It's holubtsi making time! Cabbage steaming/cleaning will take place on **Monday, November 25** at 10:00 a.m., with rolling & packaging on **Tuesday, November 26** from 10:30 a.m. Help is always needed, so your presence is appreciated. *Thank you!*

Mario (Mars) Brescacin is turning **100** years old, and his family is extending an invitation to all parishioners to a special open house to celebrate this milestone event on **Thursday, November 28** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Southbridge Pinewood Court, 2625 E. Walsh St. *Best wishes only!*



St. Nicholas is expected to arrive for a visit to Holy Cross on **Sunday, December 8**. All children and their families are invited to attend the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy and then proceed to the hall to receive him. Those planning to attend are asked to call or text Jaclyn Strehlow (252-1789) no later than **Wednesday, December 4** so that appropriate arrangements of food and goodies can be made. *О хто, хто, Миколая любить...*

On March 31, 2019, the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund was dissolved, but continues in Thunder Bay under a new banner: *Orphans of Ukraine Society*. The Board of Directors of Orphans of Ukraine extend its gratitude for our past support of the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund (CCCF). For more information re: membership and support, contact Russell Romanick, local President of Orphans of Ukraine.

Liturgical Service Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Apostle Andrew, the First-called**
For the departed servant †Patricia (Tracz) Quinn
Offered by Shirley Federico

5:00 p.m. ~ **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. ~ **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Andrika Warywoda
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

The second candle on the banner, *green*, that was lit this past Thursday evening, reminds us of the hope in God that Mary had, as we journey to the source of light and faith, and recognize Jesus as our Saviour and Master.

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.

NOVEMBER 16/17

Envelopes and Loose: \$1,624.²⁵

Mission Collection: \$70.¹⁵

Special Projects: \$70.⁰⁰ Church in Ukraine: \$20.⁰⁰

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Collection for November has been designated for **Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer**.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

St. George's Society extends its thanks to those members who helped in any capacity at pyrohy making this past week. May God bless you for your efforts!



Our regular monthly meeting takes place on **Thursday, November 28 at 1:00 p.m.** preceded by a 'mini' shuffleboard tournament starting @ 12 noon. Following the meeting, bingo will take place as usual. Coffee/tea and sweets will be available also. Hope to see many in attendance!

Mark your calendars! **Thursday, December 12** is the date for our final get-together for 2019. Regular activities happen at the usual time followed by our annual free Christmas dinner along with raffles, sing-alongs, and lots of fun! All members are requested to bring a donation for the *Thunder Bay Food Bank*.

There will **not** be a bus to Grand Portage during the month of December ~ sorry. However, if there is enough interest, the first one of 2020 will depart the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 15**, and arrive back @ 10:00 p.m. Contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your **free** seat today.

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

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

St. Dominic's Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the church proper (130 W. Redwood Avenue). Adults: \$10; children: \$5. Refreshments and raffle draws to follow in the church hall. For tickets call St. Dominic Church Office at 577-5672.



The CP Holiday Train is coming! - Sunday, December 1 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. at the CP Train Depot, 440 Syndicate Avenue S., with musical guests Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo. The Holiday Train is CP's way to help in the fight against hunger by growing awareness of this issue and provide a fun and engaging way for the public to show its support.

Spirit of Christmas Concert - presented by the Lakehead Choral Group on **Wednesday, December 4** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, corner of Brown and Mary Sts. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available from Rol-lason Flowers, Kitchen Nook & Finnish Bookstore and any Lakehead Choral Group member (Susan Soldan) or by calling 577-1224. Come and celebrate the spirit of Christmas!

Ecumenical Prayer Service - Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel at St. Patrick Cathedral (use Donald St entrance) for those who have experienced a loss and wish to gather as a community for mutual support. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Readings for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)



Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-6
The Unity of the Body

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37
The Parable of the Good Samaritan



On today's Gospel account, Jesus stopped to draw attention to a woman's plight and relief because she needed to realize that she wasn't an interruption or unimportant to Jesus; she mattered because she reached out in faith. She needed to hear someone call her "Daughter," affirm her faith and send her home in real peace. With His compassionate words, Jesus expanded and deepened her healing.

The world often devalues good things by CALLING them unnecessary interruptions. But Jesus invites us to come to Him like this woman did. He assures us that we'll *never* be an interruption. He reminds us to trust in Him. The timing of His response might seem odd, but we're not God. His timing is perfect. We can simply rest and live in His perfect compassion. And we can pass along that compassion by treating others as Jesus treats us.

~ from a sermon by Edward Hardee



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to those members who came out to our pyrohy making last week. Close to 500 dozen were made! The next session will take place on **March 28 - 30, 2020**. Standing orders can be placed with Walter Warywoda anytime!

Help will be needed with parish cabbage roll making this week: Monday, November 25 at 10 a.m. for steaming/de-ribbing the cabbage; Tuesday, November 26 around the same time to prepare and mix the rice, make and package the cabbage rolls, and clean-up the roasters, bowls, and utensils when done. More than 135 dozen are pre-ordered.

Our next scheduled bingo session is a matinee on **Friday, December 20**. The next training session takes place on **Saturday, December 14** from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Speak with Gerry Bull-ock if you are able to volunteer or wish to attend the training.

Our annual 'Grey Cup Meeting and Social' will take place on **Sunday** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and share in the fellowship, food, and festivities!

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History Corner



A special moment from the November 11, 1990 Pontifical Divine Liturgy. Pictured are (back row, left to right): Father Ivan Trush, †Bishop Isidore Borecky, †Bishop Basil Filevich, Father Taras Karpiuk; (front row, left to right): Ryan Douglas, Jonathan Moore, Dennis Opaski, and Christopher Moore.



Faith + Jesus = Hope

Do you like math? Even if you really don't, today's Bible story is simple addition: **Faith + Jesus = Hope**. Let's look at it and see just how.

Jesus and His disciples were on their way to a town called Capernaum whereupon their arrival a large crowd met them. Included in this crowd were a man called Jairus and a woman with a bleeding disorder. Jairus' only daughter was very ill and about to die. He had heard and greatly believed that Jesus could heal her and spare her life. But on His way to



Jairus' house, the woman with the bleeding disorder for twelve years, managed to come up to Jesus and touch the border

of His clothing — and she was immediately cured! Jesus felt 'power' had gone out from Him, and asked, "Who touched Me?" The woman then realized that He knew, so she came trembling before Him and fell down at His feet and explained to the crowd what she did and how she was healed instantly. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace." It was this faith, not the action itself that Jesus addressed, and it is important for us to understand and remember.

Unfortunately, while Jesus was speaking with the woman, a messenger came from Jairus' house telling him that his daughter was dead, and not to bother Jesus anymore. But Jesus heard this and said, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be well." But Jesus continued on to Jairus' house and came upon the girl who had died and said to those who were crying and mourning for her, "Do not cry; she is not dead, but sleeping." They laughed at Him, but He took the girl by the hand and called out, "Get up, my child!" Her life returned, and she got up at once. Her parents were amazed, but Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened because He did not want to be known for His miracles, but rather His message of salvation.

Jesus had demonstrated His authority over disease earlier with the woman, and now over death with Jairus' daughter. And, He's able to demonstrate His authority in our lives in any manner that He sees fit. This story also shows us how Jesus intervenes in hopeless situations. He offers us hope and healing, and we are called to trust Him even when things seem impossible. Let us rejoice in knowing this. Alleluia!

Sources: www.jesusisall.com

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Holy Cross Parish Christmas Sing-along

Monday, December 16
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
B. G. Shumay Auditorium
(our parish hall)

Join us for some carolling, entertainment, and goodies. All we ask is that you bring a donation of a canned or dry good in support of the local Regional Food Distribution Association (RDFA). And if you choose to, you may also bring your choice of Christmas baking (cookies, [pre-cut] squares, macaroons, tarts, etc.) to share.

Everyone is invited to attend this “family-friendly” evening of song and fellowship to help usher in the spirit of Christmas at Holy Cross!

