



## 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent (Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt)

**Today's Readings:** *Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14* *Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45*  
Troparia are located on **pages 5 and 22** of the grey booklets

### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda



### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon

## Parish News and Events

Time to make pyrohy again! Potato peeling & preparations take place on **Saturday, April 6** at 8 a.m.; ball making on **Sunday, April 7** at 9 a.m.; doughmaking, pinching, boiling, packaging, etc. on **Monday, April 8** at 8 a.m.

We extend our condolences to the Domansky family on the passing of their beloved **+Lydia**, former parishioner of the Church of the Holy Protection. Funeral services will take place at Everest Funeral Chapel (Waverly) on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. (Panakhya), and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Вічна їй пам'ять.



The children of our parish will have an opportunity to put together an Easter Basket on **Saturday, April 20** at **3:00 p.m.** in our hall, and therefore, we need to know for how many children to prepare. Please call or text Jaclyn Strehlow at 252-1789 as soon as possible to indicate if your child(ren)/grandchild(ren) will be attending.

St. George's Scholarship Applications are now available in the narthex. All students who are current parishioners at Holy Cross and in their final year of high school are encouraged to apply. The deadline is **Friday, May 3, 2019**.

## LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

for the week of April 8 - 15, 2019

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. ~ for the soul of the departed servant of Christ  
†Marko Kozorys ~ 40<sup>th</sup> day

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 a.m. ~ Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by  
Panakhya for the deceased (final service)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 a.m. ~ for the soul of the departed servant of Christ  
†Anna Soldan ~ 40<sup>th</sup> day

5:00 p.m. ~ **Palm Sunday** (Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem)  
Epistle Reader: Dr. Larry Watral  
Eucharistic Minister: Francis Puchalski

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 a.m. ~ **Palm Sunday** (Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem)  
Epistle Reader: Walter Warywoda  
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak



In today's Gospel account, Jesus tells His disciples (and us) that being a Christian is not about being better than someone else -- having a more superior position -- nor is it about having power over someone else. In fact, in following Jesus we are led into a life of serving others, no matter who we are. And it is a special type of service. The reality is everyday people are serving us, but most of the time they are serving us so they can get something from us or they can benefit from someone else. But this is not the approach to service Jesus is talking about. The type of service Jesus is encouraging us to live out is one of really serving others, so they benefit.

One thing to always remember is that our service is never about proving to God that we are good enough for His love. Rather, we serve as Christians because we are already loved by God and because our loving service is how God works through us to connect with others, so they know His love.

~ from a sermon by Richard Schwedes

## Your Return Gift to God

Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously & lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

## MARCH 30/31

Envelopes: \$2,656.<sup>75</sup> Vigil Lights: \$104.<sup>75</sup>  
Special Projects: \$5.<sup>00</sup> Mission Collection: \$116.<sup>50</sup>  
Flowers for the Tomb/Easter: \$55.<sup>00</sup>  
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$105.<sup>00</sup>

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

The Mission Collection for March totalled **\$384.<sup>35</sup>** which will be sent to the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital.

April's Mission Collection is designated for the **Thunder Bay and District Humane Society**.



The liturgical schedule for **Passion (Holy) Week, Easter Weekend and Bright Week** is included with today's bulletin. Please take a copy home with you.



Since 1960!

Time to make pyrohy! Peeling took place Saturday morning. Ball making happens Sunday morning and everything else on Monday morning — the usual start times will be followed. Help will also be needed on Thursday morning @ 10:30 a.m. to help package frozen product.

Our next bingo is an evening session on **Tuesday, April 9**. Those who have agreed to volunteer on that date should be at the hall no later than 5:45 p.m. in proper attire.

The next two training dates and times are:

**Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.**



All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (about an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.

The Easter Vigil Schedule will be prepared soon. If you know in advance that you are unable to attend, or need special consideration, please inform Michael Watral at your earliest convenience.

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St. Mary of Egypt:** From Harlot to Saint by the grace of God! In her we see the power of sin forgiven. Hers is the story of passion converted and genuine love restored.

From the hardened sinner that she had been, Mary has, for a great many souls crushed under the burden of sin, become a source of hope and a model of conversion. This is why the Holy Fathers have placed the celebration of her memory at the end of the Great Fast as an encouragement for all who have neglected their salvation, proclaiming that repentance can bring them back to God even at the eleventh hour.



Mary was a woman who fell from the grace of God and lived the life of a fallen woman. For 17 years she sought pleasure in life, until out of curiosity she joined a throng of pilgrims, making a fated journey to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. Let us then, parishioners of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, follow Mary's example of repentance!

## Holy Cross Golden Agers



Regular afternoon activities take place on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. with doors opened at 12 noon, and new members are still welcome to join our ranks. Come by and see us!

Available members are also encouraged to provide assistance at the Parish Pyrohy Making on Sunday and Monday (April 7 & 8). See the notice in the Parish News for start times.

The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, April 10 @ 3:45 p.m.** and return @ 10 p.m. To book your seat, sign the list at the meeting or call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006). Non-members (18 years and up) with valid passports are also invited. Join us for an evening out!

## WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Two-Bit Auction - Sunday, April 7** at the Slovak Legion Branch 129 Hall, 801 Atlantic Avenue, sponsored by the RCL Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open @ **12 noon**; activities start at **1:00 p.m.** Great baskets, food and refreshments, and a lot of fun! Tickets: \$5.<sup>00</sup> each. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 to arrange for yours. *Everyone is invited!*

**Sprinkle of Spring Tea** - sponsored by St. Dominic CWL, **Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in St. Dominic Parish Hall, 130 W. Redwood Avenue. Draws, Bake Table, Penny Auction, Sewing Table, sandwiches & dainties. Ticket prices: Adults: \$6.<sup>00</sup>/person; children (5-12): \$4.<sup>00</sup>; (4 and under): free. *Tutti sono benvenuti! Everyone is welcome!*

**Pickrel Dinner - Saturday, April 13** at the Columbus Centre with two sittings: 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Tickets (\$21) are available at the Columbus Centre office. Call 623-3252.

**Conductor's Playlist** - Join the Lakehead Choral Group members on **Wednesday, April 24** for their annual concert as they celebrate their conductor Susan Korstanje's 25<sup>th</sup> year at the podium. It all begins at **7:30 p.m.** at **St. Agnes Church** (corner of Brown and Mary Sts.). Adults: \$20; Students: \$10. Speak with LCG member Susan Soldan to get your tickets for this special show!

**Support Ukrainian Culture** - Chaban Ukrainian Dancers present "**Vasyl and the Varenyky Factory**" ~ their annual concert at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. An evening of colour, energy and traditional music! To get your tickets, visit the Box Office, call (807) 684-4444, or order online at [www.tbca.com](http://www.tbca.com). *Don't miss it!*

## Readings for Palm Sunday

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

### Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9

(Paul's Instructions to the church at Philippi)

### Gospel: John 12: 1-18

(Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem)



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.



## History Corner

*Beginning with this bulletin, and appearing occasionally, we take a look back at Holy Cross throughout the last 52 years.*

When he first arrived in Thunder Bay in July of 1978, the late †Bishop Basil Filevich (then Monsignor) started a Liturgical Service log book (Divine Liturgy, funerals, molebens, etc.) which indicated the intention, the person(s) who requested it, the hour, the date, the serving priest, and those who attended Holy Communion (if applicable).



The first entry is the first Divine Liturgy that he celebrated at Holy Cross, which took place on **Wednesday, July 28, 1978** at 9:00 a.m. The intention was for the repose of the departed servant of God, †Patricia Sorochuk, offered by David and Shirley Graba. No one attended Holy Communion on that occasion. Near the back of the same book are the "Sick Calls" — those whom he visited (from 1978 - 1983) at the various homes for the aged, hospitals and at their personal residences. This book is on display in the narthex table. Feel free to peruse it at your leisure, but please do not remove it from the church. ☺



# The Real Reason Jesus Came to Earth

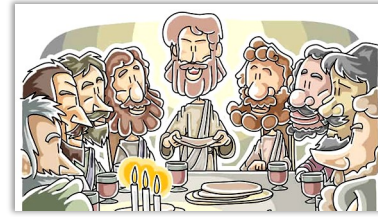
## He Came to Serve

I want to tell you a story,  
About sitting by Jesus' side.  
They wanted the fame and the glory,  
So two brothers pulled Him aside.

James and John asked Jesus,  
"Can we sit on your left and your right?  
Everyone in Heaven will see us,  
And it will be our biggest delight."

"Do you even know what you're asking?"  
Are you willing to drink from my cup?  
Can you live the life that I'm living?  
From my baptism, could you even come up?"

When the rest of the twelve overheard it,  
They got angry with John and James.  
Surely Jesus would see they were unfit,  
But why did they think He'd choose their names?



So He gathered all twelve around Him,  
And He spoke of what true greatness is.  
It's not thrones, crowns, gold or gems,  
but serving others needs before His.

Those who are greatest don't look it.  
You would never guess who they are.  
They may look like a maid or a servant,  
But in God's eyes they're really a star.

Jesus came down from Heaven to serve us,  
To wash our feet and our hearts alike.  
To teach, help, lead, and love us,  
And show us what greatness looks like.

Source: [www.ministry-to-children.com](http://www.ministry-to-children.com)

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