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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 Ukrainian and English 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.

31st Sunday after the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* 1 Timothy 1: 15-17 *Gospel:* Luke 18: 35-43

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Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
Sunday (10 a.m.): Michael Watral



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Due to the extremely frigid conditions, we have decided to cancel the planned **Pancake Breakfast** for Sunday and re-schedule it when the weather is more hospitable to **Sunday, March 17** (tentatively). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and hope to see many in attendance on the new date.

Nominations to Parish Council: It is important that we, as parishioners, take turns on the Parish Council so that a wide range of ideas, experience, and insight is shared amongst each other. Serving on the Council is not a tremendous task and it can be very rewarding, so we encourage all parishioners 18 years and older to consider a position. This is a two-year commitment; however, all council members have the option to stay on for another term if desired.



Five lessons may be learned from today's Gospel passage. First, the Lord does not ignore the cry of those who truly call on Him (cf. Matt. 11:28; John 6:37). Second, the Lord is profoundly compassionate. Third, the Lord has power over all disease. Fourth, the Lord came for more than merely to heal disease — He came to save the lost and transform them into obedient worshippers. Finally, the passage calls for self-examination. Those who express interest in Christ are either among the curious crowd, whose praise is shallow, superficial, and ultimately false, or they are like the blind man, whose desperation led him to abandon everything to come to Christ for salvation, and who gave evidence of that salvation by following Christ obediently and glorifying Him. Are you a part of the crowd, or are you a follower of Christ like the blind man?



~ quoted by Freddy Fritz from a sermon by John MacArthur

Liturgical Service Schedule

for the week of January 28 to February 3, 2019

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs**
(St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Encounter (Presentation) of our Lord into the Temple**
(Candles will be blessed following the liturgy)

5:00 p.m. ~ **32nd Sunday after Pentecost (Zacchaeus) and Post-feast of the Encounter**
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk
Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

10:00 a.m. ~ **32nd Sunday after Pentecost (Zacchaeus) and Post-feast of the Encounter**
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan
Eucharistic Minister: Stanley Myslicki

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.

JANUARY 19/20

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Mission Collection: \$24.¹⁰



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January's Mission Collection is designated for **Community Clothing Assistance**. Its mission is to assist in the relief of poverty among poor families and people in crisis with an emphasis on community supported clothing assistance programs. For more information, and/or if you wish to volunteer, visit the website at <http://clothingassistance.com>.

Income tax receipts for 2018 are now available in the narthex. Any questions or concerns should be politely directed to her at the Parish Office. Also, any corrections/changes to your personal contact information should be communicated to her as soon as possible. *Thank you!* ☺



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The January/February edition of **The Plentiful Harvester** is now available. Hard copies are in the narthex. Electronic copies will be sent out this week. Look for it in your e-mail.

Attention all members! Our first gathering in 2019 will be the annual **'Super Bowl'** Meeting on **Sunday, February 3** beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and social. Hope to see members — and some new faces as well — in attendance.

The **2019 Usher Schedule** is now posted on the narthex bulletin board, and there are still opportunities for members to volunteer their services as many of the blanks have not been filled in. We ask all able members to make it one of your New Year's resolutions and to sign up for one (or two) months. Remember: there is no substitute for the ministry of an usher, so let's continue serving God in this capacity.

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Readings for the 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

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



Epistle: 1 Timothy 4: 9-15

(A Good Servant of Christ Jesus)

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

(Jesus and Zacchaeus)

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.

God in the Winter

THE COLD SNOWS and the piercing winds all remind us that God keeps His covenant day and night, and assures us that He will also keep the glorious covenant which He made with us in the person of Christ Jesus. God, Who remains true to His Word during the turning of the seasons in this poor sin-polluted world, will prove faithful in His dealings with His own well-beloved sons and daughters.

Winter in the soul is often an uncomfortable season. If now you are facing uncomfortable circumstances or discouraging experiences, it will feel very painful to you. But there is comfort in the fact that the Lord makes both summer and winter. He knows your pain. He sends the sharp blasts of adversity to nip the buds of expectation. He scatters the frost like ashes over the once lush meadows of our joy.

He does it all. He is the great Winter King, and rules the realms of frost. Therefore, you should not murmur against Him. Losses, crosses, heaviness, sickness, poverty, and a thousand other ills can, if we choose, be turned into a blessing of the Lord, and such trials come to us with wise design. Frosts kill deadly insects, and restrain raging diseases.

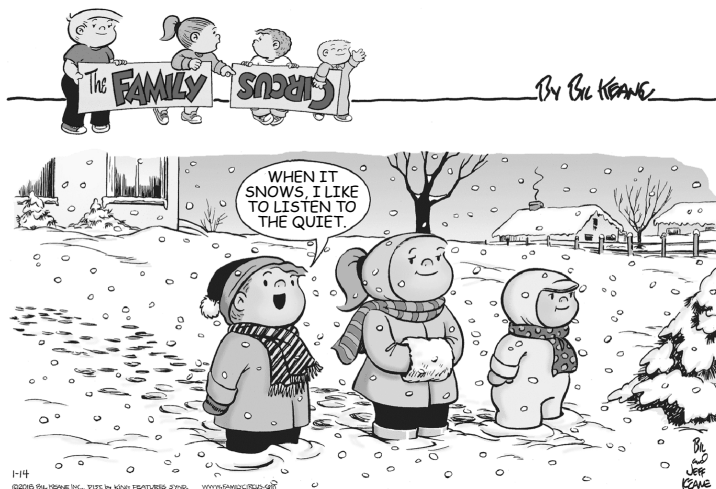
Let us wrap ourselves in the warm garments of His promises, and go forth to work for His glory during this season, for those who slack off in their work during the winters often are forced to beg in summer due to their inactivity, and end up with nothing. Just as during winter we cherish a fire's pleasant glow and warming heat, let us cherish our Lord, Who is the constant source of warmth and comfort in every time of trouble. Let us draw near to Him, and in Him find joy and peace in believing.

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Great news! Regular Thursday afternoon activities will resume in just 10 short days on **February 7, 2019** at 1:00 p.m. when new members are welcome to come and join us. We'll be there — and we promise the church hall will be warm!

Did you miss last month's bus to Grand Portage? Well, you can hop on the next one on **Wednesday, February 20**, leaving the church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10:00 p.m. Those who are 18 years and older with valid passports are welcome to join us. Simply call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your *free* seat — and leave the driving to Happy Time Tours!

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kindergarten Information Night - The 2019 Kindergarten Information Night for the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board will be held at the Victoria Inn on **Monday, January 28, 2019** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All K-6 Catholic elementary schools will be open on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for open registration. Online registration is also available.

Chinese New Year Celebrations - hosted by the Thunder Bay Chinese-Canadian Association, **Saturday, February 9, 2019** at Da Vinci Centre beginning at **5:30 p.m.** General admission: \$60/person; children 3-13 years: \$30; 2 years and under: \$15. Find tickets on Facebook's event page or send an e-mail to **TBCCA-wendy@hotmail.com**. Traditional entertainment, food, music, prizes, dancing to a live band and more. Come and help celebrate the year of the pig!

Truly Inspirational Words

*"Praise the Lord,
for the chains that seem to bind you,
Serve only to remind you.
They drop powerless behind you,
When you praise Him!"*



Speak Up! Let Your Requests Be Known to God

Do you remember when you were a baby? One thing we know about babies is that they are never shy when it comes to letting you know when they want something. They will let you know when they are hungry, thirsty, sick, tired, or wet. Since a little baby doesn't know how to talk, how can he or she tell you all these things? Right! A baby lets you know these things by crying. The baby doesn't care if you are in church, at a movie, or eating dinner in a fine restaurant. If a baby wants or needs something, you are going to hear about it! As we get older, we learn to be more reserved about making our wants and wishes known. Or do we? Today we will hear the story about a man who was not at all bashful about letting Jesus know that he needed something.

Jesus and His disciples had spent some time in the city of Jericho. As they were leaving town, a blind man was sitting beside the road. When he heard the people saying that Jesus was approaching, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

His crying out disturbed the people around him. "Be quiet!" they yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

When Jesus heard the blind man crying out, He stopped and said, "Tell him to come to Me." So, they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, Jesus is calling you to come to Him. He jumped up, threw aside his coat, and went to Jesus.

"What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "I want to see," the man answered. "Go," Jesus said. "Your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see and he followed Jesus down the road.



Can you imagine a mother hearing her baby cry and just ignoring it? No way! A mother will do whatever she can to find out what her baby wants or needs and tend to that need. Can you imagine God knowing that we have a need and ignoring it? Not a chance! God loves His children and wants what is best for them. The Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done." (Philippians 4:6)

When you have a need in your life, don't be shy. Speak up! Remember what Jesus said. "I will do whatever you ask in My name." (John 14:13)

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