



## СЛАВА ИСУСУ ХРИСТУ ~ СЛАВА НА ВІКИ! GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST ~ GLORY FOREVER!

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors, and pray that your participation in the Divine Liturgy will be enriching for you as well.

### October 1, 2017 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6: 16 - 7:1

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Please refer to the insert for special texts and troparia

## Your Return Gift to God

SEPTEMBER 23/24

Envelopes: \$1,230. <sup>00</sup>	Vigil Lights: \$47. <sup>50</sup>
Special Projects: \$75. <sup>00</sup>	Mission Fund: \$50. <sup>45</sup>
Eparchial Youth: \$5. <sup>00</sup>	Seminary Fund: \$10. <sup>00</sup>

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

September's Mission Collection is for **The Underground Gym**, a unique gathering place for community youth in transition. It offers free access to equipment and mentoring in a safe environment that is open to children and youth who lack the cultural, social or economic resources required to access existing facilities. Visit [www.undergroundgym.ca](http://www.undergroundgym.ca) for more info.

The designated charity for the October Mission Collection will be published in next weekend's bulletin. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience. ☺

## Focus On Today's Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reminds us of how great faith rewards. Faith takes hold of what the grace of God has provided. The Canaanite woman came to Christ because she believed what she had heard about Him. The silence of Christ only increased her faith. She never doubted His love even though she was a Canaanite woman. When Christ told her that healing was the children's bread and not to be given to dogs, she responded with faith. She declared that dogs were allowed to eat the crumbs of bread that fell to the ground and that it was enough to meet her need. God will always respond to faith so that He does not contradict or compromise His Word in any way. God knew the woman's great love for her daughter and the level of her faith. His actions enabled her to rise above discouragement and doubt "that the trial of her faith might be found unto praise and honour and glory". (1 Peter 1: 6-7)

God will never contradict or compromise His Word and makes sure that faith takes hold of the gifts of His grace. These gifts are a certainty since they do not depend on anything we have done but on what Christ has done.

The good news is the Gospel of grace. It is good news because we did not do anything to deserve it. We only need to take hold of the blessings and provisions of God's grace by faith. And it is only by faith that we can fulfil God's purpose to the praise and glory of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

~ Condensed from a sermon by William Baeta

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 a.m. ~ Feast of the Holy Apostle Thomas

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 p.m. ~ 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

Sunday, October 8

10:00 a.m. ~ 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak



## Parish News & Activities

The **Holy Cross Golden Agers** would like to express their sincerest appreciation to all of the parishioners and friends who came out to help at their Pyrohy Making last Tuesday. It was a good turnout and all went very well. ☺



A big thank you to St. George's Society for its recent donation of **\$3000.<sup>00</sup>** on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holy Cross Church. May all members of this important brotherhood be blessed with the strength and good health to continue in love and service to God for many years to come!



We are looking for parishioners who would like to be trained to respond to emergency situations in our church. This is a very important issue. Training sessions will be announced at a later date. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex soon.

On **Sunday, October 15**, after the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, we invite everyone to come down to the parish hall for a mini-luncheon/coffee hour. If you wish to prepare/donate any food items, please bring them to the parish kitchen no later than **9:30 a.m.** that morning. *Thank you very much ~ Щиро дякую!*

A Halloween party is in the planning stages for our youngsters for **Saturday, October 21** at 6 p.m. in our parish hall. If your children are interested in attending (*parents and Baba and Gigi can come and help, too*), please call **Jackie Strehlow** as soon as possible at **252-1789** to indicate your intentions.



Do you enjoy singing and would like to join others in sharing your talents in our parish's music ministry? Then, please consider joining our Sunday choir. New members are always welcome at any time during the year.

Remember to take the **October calendar** home with you!

## Words of Faith and Hope



*"We may not or need not  
understand God's plan for us.  
All that is expected of us  
is to trust Him,  
as Mary our Mother did."*

### **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

Regular activities take place on Thursday afternoons starting at 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.). New members (aged 55 and up) are welcome to join at that time. It's just \$10/year and a lot of fun. Come check us out — you'll be glad you did!

Feeling lucky? The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, October 18 @ 3:45 p.m.** and return @ 10 p.m. To reserve your seat, please contact Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) before that date. This is a **free** service. Everyone is welcome aboard!

### **DONATE TO HOLY CROSS PARISH ONLINE**

**FYI:** Donations can be made online through the Holy Cross website ([www.holycrossbay.com/donate](http://www.holycrossbay.com/donate)). Parishioners, family and friends can do so by setting up automatic weekly donations or by one-time donation. One-time donations can be made through any major credit card, while automatic donations require the use of a PayPal® account. All donations are eligible for tax receipts. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Andrea Warywoda at 629-6818.

*Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish!*



### **MANY YEARS OF DEEP FAITH**

Among the Marian feasts listed in our Liturgical Year, the feast of the Patronage (Protection) of the Most Holy Mother of God deserves special consideration. The belief of the Mother of God as the Protectress of our nation reaches like a golden thread from the times of the Kyivan princes to the present day. The secret of honouring the Mother of God as a Protectress lies, per-

haps, in the fact that we are dealing here not with human but heavenly and more powerful intercession. Every person, family and nation would like to enjoy such an intercession and protection. From the very beginning of the Kyivan State, we have had great and powerful enemies. It is small wonder then that our people sought the assistance and protection of the Mother Holy Mother of God whose intercession is all-powerful. For our people, then, the feast of the Patronage has always been, and still remains, a day of great manifestation of love and gratitude to the Most Holy Mother of God, a day of joyous praise and glorification of her protection and intercession.

In 1912, St. Pope Pius X remarked to our Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka: "Your nation cannot perish, for it has two guarantees: it loves the Eucharistic Christ and the Most Pure Virgin Mary. With these guarantees your nation will survive."

## **ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY**

Thanks to the members who lent a hand at pyrohy making last Tuesday in support of the Holy Cross Golden Agers.

The next St. George's sponsored bingo at Superior Shores Gaming Centre is on **Monday, October 16** in the afternoon. Those who have agreed to work on that date are reminded to be there no later than 12 noon. A bingo in November is scheduled for **Thursday, November 16** in the afternoon as well. The next training session will take place at Superior Shores on **Sunday, October 22** from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**A reminder to all fishermen:** Please submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to the following Committee members: *Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda, or Eugene Zdebiak.* You have until **Sunday, October 29** to do so. Good luck to all anglers, and remember to be safe on the lakes. Tight lines and keep your tip up!

Our annual Corporate Communion will take place **Sunday, October 29** at the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All members are encouraged to attend in traditional society attire. Afterward, we will proceed to the Airline Hotel for breakfast and our regular monthly meeting. Cost is \$10 per member.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Trunk & Tailgate Yard Sale & BBQ - Saturday, October 7** starting at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Church parking lot — a cooperative effort by St. Peter's and Transfiguration parishes. Hotdogs, burgers, pyrohy, and baking will also be sold. Proceeds to benefit the reno funds for both churches. Donations of items/baking to sell can be dropped off at the Transfiguration basement on **Friday, October 6** between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Table rentals are \$10 or anyone can bring a table and set up shop for free. To reserve a table, send an email to Mike Meady at [mike\\_meady@yahoo.ca](mailto:mike_meady@yahoo.ca). Thank you for your generous support!

St. Dominic's Church presents 'Oktoberfest' Dinner and Dance, **Friday, October 13** in St. Dominic's Parish Hall. Symposium at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dance to music by Quest. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call the parish office at 577-5672 (Mon-Fri) to reserve your tickets.

Fall Cleaning anyone? **The Catholic Action Centre** is looking for donations of gently used towels (bath & kitchen), sheets, men's sweat pants and shoes. The Centre (129 Miles St. E.) is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, during which any donations will be gratefully accepted!

*Please note that dates and times of activities and events published here are subject to change without notice beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Readings for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (October 8)**

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

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11**

**Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11**

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.



# When We Sit at the Master's Feet, We Will Be Fed

**D**o you have a dog? What do you feed your dog? Canned dog food? Dry dog food? Do you ever feed him scraps from the table? Most veterinarians say that you should not feed your dog table scraps. Why? They say that table scraps are not intended for dogs and may not provide what a dog needs. That may be true, but just try to convince your dog of that as he sits by the table watching you enjoy a juicy steak. Maybe the meal was not intended for him, but that doesn't keep him from sitting by the table, begging for a little scrap, hoping that just one small bite might fall on the floor for him. Keep that picture in your mind as you listen to our Bible lesson today.



When Jesus came to earth, He came to preach and teach first to the Jews. That does not mean that He didn't love the other people of the world, but the first priority in His ministry on earth was to bring God's chosen ones to repentance.

When other people saw Jesus healing the sick and lame, they followed Him wherever He went. One day there was a woman from Canaan who came to Jesus and asked Him to heal her daughter. Jesus explained to the woman that His first mission on earth was to preach to the people of Israel. The woman refused to give up. She came closer, knelt down, and begged, "Please help me, Lord!" Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs." The woman answered Jesus and said, "Lord, that's true, but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus was so touched by the faith of that woman that He told her that because of her faith, her daughter would be healed. Even though Jesus came first to the Jew, He loved us so much that He shared His love with all of us. So, we are a little bit like the dog -- even though the meal was not prepared especially for us, it doesn't keep us from enjoying it. We gladly sit at our Master's feet and thankfully receive whatever crumbs might fall from the table.

Source: [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

## Thanksgiving Thoughts

**T**his month, we pause and observe a day our nation sets aside as a holiday. It is "Thanksgiving Day." Hopefully all Canadians will pause to remember just how grateful they should be for the privileges and blessings afforded us. Unfortunately, for our neighbours to the south, it hasn't always been that way. In 1863, a noble American statesman from Kentucky wrote the following Thanksgiving Proclamation:

*"It is the duty of nations as well as of man to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.*

*We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?*

*We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.*

*But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.*

*It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November, a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father Who dwelleth in the heavens. — A. Lincoln, 1863*

Let us be thankful every day, and especially this season of the year. When we gather as families on Thanksgiving Day, let us be truly thankful for the benevolence God has lavishly poured out on us.

