



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

*Epistle ~ Acts 20: 16-18; 28-36*      *Gospel ~ John 17: 1-13*  
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### **Epistle Readers**

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas  
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

*"Happy Mother's Day!" to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and godmothers as we celebrate this annual event in your honour, and wish you all the love, health and happiness that you so rightly deserve. You are loved, cared for, and appreciated beyond measure. Many happy years to you - Многая і благая літа! On Sunday morning, after the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, we invite you to come down to the parish hall as our guests for the annual 'Mother's Day Brunch', sponsored by the members of St. George's Society.*



The theme that runs through today's Gospel from St. John is unity of Spirit and unity of body. Jesus is praying for the unity of the disciples to each other and unity to His teaching as well as unity to Him and the Father. In other words,

Jesus is praying for the unity of the church which will come out of the lives of these disciples.

There is a definite obligation for us as followers of Christ to uphold, to pull-together, to encourage, to comfort, to be there for another member of the community with comfort, cheer and love as we bind ourselves together in this community of Christ, known as the Church. As we approach the glorious feast of Pentecost, often referred to as "the birthday of the Church," let us continue to work together, sharing the different tasks required for growth and prosperity, while at the same time, as individuals but also part of the whole body, we strengthen our own faith, and thereby, making the Christian Church stronger. ~ condensed from a sermon by Tim Zingale

## ***Parish News and Events***

The Children of Chornobyl Executive members extend their appreciation to the following: to Holy Cross Parish Council for donating the hall for our concert/reception; to Father Stepan Didur, Father Vladimir Chvetz, and Michael Watral for celebrating the Panakhida; to St. George's Society for its monetary donation; to the parishioners of Holy Cross Church, St. Volodymyr's Church, and Church of the Transfiguration for attending our memorial program and for your valued donations; to the Chaban and Zorya Dancers for their excellent presentations; to the Ukrainian Credit Union and our members for donating the many door prizes; and to the those who helped prepare the lunch and brought baking. Thank you all again and God bless. *Russell Romanick, Branch President*

Next Sunday is the **Feast of Pentecost**. On this occasion, 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. The schedule will be as follows: **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 Road). Please contact Father Stepan if you wish to have a private service or one at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

The Holy Cross Golden Agers have reached their order limit for their pyrohy making session on **Tuesday, May 29**. If you would like to be added to a 'waiting list', please speak with Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) sometime soon.

**Note:** There is no guarantee that extra product will be available. *Thank you very much for your continued support!*

## **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 5/6**

Envelopes: **\$2,310.<sup>00</sup>**      Vigil Lights: **\$218.<sup>20</sup>**  
 Eparchial Needs: **\$190.<sup>00</sup>**      Mission Collection: **\$61.<sup>95</sup>**  
 Special Projects: **\$138.<sup>15</sup>**  
 (Regular: **\$63.<sup>15</sup>**; Holodomor Project: **\$75.<sup>00</sup>**)

**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 at Exhibition Place in Toronto** if so desired. Please indicate by writing 'Holodomor Project' on your special envelope. For more information, visit [tufoundation.ca/holodomor](http://tufoundation.ca/holodomor).

## **LITURGICAL SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY, MAY 17** (Note the change from the calendar)

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

5:00 p.m. ~ **Holy and Glorious Pentecost Sunday**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

10:00 a.m. ~ **Holy and Glorious Pentecost Sunday**

Epistle Reader: Larissa Warywoda

## **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. Membership is just \$10 per year and well worth it. A fall bus trip to Winnipeg is in the planning stages.



The next mini-excursion to Grand Portage will take place on **Wednesday, May 16** when the bus will leave the church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10:00 p.m. To book your seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805). This is a **free** service. Non-members (18 years and up) **with valid passports** are also invited to come!

Pyrohy orders for May 29 are now **closed** — the limit has been reached. To get on the 'waiting list', contact Ann Kozlowski (her number is above) at your earliest convenience. *Thank you!*

### *Undeniable Words of Wisdom*

*"The Nicene Creed is the most widely accepted statement of faith among Christian churches, and was established to identify conformity of belief among Christians, and as a public profession of faith."*

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**K of C Food Drive at Metro** - The Knights of Columbus are having a Food Drive on **Mother's Day (May 13)** at the Arthur and James location until 6:00 p.m. Your support is appreciated.

**Prayers for the Unborn** - The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual Prayers for the Unborn on **Monday, May 14**, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in this very special prayer service at the Our Lady of Charity Mausoleum, St. Andrew's Cemetery, Oliver Road.



**King of the Lobster Supper** - **Saturday, June 2** at the Columbus Centre (Arthur at May) 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 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. For details, go to [www.staalopen.ca](http://www.staalopen.ca) and click on "Get Involved" today!

**Sunday Smile**

**A**fter losing another tooth, six-year-old Timmy became more curious about the mysterious tooth fairy. Finally putting two and two together, he came right out and asked his mother, "Mom, are you the 'tooth fairy'?" Assuming he was old enough to hear the truth, she replied, "Yes Timmy, I am." Timmy seemed to take this news quite well. But as he headed for the door, he slowly turned back toward his mother with a curious look on his face and said, "Wait a minute, mom. How do you get into the other kids' houses?"



## **DID YOU KNOW?**



Thunder Bay Catholic  
District School Board

In our system, home, school and parish form a vital partnership. Through participation in the community and involvement with the parish, students are guided by the Gospel values, principles, and standards that reach into every facet of school life. Parish priests have an important role in building this bridge between the school and the parish.

Today in Ontario, there are over 600,000 students in both English and French Catholic schools that make up approximately one third of all students in the province, along with almost 60,000 staff. Catholic education is a cornerstone of Ontario's successful education system and the system works well for all.

## **Readings for Pentecost Sunday**

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

**Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11**

**Gospel: John 7: 37-53; 8: 12-13**



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**

We will be preparing a delicious breakfast meal for all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and godmothers of our parish on Sunday morning following the 10 a.m. liturgy. Those who have signed up to help (on Saturday and/or Sunday) are reminded to be present. Extra help to serve and clean up will be appreciated.



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 matinées: **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.

*Love and Service to God since 1960!*



# Show Your Love By Your Actions

Today is Mother's Day. Did you give your mother a card or a present for Mother's Day? Let's hope so. Do you think your mother likes to hear you tell her that you love her? Of course, she does! But do you know what your mother would like even more? She would like for you to show her that you love her.

What are some ways you can show your mother that you love her? Well, you might help out around the house. You could clean your room or empty the trash. You could show her that you love her by obeying her when she tells you to do something. You can show her you love her by getting along with your brothers and sisters. It is easy to tell your mom that you love her, but if you really love her, your actions will show it!

Do you think that God likes to hear us tell Him that we love Him? You bet He does. But He likes it even better when our actions show Him that we love Him.

How do we do that? The Bible tells us that, "God showed His love for us by sending His one and only Son so that we might live through Him." It goes on to say that, "since God loved us so much, we ought to love one another." One of the best ways to show our love for God is to love one another. Yes, God likes to hear us say, "I love you," but He would rather see us say, "I love you" in our actions.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let's tell Mom that we love her, but more important, let's remember to show her that we love her. Let's also tell God we love Him, but more important, let's remember to show Him we love Him by loving one another.

Dear Lord, we have come to Your house today to say, "I love You." Help us to go out of here today and show You that we love You by our actions. Amen.

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

## A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...  
A many-splendoured miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

~ Author Unknown

