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Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church



## August 9, 2020 ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Post-feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Scripture Readings: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-23

## August 16, 2020 ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Post-feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God)

Scripture Readings: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35



## Parish News and Events

We offer our deepest condolences and prayers to the Kachor and Hrkac families on the passing of their beloved † **William (Bill) Kachor** on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Funeral services took place on August 6 and 7 at Blake Funeral Chapel. May the Lord accept his soul into His heavenly kingdom, grant him eternal rest, number him among the just, and may his memory be eternal ~ вічна йому пам'ять.



We extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to the following couples, and join with them in celebrating (from a distance) these significant events of their wedded lives: to **Fred and Alice Humeniuk** on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 6; to **Walter and Marika Warywoda** on the occasion of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 11; and to **Wally and Muriel Zaremsky** on the occasion of their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 20. May Christ our God continue to abide in their homes, aid them in ministering to others as He Himself ministered to all, mark them as living signs of His own saving love, and grant them many more happy and blessed years together. Многая і благая літа!

Due to the likelihood of large crowds congregating, difficulties with physical distancing, or challenges maintaining the proper cleaning and sanitation required to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Ontario Government has deemed buffet-style food services unsafe. To this end, St. George's Society has cancelled the annual Corn Roast. Furthermore, this year's Parish Praznyk has also been cancelled. When we are allowed to meet safely in larger numbers, we will, once again, gather to share a meal and enjoy each other's company as we have done so at Holy Cross for many years. Stay safe and healthy!

## Liturgical Services Schedule

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 a.m. ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

10:00 a.m. ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Those (men and women) who are able to help with ushering/entry protocol are requested to speak with Father Stepan. Thank you for your consideration. ☺

## 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.

Due to a directive from the Chancery Office re: parish security issues, weekly collection numbers will no longer be published online.

Thank you for your support and understanding!

**Please note:** Since some donations are still being received throughout the week, totals will be approximated.

*Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!*

**Please note:** The Mission Collection for Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre's "Our Hearts at Home" cardiovascular campaign has been extended until the end of August 2020. Thank you for your support.



In the Gospel for the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, our Lord Jesus brings an important lesson on faith to His disciples that would impact their lives. When Jesus tells them that their faith is so little, it is not because of unbelief; the issue was weak faith. There is a difference. It is possible to believe but to have a faith that needs exercised. The disciples were unsuccessful that day not because they did not believe but because their faith was too weak. Weak faith comes when we trust more in ourselves than we do in God. Jesus makes it clear that if we live in a spirit of faith, nothing is impossible for us. We are given the opportunity to tap into the impossible power of Christ. Through faith, we gain the opportunity to live above the limitations of this life.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday, we hear the story of the Unforgiving Servant, and our Lord does not want us to miss the point of this parable: God will forgive any sin, any offense. Nothing will make Him so angry as not to forgive. *Unless...* unless we come to that Confession, to that Communion, with an unforgiving heart. Right now, the Lord is ready to give you the grace to forgive others, *so forgive*. And then thank God for forgiving you. Because only you know how much God has done for you and your family, by that divine forgiveness. If you just forgive right now, you are bringing yourself by His grace closer to showing everyone the image of Christ.

~ from sermons by David Dewitt and W. Pat Cunningham



# History Corner

## Corn Roast Memories: Enjoying the Food and Friendship



Not just for St. George's members, the annual Corn Roast has become a favourite amongst parishioners, Golden Agers, and many friends of Holy Cross. Pictured clockwise from left to right: Ann Durant, Pamela and Walter Wowk, †Eddie and Stela Fedori, and †Hank Pivarnik. Lois Myslicki and other family members are seen at the next table. It looks like everyone was enjoying themselves. This year's event has been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. See you next year!

*(Sorry, the actual date of this photo is unknown.)*

## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

**Attention all members** (and potential new ones): Many of you have expressed interest in returning to regular Thursday afternoon activities in September. The Executive is looking in to the possibility of doing so. Please be aware, however, that there are many issues to consider (*i.e.* social distancing, site cleaning/disinfecting, bingo card usage, etc.) which may prove difficult to do and/or maintain according to the accepted protocols and directives of the government and Health Unit. Above all, the safety and health of all members is key, and any actions done to compromise either will affect the decision to open or remain closed. Please be patient for an official announcement in future bulletins.

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



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

The summer issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** was sent electronically sent to those who supplied their e-mail addresses. Hard copies are still available. Call Michael Watral or send him an email and he'll be glad to drop one off to you. Let's continue to stay connected!

Superior Shores Gaming Centre has re-opened for cabinet games (TapTix) and POD game play only at this time. **There will be no bingo sessions until further notice, so volunteers are not required.** Check out the bingo report in the current issue of our newsletter for more information. You can also phone the Bingo Hotline at 345-4946 for regular updates.

Fisherman: remember to submit your weigh-in slips to any Fish and Game Committee member as soon as possible so that the Board can be updated regularly.

With golf courses open again, we have decided to go ahead with our annual Golf Tournament. A date, time, and venue has been set: **Saturday, September 19** at Chapples Golf Course at 3:00 p.m. Many thanks to Jim Glena for arranging this. Sign-ups for this year will have to be done by phone and/or e-mails. We are hoping to have the traditional steak dinner and award/prize presentation in the parish hall as well, so non-golfers will still be able to join in.

The Executive encourages all members to find ways to connect with each other through Skype, Facebook chats, Zoom, Facetime, and your regular landline and convenient mobile devices. When the churches are allowed to re-open, the current Executive will gather to assess the situation and report back to all members. In the meantime, let's all work together to stay strong during this uncertain time, so we'll all be healthy and ready to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and continue our "Love and Service to God."

### **READINGS FOR THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday (August 23)**

**1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**  
The Resurrection of Christ

**Matthew 19: 16-26**  
The Rich Young Man

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday (August 30)**

**1 Corinthians 16: 13-24**  
Paul's Final Word of His First Letter

**Matthew 21: 33-42**  
The Parable of the Vineyard Tenants

### *Words of Inspiration and Hope*

*“This virus is creating new ways for everyone to think of how to keep family and friends safe. We are in uncharted territory and we will all learn together.”*

~ Christin Gigstad ~

## **What's Happening in Our Community...**

**Slovak Legion Take-Out/Curbside Pick-up** - Every Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 for more information. A different meal is featured every week. Visit [www.slovaklegion.com](http://www.slovaklegion.com) for more information.

Many community events and gatherings remain cancelled or postponed at this time. Please check our local newspaper or online version for updates. The City continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch community updates from the Mayor, find out how City services are affected using the A-Z service directory, access City contacts, and read the latest City media releases. For more information, please visit [www.thunderbay.ca/coronavirus](http://www.thunderbay.ca/coronavirus).



The Children's Corner is now on hiatus. Enjoy the nice weather, and always remember to keep Jesus as the centre of your lives in the summer.

# The Dormition of the Mother of God



**T**HE VERY ANCIENT, universal and profound veneration of the Most Holy Mother of God left a special mark, above all, in our Liturgical Year, which is not only rich in the variety of feasts honouring Mary, but begins and ends with her feasts. The Liturgical Year opens with the Nativity of the Mother of God (September 8) and closes with her Dormition ('falling asleep') on August 15. And although the feast of the Dormition reminds us of the sad occasion of death, nevertheless, it belongs to the joyful feasts. The services of the feast are filled hymns of joy and gladness. On this day the holy Church rejoices because the Most Holy Mother of God was transferred body and soul from this earthly life to join her Son in eternal glory; because of her Dormition we have a powerful intercessor and protectress in heaven.

The day of the falling asleep of the Most Holy Mother of God is called the Dormition in our Church, for her body did not know corruption after death, but together with her soul was taken up into heaven; hence, another name for the feast is "the Assumption" used by the Latin Rite. We have no historical data to indicate how long the Mother of God remained on earth after the Ascension of Christ into heaven, nor when, where, or how she died, for the Gospels say nothing of this. The foundation for the feast of the Dormition is to be found in a sacred tradition of the Church dating from apostolic times, apocryphal writings, the constant faith of the People of God, and the unanimous opinion of the holy Father and Doctors of the Church of the first thousand years of Christianity.

From the beginning of the sixth century, it was believed by many that the tomb of the Most Holy Mother of God was to be found in the Church of the Dormition in Gethsemane, while the Church on Mount Sion was regarded as the site of her dormition. However, to this day historians cannot prove anything certain concerning the place of her death and burial. Some believe that she died in Jerusalem, others claim that she died in Ephesus where St. John was believed to have taken her. Even today, a house in Ephesus is pointed out as the one where the Mother of God allegedly lived.

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# Belief in God

*The following was written by 8-year-old Danny Dutton for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. Wonder if any of us could do as well?*

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make, that way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mom and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said "OK."

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray any time you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know. He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back any time He pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.

