



Слава Ісусу Христу ~ Слава на віки! Glory be to Jesus Christ ~ Glorify forever!
 Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!

May your participation in today's Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful.

Sunday, February 2, 2020 ~ Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple

Epistles: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 & Hebrews 7: 7-17 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14 & Luke 2: 22-40

Troparia and special texts are found on the bulletin inserts

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral
 Sunday (10 a.m.): Larissa Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

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

Parish News and Events

We extend our deepest condolences to the McCuaig and Krivoglavyi families on the sudden passing of Olena's husband †**John McCuaig** on Tuesday, January 21. Funeral services took place this past Tuesday. We also extend our sincerest condolences to Theresa Stubbs and Judy Banzet and families on the passing of their mother †**Molly Gallucci** on Tuesday, January 28. Funeral services will take place this week at Holy Cross. May the Lord accept the soul of His servants †John and †Molly into His heavenly kingdom, number them among the just, and may their memory be everlasting ~ вічна їм пам'ять.



St. George's members are extending an open invitation to all men of the parish to join them for some food and fellowship in the parish hall @ 5:45 p.m. on 'Super Bowl' Sunday and to watch the game on the big screen TV. Will the victors be the Chiefs or the '49ers?

It's now two weeks until showtime! This is your final chance to get your tickets for **Sister Act** before the last ones are made available outside our Parish family. Call or text Susan Soldan at 626-2250 soon. Tickets are **\$20/person**.

If you are interested in serving on our Parish Council, please submit your name to Father Stepan or Parish Council Chair Cheryl Bain anytime. The annual General Parish Meeting is set for **Sunday, February 23** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

We regret to inform you that pyrohy orders for **March 30th** are now full and therefore, closed. If you wish to be put on a waiting list, please contact Walter Warywoda (call or text him @ 475-3757) or email him at warywodaw@gmail.com.



Today, on this special occasion when, once again, we hear two Gospel readings, it is important for us to heed the following lessons: 1) the Pharisee tried to earn his righteousness but couldn't overcome his sins. He focused on the good but failed to take into account everything else he did; 2) the Publican had a different approach and put it all in God's hands. He understood the damage that sin does, and that God is the only way to make it right; and 3) the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is like the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy when the priest presents the gifts of bread and wine before the faithful. Simon's perspective is not personal or individualistic but is focused on the people of Israel. He makes himself a gift or offering. We are also called to be ready to stand before God, our Creator, knowing that full atonement has been made for our sins. "Now, O Master, You have kept Your promise; let Your servant go in peace, for my eyes have seen Your salvation."

Profound Words to Reflect Upon

*See how the Pharisee in the temple stands,
 And justifies himself with lifted hands.
 While the lowly publican with downcast eyes,
 Conscious of guilt, to God for mercy he cries.*

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 p.m. ~ Panakhyda (prayers for the deceased)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral liturgy for †**Molly Gallucci**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
 Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban
 Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
 Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
 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 and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

JANUARY 25/26

Envelopes: \$2,622.⁵⁰ Vigil Lights: \$79.²⁵
 Mission Collection: \$273.⁶⁵
 Initial Offering: \$15.⁰⁰ Special Projects: \$75.⁰⁰
 Andrew's Pence: \$10.⁰⁰

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Collection from **January to June 2020** is for the TBRHSC "Our Hearts at Home" cardiovascular campaign. We will, therefore, publish the amount collected at the end of every second month. **Please note:** if desired, parishioners can make a larger donation for this cause and get a receipt from the parish.

FYI: Income tax receipts for 2019 will be tentatively ready for next weekend. *Thank you for your patience and cooperation.*



Attention all members! The first meeting of our 60th year will be the annual 'Super Bowl' Meeting on **Sunday, February 2** at 4:30 p.m. followed by the traditional supper and social. Hope to see many there!

The next bingo training session will take place on **Saturday, February 15** at 10 a.m. sharp at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. Our next bingo is **Friday, February 21** at 6:00 p.m. Please let Gerry Bullcock know if you will attend the training or can volunteer at the next session.

*Celebrating
60 years*

Fishermen: Did you read the interesting article on page 10 in the latest issue of *The Plentiful Harvester*? If not, check it out. There's some helpful information included therein. And now that the weather is a bit warmer, you may wish to venture out into the fresh air. Tight lines and best of luck to all anglers!

Holy Cross Golden Agers

Good news! Regular Thursday afternoon activities will resume on **February 6** at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon). We hope to see all current members back, and perhaps some new faces at that time. Don't forget to tell all your friends about all the fun we have! ☺



The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, February 19 @ 3:45 p.m.** and return @ 10:00 p.m. Those who are 18 years and older with valid passports are invited to join us. Just call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your *free* seat (or sign your name on the sheet on Thursday afternoon) — and best of all, you can leave the driving to Happy Time Tours!

Readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32



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.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ

THE CHRISTMAS CYCLE of feastdays concludes with the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord on February 2, the fortieth day after the Nativity of Christ. This feast is closely connected with Christmas, for just as Christ's divinity was revealed at his Nativity, so it is also manifested at His presentation in the Temple — an event from the life of our Saviour, recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke (Chapter 2: 22-40).

Here the providential meeting or encounter of the Divine Child and His most Pure Mother with the righteous Simeon merits special consideration. St. Luke relates that Simeon "was just and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it has been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord." (Luke 2: 25-26) Through divine inspiration Simeon recognizes the Child Jesus as the Messiah.



The other saint who paid particular attention — and knew for sure that the wait for the Messiah was over — was the prophetess Anna (not to be confused with the mother of the Mary). She was at least 84 years old, but she never ceased to hope. Anna was faithful in interceding for others. Her great age did not deter her from serving the Lord. In fact, verse 38 indicates that she was an evangelist in the sense that she spoke of the Christ Child to all those who "looked for redemption in Jerusalem." She told all who would listen that the Messiah had come. Their looking was over! She conveyed this news wherever she could find an interested hearer. We celebrate the Synaxis of Simeon and Anna, their combined feastday, on February 3 in the Gregorian calendar.



History Corner



Here's a moment from February 28, 2015 (almost five years ago already!) where we see our former priest, Fr. Andrija Petresin, flanked by Evelyn Creed, as they prepared the cabbage leaves for the rest of the folks gathered to make the holubtsi for the Ukrainian Food Fair that was held one month later on Saturday, March 28. (in place of the Ukrainian Take-out).

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

2020 Career and Job Fair - Tuesday, February 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Confederation College, Shuniah Building. A number of employers will be on campus who are actively hiring or looking to expand their workforce. Visit Northwest Employment Works (NEW) at Confederation College or at their second location, 34 N. Cumberland St., to get prepared in advance. They will review your résumé and offer assistance, and have additional resources such as interview prep, etc. Don't miss it!

Holy Family Church Annual Chili Cook-Off 2020: Saturday February 22, following 5:00 p.m. Mass in the church hall, 2055 Rosslyn Road (near 20th Side Road). Tickets are **\$5.00 each**; children under 6 are **free**. Come sample all the different competitors' chili recipes and decide for yourself for which one you want to vote. Then sit back and enjoy a bowl of your favourite chili & refreshments. Bring your appetite and join in on some competitive fun! If a team would like to enter its favourite chili recipe, you are more than welcome. Just call the office at (807) 473-9722 and register; then just bring your slow cooker with your favourite chili & let the competition begin!





The Pharisee and the Tax Collector



To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked _____ on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to _____, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The _____ stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, robbers, evildoers, adulterers or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the _____ stood at a distance. He would not even look up to _____, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have _____ on me, a _____.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be _____, and he who humbles himself will be _____."

collector down	exalted heaven	humbled mercy	Pharisee pray	sinner tax
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