



## Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!

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.

## First Sunday of Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

**Today’s Readings:** *Epistle: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-40; 12: 1-2* *Gospel: John 1: 43-51*  
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### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Joseph Myslicki  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Tanner Mills



### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Francis Puchalski  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon



We hear in today’s Gospel reading that a man named Philip was encouraged to follow Jesus, and one of the first things that he then did was to go and find someone called Nathanael.

Clearly Philip already knew Nathanael. He was not just some random man in the street; and although Nathanael’s reply was quite blunt, he gladly and willingly came with Philip to see for himself. Nathanael had an objection but it did not stop him checking for himself and Jesus congratulated him for being a genuine, honest seeker, “in whom there is nothing false.” By that He meant that Nathanael was being open, straightforward and plain-speaking.

Today, God calls us, His church and every Christian believer, to be ready and prepared to say to our friends, our neighbours, our children and our family these three words: “Come and see.” Come and see the real Jesus. Come and pray to the real Jesus. Worship Jesus. Live for Jesus. Come and see.

~ condensed and edited from a sermon by Warner Pidgeon

## Holy Cross Parish News & Events

We extend our sincerest condolences to Stella Zatulsky and family on the passing of her daughter-in-law †**Jean** on February 19, to Mary (Kozorys) Hardiejowski and family on the passing of her father, †**Marko** on March 3, and to Susan Soldan on the passing of her mother †**Anna** on March 5. May the Lord accept them into His heavenly Kingdom, and may their memory be eternal ~ *Вічна їм пам'ять.*

Many thanks to **Sophie Kozyra** and **Orysia Romaniuk** for helping to prepare the sanctuary (changing the linens, etc.) for the season of Great Lent.



Join us in the parish hall for the return of the **Pancake Breakfast and “Mini” Penny Auction** next **Sunday, March 17** after the Divine Liturgy.

Orders for pyrohy for **Monday, April 8** are now closed — we have reached our limit. *Thank you for your support.*

We are still taking orders for **frozen cabbage rolls**. Please sign the list in the narthex to place your order. Cabbage de-ribbing will take place on **Monday, March 18 @ 9:30 a.m.** and rolling & packaging on **Tuesday, March 19 @ 10:30 a.m.**

A Lenten Mission will be held in our church on **March 26, 27 & 28** beginning at **6:30 p.m.**, led again by Msgr. Pat Stilla. You are encouraged to attend. A light snack with coffee/tea/juice will be offered each evening in the parish hall.

**Attention those holding entry keys to the parish hall:** We would like to verify all keys in circulation. Please print your name and number of the key on the designated sheet in the narthex at your earliest convenience. *Thank you!*

## 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.

### MARCH 2/3

Envelopes: \$1,651.<sup>00</sup> Initial Offering: \$5.<sup>00</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$43.<sup>80</sup> Special Projects: \$70.<sup>00</sup>  
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$ 75.<sup>00</sup>  
Flowers for the Tomb/Easter: \$40.<sup>00</sup>

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

The Mission Collection for March is designated for the **Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph’s Hospital**. Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illnesses using various strategies.

## LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

10:00 a.m. ~ For the repose of the soul of †**Jaroslav Moskwa** (10 years) *Requested by Mrs. Josephine Moskwa*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 p.m. ~ Panakhyda (Prayers for the deceased)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral liturgy for the departed servant of God †**Anna Soldan**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 p.m. ~ **Second Sunday of Lent**  
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk  
Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

10:00 a.m. ~ **Second Sunday of Lent**  
Epistle Reader: Larissa Warywoda  
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak



## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

Regular Thursday afternoon activities start at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon), and new members are still welcome to join anytime. Membership is only \$10/year and well worth it. Come check us out this week!

The next bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, March 20 @ 3:45 p.m.** and will return @ 10:00 p.m. the same evening. Those who are 18 years and up with valid passports are welcome to come along (you do not have to be a member). To book your free seat, just call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) and she'll 'pencil you in'!

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

### **Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**Epistle: Hebrews 1: 10 - 2: 3**

(The Greatness of God's Son and His Great Salvation)

**Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12**

(Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man)

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.

### *Icons Bring Heaven Into the Present*

by Patricia Kasten from *The Compass*

The Official Newspaper for the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, WI



Icons are familiar to Catholic eyes, but also seem a bit unfamiliar — since icons are prayer images that come from the Eastern Church's tradition. While icons seem like artwork, they are more correctly prayer aids.

The anonymous author of a book published by the Orthodox Brotherhood of the Apostles of Peter and Paul explains icons as “*a window through which we look with our physical eyes at the Kingdom of Heaven and the realm of spiritual experience.*”

Franciscan Sr. Bridget Stumpf, a Sister of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Bay Settlement, has studied icons for a number of years. She explained how most Western Catholics experience icons: “*To just look at (icons), you think, ‘Well, that doesn't look like a real person. They look kind of severe; they don't look real. It's not like a photo or how Rembrandt tried to portray a person. They look kind of distorted.’*”

However, icons are meant to remind us that there is more beyond our everyday world. If you pray with an icon, it can seem as if heaven is drawing into you. As Franciscan Fr. Michael Scanlon wrote, “*For Eastern Christians, the icon is a representation of the living God, and by coming into its presence, it becomes a personal encounter with the sacred through the grace of the Holy Spirit.*”

One icon writer, Linette Martin, explained it this way: “*The pictures are not there just to be looked at as though the worshippers were in an art museum; they are designed to be doors between this world and another world, between people and the Incarnate God, His Mother, or His friends, the Saints.*”

As Jim Forest, who has written one of the best current resources on icons — “Praying with Icons” — said, icons “*serve as invitations to keep our eyes open when we pray.*”

## *Words of Comfort & Wisdom*

*“You will never have  
a better friend than a friend  
who points you to Christ.”*

- Alistair Begg



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

Our next bingo is a matinee session on **Tuesday, March 12**. Those who have agreed to volunteer on that date should be at the hall no later than 12 noon in proper attire.

The next three training dates and times are as follows:

**Sunday, March 10 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.**



All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (it's only an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.

Members will be needed to help clean/de-rib cabbage on **Monday, March 18 @ 9:30 a.m.** and on **Tuesday, March 19 @ 11 a.m.** for clean-up and other tasks.

Our next monthly meeting will take place **Sunday, March 31 at 7 p.m.** The Executive will meet before then.

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### **EVENTS OF INTEREST IN OUR CITY**



**Falls Prevention Program & Mild Exercise** - Every **Tuesday & Thursday** afternoon starting at 2 p.m. at the Slovak Legion for approximately 45 to 60 minutes) until June 27, 2019. This event is geared for seniors, but is also good for all ages. For more information, call the office at 623-3354 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (M-F).

**St. Joseph's Table** - **Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17** at St. Dominic's Church (after each Mass). This is their annual parish project of solidarity for people in need. Baking, pasta, and more. For more information or to donate baking, contact Melina at 577-3001.



**Help Support Ukrainian Culture In Our City** - Chaban Ukrainian Dancers present “**Vasyl and the Varenyky Factory**” ~ their annual concert at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. For tickets, call the Box Office at 684-4444 or visit the website @ [www.tbca.com](http://www.tbca.com).

*“Не забудьте пом'янути  
незлим тихим словом.”*

T. Г. Шевченко

*“Do not forget to remember me  
with a kind, gentle word.”*

T. H. Shevchenko



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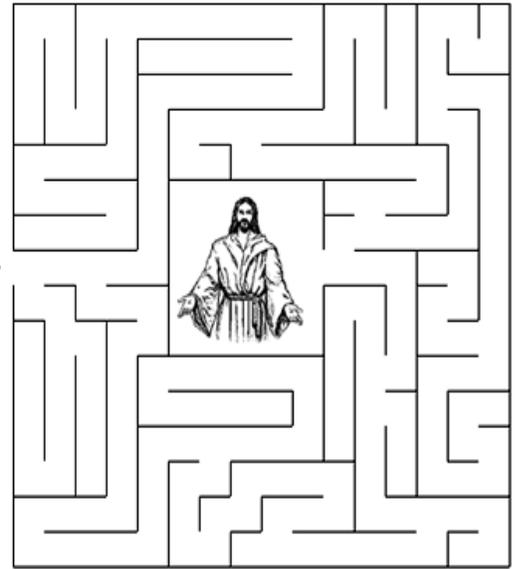


# Philip Invites Nathanael to "Come and See" Jesus

When Jesus went to Galilee, after His time at the Jordan River where He had called Peter and Andrew to join Him, He added to His band by inviting Philip, who happened to be from the same town as Peter and Andrew, to join them. Perhaps Peter and Andrew introduced Jesus to Philip. After Jesus invited Philip to join Him as a disciple, Philip decided he had to share the news with Nathanael, who might have been a brother or a friend. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

At first, Nathanael did not believe Philip, but eventually he gave in and went along with Philip to "come and see" for himself. When Nathanael met Jesus, he realized that He was a special man and exclaimed to Jesus, "You are the Son of God — the King of Israel!" He knew that he had found the one he was looking for. But even more than that, he had been found by Jesus.

Help Philip take Nathanael to Jesus.



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