

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



## Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ Is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

We extend a warm "Happy Easter Season!" to all our parishioners and guests, and pray that your participation in today's Easter Season Divine Liturgy will be enriching, meaningful, and special for all of you.

### May 5, 2019 ~ Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Today's Readings: Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7 Gospel: Mark 15: 43 - 16: 9

Troparia and special texts are on page 6 of the white Easter season booklets

#### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Gloria Sherban  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak



#### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Christopher Tennant  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

### This Week's Liturgical Services

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

4:40 p.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary

5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday of the Paralytic

Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

#### SUNDAY, MAY 13

9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary

10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday of the Paralytic

Epistle Reader: Tanner Mills

Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

### 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.



APRIL 27/28

Envelopes: \$1,899.<sup>05</sup>

Special Projects: \$14.<sup>00</sup>

Vigil Lights: \$31.<sup>25</sup> Mission: \$109.<sup>65</sup>

Initial Offering (for envelopes): \$20.<sup>00</sup>

Eparchial Needs: \$5.<sup>00</sup>

### Holy Cross Parish News & Events

Next Sunday, May 12 following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, we invite all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and godmothers of our parish to come to the hall for the annual **Mother's Day Brunch** sponsored by the members of St. George's Society. We ask those ladies who are planning to attend to please sign the list in the narthex in order that the appropriate arrangements can be made. *Thank you!* ☺

Holy Cross Golden Agers will have their pyrohy making on **Tuesday, June 4**. To place your order, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) now to avoid disappointment as the deadline is approaching.

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

April's Mission Collection totalled \$283.<sup>70</sup> which will be sent to the **Thunder Bay and District Humane Society**.

The Mission Collection for May is designated for **Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay**. Since 1994 Habitat for Humanity of Thunder Bay has been building homes and hope for families in need by providing affordable housing in the community of Thunder Bay. To date 39 families and numerous children have been served through our homeownership program and 30 new homes have been constructed in the city.



# Thank You

**THANK YOU ALL** for your contribution toward the Easter Dinner. This event could not have been a success without the help of you and the many other volunteers who gave of their talent, time, support, and donations. We came together as a community, and that is much appreciated.

~ Thank you from your Holy Cross Parish Council



**M**ary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome hold a special honour of seeing the Risen Lord before men. These three women had a desire for Jesus. They all had an experience with Jesus while He was alive. They had love for Him and a deep yearning to serve Him. They were present at the Crucifixion. They came to honour Him in His death. They had no idea of what to expect early that morning. They were going to the tomb expecting one thing, but experienced something totally different. Their first reaction was one of fear. Where did they take Jesus? The women assumed that someone had come to the tomb and taken Jesus' body overnight. It wasn't until they saw the angelic messenger that they realized the reality of a past experience had been eclipsed by a new reality. The angel stood before the women and proclaimed: "He is not here! He is risen!" A new reality has taken place. Jesus is resurrected. The prophecy of His death and resurrection was true. His true Divinity has been proven!

~ from a sermon by Melvin Maughmer Jr.

## Readings for the Sunday of the Paralytic

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



**Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42**

Peter Brings Tabitha Back to Life

**Gospel: John 5: 1-15**

The Healing at the Pool

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.

# Sunday Smile

## DID I READ THAT SIGN CORRECTLY???

Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.



Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK ON THE DOOR — THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER PLEASE RETURN IT OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

Thanks to **Pat Swiderski** for her submission. More to come...

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CITY...



**Travel the World in 48 hours!** - Thunder Bay Multicultural Association's 46<sup>th</sup> annual “Folklore Festival” on **Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5** at the FW Gardens & Curling Club. Tantalizing international foods, imported wines & beers, incredible entertainment, ‘shop-the-world’ booths, an activity-packed Children’s Area with all free activities, beautiful exhibits & displays, and local artists on site await you. Adults: \$5; Seniors/Students: \$3; Children (4-12): \$1, and those 4 and under: free. Win a fabulous “stay-cation” for 4 courtesy of Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre. Check out the poster on the narthex bulletin board or visit the website at [www.folklorefestival.ca](http://www.folklorefestival.ca).



**Support Ukrainian Culture** - Zorya Ukrainian Dance Association presents its 21<sup>st</sup> annual concert “Podorozh” on **Saturday, May 11** at 7:00 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Zorya Dancers will be travelling to Ukraine in August 2019. At this concert, they will take the audience on a trip through Ukraine. Join them as they will be “on the road again.” Tickets available in person at the TBCA Box Office or call 684-4444 or order yours online at [www.tbca.com](http://www.tbca.com).

## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

Regular afternoon activities take place on Thursdays starting at 1:00 p.m. with doors opened at 12 noon, and new members are still welcome to join our ranks. Check us out!

The next bus to Grand Portage departs the church parking lot on **Wednesday, May 15** at 3:45 p.m. and returns @ 10:00 p.m. To book your free seat, give Ann Kozlowski or Ann (G) Opaski a call or sign the sheet at the weekly gathering. Non-members are cordially invited to join us — and best of all, it's no charge!



Orders for our Spring Pyrohy Making session on **Tuesday, June 4** can be placed anytime. Contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 to get your name of the list. The price is \$6 per dozen (for cooked or raw frozen). Help spread the word as the deadline is approaching!

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



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

Thanks to those members who assisted in any way with the Parish Easter Dinner. It was truly a cooperative effort by all. Help will be needed for the annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Speak with Dr. Larry Watral if you are able to lend a hand.

Our next bingo session is a matinée on **Monday, May 20** (Victoria Day). Volunteers should be at the hall no later than 12 noon in proper attire.

The next bingo training date and time is:

**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, our volunteer coordinator so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.



Have you considered including your parish in your will? If you believe that Holy Cross Church should be conserved, protected and accessible for the coming generations to enjoy, you can help secure its future by leaving a gift as a final gesture of love. Legacies of all sizes are a valuable source of funds for us and there are many ways your selfless and long-lasting gift will help and support our work. Holy Cross continues to be a temple of prayer and have a positive impact on many lives of all ages. From the newly-baptized to our eldest parishioners, it is a place of people and community - a living, working church and social venue that services not only our spiritual needs, but the needs of other groups as well. As a supporter of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a bequest in your will ensures that our parish will continue to thrive after you are gone. Donations can also be made to St. George's Scholarship Fund. Thank you very much!

## *Words of True Faith and Love*

*“The one who is consistently there  
is Mary Magdalene. She has a real  
experience of the risen Christ.”*

~ Mary Joan Leith ~





# Easter Egg-Citement ~ One is Empty

It is a custom in our Byzantine Rite to have a priest bless baskets of special foods that are to be shared on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with our families. Some of you were present on Holy Saturday afternoon to prepare your very own Easter basket which typically contains eggs. Today, imagine another Easter basket — but this one contains only four eggs. They are very special because inside of each egg there is something that will teach us exactly what Easter means.

Inside the first egg is a cross. The cross reminds us that Jesus willingly carried His cross to Calvary to die for our sins. No one told Him He had to do it; He did it because He knew that was the only way that we would ever get to heaven. God loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son so that we could have everlasting life.

Inside the second egg are three nails. They remind us that Jesus was nailed to the cross. The nails that were used to nail Jesus to the cross weren't little nails, but great big ones. Can you imagine the pain He must have felt? He suffered great pain as the nails were driven into His hands and feet. He suffered the pain to pay the price for our sins.

Inside the third egg is a stone. The Bible tells us that after Jesus died, they placed His body in a tomb and put a huge stone over the entrance. On Sunday morning, three women went to see the tomb and the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was open. The stone reminds us that even a huge stone could not keep Jesus in the grave.

That brings us to the fourth egg. The fourth egg is empty. The Bible tells us that when the women went inside the tomb, it was empty. Jesus was not there. At first the women thought that someone had stolen the body of Jesus. But inside the tomb was an angel who told them, "He is not here. He is risen, just as He said He would. Come, see the place where He lay." The empty egg reminds us that Jesus' tomb is empty. "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!"

The Jesus we serve willingly was nailed to the cross, but He could not be kept in the tomb by a stone. He is risen and lives in heaven with God, His Father. The Bible tells us that everyone who believes in Him will join Him in heaven with the Father.

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