

## 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, that is, the Body of Christ. Here, services are offered in the English and Ukrainian languages where we are united to God and one another, and, "with one heart and one voice", form the family of God. Jesus Christ is the centre of our life, and it is in the Divine Liturgy where we come to know Him in each other by means of the Sacred Scriptures, and through the receiving of the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today's celebration be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

## Sunday, September 15, 2019 ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Today's Readings:** *Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24*

*Gospel: John 19: 6-11; 13-20; 25-28; 30-35*

Special troparia and texts are included in the bulletin insert



### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Susan Soldan



### Eucharistic Ministers

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



Near the end of the Gospel reading according to St. John, on the Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, we hear Jesus utter three words that have lasted throughout history: "*It is finished.*" And this 'it' that Jesus referred to was our salvation — the price that He paid. On the cross, He endured every person, every sin, dying for us so that we would not have to take the full force of God's wrath and pay the penalty. It is a scene of unbelievable horror and madness, but Jesus bore the weight of "it" all.

Today, more than 2000 years after the drama of His death, we see the Holy Cross as the "instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory," often forgetting about the horrors that Jesus had to face while He hung there that afternoon. This is more than just a lingering memory — it is a reminder of the gift that Jesus purchased for us on that day on Golgotha, and the freedom of eternal life through faith in His works. "*To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.*"

~ condensed and edited from a sermon by Steven Kellett

## Liturgical Services Schedule

**Please note:** Father Stepan will be away from **September 16 to 20**. In case of emergency, please call Fr. Volodymyr Chvets (355-0384) or any Catholic priest during office hours. You can also call 632-5461 to reach the priest 'on call.'

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 p.m. ~ **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Epistle Reader: Christopher Tennant  
Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Tennant

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 a.m. ~ **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral  
Eucharistic Minister: n/a

## Parish News & Events



On Sunday morning, everyone is invited to attend our **Parish Praznyk** meal in the B. G. Shumay Auditorium after the 10:00 a.m. Holy Divine Liturgy. Extra help, especially for serving during the meal and afterwards for clean-up, will be gratefully appreciated. And yes, cabbage rolls (\$10/dozen) will be for sale following the dinner. Let us all come together and have another wonderful 'family' celebration!

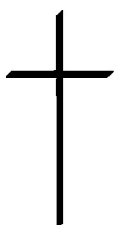
**Important Notice:** If there are any children of our parish who are of age to make their First Holy Communion this coming spring, please inform Father Stepan at your earliest convenience so that preparations for instruction can be arranged. Also, those who have made their First Communion and would like to become an altar server, please speak with Father anytime.

Holy Cross Golden Agers will be making pyrohy on **Tuesday, October 8**. To place your order, please speak to or phone Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805). *Thank you for your support!*



Please remember those of our parish who are ill, in hospital, shut-in, on home rest, and who no longer can be physically active at Holy Cross in your daily prayers. Believe in the power of prayer; it can heal, give, and can change lives. And if you wish a personal visit from Father Stepan, please call the rectory (577-7721) to make arrangements.

## Words of Truth and Wisdom



*"In the Cross is salvation;  
in the Cross is life;  
in the Cross is strength of mind;  
in the Cross is joy of spirit."*

~ Thomas à Kempis ~

Бажаємо Вам всім доброго тижня! Wishing everyone a good week!

# 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.



## SEPTEMBER 7/8

Envelopes & Loose: \$1095.<sup>00</sup>

Mission Collection: \$54.<sup>35</sup>

Vigil Lights: \$29.<sup>00</sup>

Special Projects: \$139.<sup>25</sup>

Eparchial Youth: \$50.<sup>00</sup>

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

September Mission Collection is designated for the **Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)** Thunder Bay Branch.

**Please note:** We are always looking out for new and different charities to support with our weekly Mission Collection. Parishioners are welcome to suggest worthy causes to the Parish Council for these funds. You may also speak directly to our parish treasurer, Susan Soldan, with your suggestion(s).

## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

Regular afternoon activities take place Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon). New members are welcome to join anytime ~ it's just \$10/year. Come check us out!

**Attention those who have yet remitted payment for the planned bus trip to Winnipeg:** This is due as soon as possible to our treasurer Oksana (Sandy) DiFelice in order to secure your 'seat' on the bus and room in the hotel as we do have a 'waiting list' of those who would like to participate should you change your mind. If you still need more information, please speak with our coordinator George Rusnick.

The next bus to Grand Portage leaves the church parking lot this **Wednesday, September 18 @ 3:45 p.m.** and returns at the usual time. To book your free seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) or sign the sheet at our next gathering. Non-members (18 years and up) with **valid passports** are invited also. Join us for a fun evening out!

Our fall pyrohy making will be on **Tuesday, October 8** (*that's the week before Thanksgiving*). You can place a 'standing order' anytime with Ann Kozlowski or Ann (G) Opaski to do so (their numbers are above). Help spread the word to others so we can reach out target amount.

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



## Sunday Smile

**T**HREE MEN are travelling on a ship, when they are accosted by the Devil. The Devil proposes that if each man drops something into the sea and he cannot find it, he will be that man's slave. If the Devil does find it, however, he will eat that man up.

The first man drops a pure, clear diamond, and immediately gets eaten. The second drops an expensive watch, trying to impress the Devil, and gets eaten. The third man fills a bottle up with sea water, then pours it into the ocean yelling, "You think I'm a fool? Try finding that!"



## ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

This is your last chance to sign up for our annual Golf Tournament on **Saturday, September 21** at 3:00 p.m. at Chapples Golf Course on the sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Any member who wishes to attend the steak dinner at the parish hall afterwards (without golfing) is welcome to attend. The cost will remain at \$10 per member (plus greens fees for golfers), and all members are invited.

The next bingo training session at Superior Shores is **Sunday, September 22** at 4 p.m. sharp. Those who plan to attend the training should notify Gerry Bullock or Michael Watral so that either can notify the staff at Superior Shores of how many to expect.



Fisherman: please submit your weigh-in slips to any Fish and Game Committee member as you go, so that the Board can be updated regularly. Thanks for your cooperation.

Finally, our first regular meeting after the summer break will take place on **Sunday, September 29** at 7:00 p.m. New members are welcome to join at that time. All current members are encouraged to help in our ongoing membership drive as we prepare to mark our **60<sup>th</sup>** anniversary in 2020.

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### Readings for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15  
(Spiritual Treasure)

**Gospel:** Matthew 22: 35-46  
(The Great Commandment)



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.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Harvest Open House ~ Catholic Pastoral Centre** - Bishop Colli and his staff invite you on **Wednesday, September 18** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Browse through an ever-growing selection of books and gift items, enjoy snacks and a beverage, and enter to win one of several door prizes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rotary Peace Day Ceremony** will take place on **Saturday, September 21 @ 11 a.m.** at the Tai Chi Garden at Prince Arthur's Landing near the site of the Rotary Peace Pole. Everyone is cordially invited.

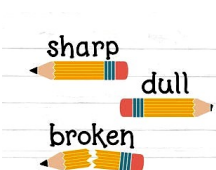
**King of the Lobster Supper** - **Saturday, September 28** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes three lobsters per person, salads, scalloped potatoes, dessert and beverages. Tickets (\$60) are available at the Columbus Centre office or by calling 623-3252. **No tickets will be sold after 5 p.m. on Monday, September 16**, so get yours soon!

**Volunteers Needed** - The **Meals on Wheels** program needs volunteers to deliver hot nutritious meals Monday to Friday (mid-morning between 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) to seniors in need in our community. They have two types of volunteer positions: drivers and servers. Drivers receive \$10/route for gas reimbursement (paid quarterly). To become a volunteer, complete an application and submit it to the Program Manager, Pioneer Ridge, 750 Tungsten St.



# God Will Erase Our Mistakes & Make Us Clean Again

**A**s you all know, school started a week and a half ago. By now, you have some new school clothes or some new shoes, and of course, school supplies such as notebooks, paper, folders, markers, crayons, pens and pencils. Pencils...let's focus on them and about the four different kinds of people we see each day.



First, there is a pencil that is not sharpened on either end. It reminds us of people we see that never do anything. They just sit around and let others do all the work. A pencil that isn't sharpened on either end isn't much

good for anything. Neither is a person who never does anything.

Second, there's the pencil that has an eraser on both ends. This pencil reminds us of people who never do anything right. Or maybe they are so afraid that they won't do it right, they are like the first pencil and just don't do anything at all.

Next is a pencil that is sharpened on both ends. It doesn't have an eraser! This pencil reminds us of people who think they never make a mistake! Do you know people like that? Even if they do make a mistake, which we all do, they will never admit it. Who do they think they are fooling? They are only fooling themselves!

Finally, there is the pencil that is sharpened on one end and has an eraser on the other. It reminds us of people who know they make mistakes, and when they see their mistakes, they correct them. That is the kind of person God wants us to be. The Bible tells us that if we claim that we never make mistakes, we are just fooling ourselves. **But if we will admit to our mistakes and ask God to forgive us, He will. He will erase our mistakes and we can start all over again.**

Jesus, help us to remember that we all make mistakes and that if we will ask You to forgive us, You will erase those mistakes and make us clean again.

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