



## 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 8, 2019 ~ Sunday before the Exaltation and the Nativity of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

**Today's Readings:** *Epistle: Galatians 6: 11-18 and Philippians 2: 5-11*  
*Gospel: John 3: 13-17 and Luke 10: 38-42; 27-28*

Special troparia and texts are included in the bulletin insert

### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Joseph Myslicki  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Michael Watral



### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Francis Puchalski  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

## Parish News & Activities

St. George's Society would like to thank those who attended and assisted with the annual **Corn Roast** this past August 24, which, once more, was a super success. Thanks also to those who donated food and prizes. God bless you all!

We offer our condolences to the Bain, Manion, Tennant, and Tracz families on the passing of their beloved †**Patricia** (Quinn) on Saturday, August 31. May the Lord accept her soul into His heavenly kingdom, number her among the just, and may her memory be eternal ~ вічна її пам'ять.

On Saturday and Sunday at Divine Liturgy, Father Stepan will bless our youth in attendance as they begin a new school year. They will be asked to come forward at the end of the service.



Our Praznyk (parish feast day) will take place next **Sunday, September 15** with a festive Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. followed by the traditional meal in our parish hall. Donations of fresh produce will be greatly appreciated before Friday. Hall set-up will take place this Thursday @ 6:00 p.m., cabbage roll making on Friday morning @ 10:30 a.m., with other preparations on Saturday morning @ 9:00 a.m. Let's all come together to make this annual celebration happen cooperatively!

**New or returning to our parish?** Please take the time to greet our pastor Father Stepan Didur. You may also register as a parishioner in order to begin the tracking of your donations. To do so, please call the Parish Office and leave a message. Our bookkeeper Michele is usually there Monday evenings (except holidays) and will take your information. **And an important reminder** to all current parishioners: if your contact information (address, phone #, e-mail, etc.) has changed, please let us know so that we may update our files on a regular basis. ☺



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the concert/lecture **LOST INSTRUMENTS OF UKRAINE** on August 26/27. This was truly a unique opportunity, and the folk dancing was great fun! Presenters Jurij Fedynskyj and Oleh But were pleased to share their craft with us and very grateful for your generosity. Щиро дякуємо!

~ Bohdan and Hanusia Tkaczyk

## 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.*

### AUGUST 24/25

Envelopes & Loose: \$900.<sup>00</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$74.<sup>50</sup>  
Vigil Lights: \$35.<sup>75</sup>  
Eparchial Youth: \$10.<sup>00</sup>

### AUG. 31/SEPT. 1

Envelopes & Loose: \$2215.<sup>00</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$40.<sup>85</sup>  
Vigil Lights: \$26.<sup>50</sup>  
Special Projects: \$130.<sup>00</sup>  
Eparchial Youth: \$160.<sup>00</sup>

## Thank you for your generosity! Щиро дякуємо!

The Mission Collection for August totalled \$328.<sup>20</sup>, which has been forwarded to **Grace Place**.

The Mission Collection for September is for the **Canadian National Institute for the Blind** (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).

## Schedule of Liturgical Services

for the week of **September 9 to 15, 2019**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. ~ For the repose of the soul of †**Theodore (Ted) Romaniuk**, and members of the †Brooks, †Chopty, †Ivanchuk, †Romaniuk, †Tkaczyk, & †Trach families

5:00 p.m. ~ **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy**  
Epistle Reader: Michael Watral  
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. ~ **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Divine Liturgy** followed by the parish dinner in our hall  
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan  
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

**Welcome back!** Regular Thursday afternoon activities have resumed at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon). New members are welcome to join anytime ~ we'd love to have you!

**Attention all those who have committed to participate in the planned bus trip to Winnipeg:** Payment (\$300/person) 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 George Rusnick and he will provide you with the itinerary sheet.

The next bus to Grand Portage leaves the church parking lot on **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.

And if you still haven't heard, our fall pyrohy making has been re-scheduled for **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)...and please help spread the word to others so we can reach our target amount. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

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



Today on this special Sunday as we hear two Gospel readings, the Church reminds us of some important truths: 1) Whoever genuinely discovers God's love for the world will try zealously to respond to such love regardless of the sacrifice or effort one may need to make; 2) Whoever truly believes in God and reaches communion with Him, receives healing, enlightenment, and the grace of God, and thus, little by little, a divine life is felt within — the kind of life that only Jesus Christ has and gives; 3) Having believed in Christ as we leave this present world, we should feel certain that the Lord has found us, has accepted us and has forgiven us, and that we are leaving towards eternal life having gained salvation; and finally, 4) Our Lord confirms (after hearing a woman in the crowd glorify His mother) that the same blessedness which His Mother Mary receives is for all "who hear the word of God and keep it." Let us do the same!

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Spaghetti & Meatballs at the Columbus Centre - Sunday, September 8.** Takeout from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (bring your own containers); Sit-down supper @ 5:30 p.m. includes salad, buns, coffee/tea. Bar refreshments are extra. Tickets are available at the office anytime. Call Rosie at 623-3252. Also, enjoy Rosie's weekly **Friday Lunch Buffet** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Swimming Pool Open House - Thursday, September 12** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May Street. Coffee and sweets will be served. Come check out the BEST private pool in town!

 **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.



## **History Corner**



Holy Cross Church is paid off! Pictured above from 1972 at the Parish Praznyk dinner, witnessing from left to right are: †Frank Halabecki, †Stanley Kosheluk, Roger Swerdlyk and †Dr. Lawrence Opaski; as Father Brian (Serge) Keleher and Bishop Isidore Borecky (far right) ceremoniously 'burn the mortgage.'



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

The date for our annual Golf Tournament is set: **Saturday, September 21** at 3:00 p.m. at Chapples Golf Course. Interested members are asked to sign up on the sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Of course, 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 wish to attend the training should notify Gerry Bullock or Michael Watral so either can inform the staff there of your presence. *Thank you!*



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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

**Epistle:** *1 Corinthians 1: 18-24*

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

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.



# God Will Erase Our Mistakes and Make Us Clean Again

As you all know, school started this past week. 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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