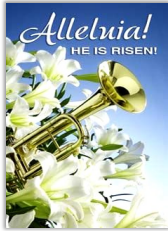


Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста! Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish!



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 26, 2019 ~ Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34* *Gospel: John 9:1-38*

Troparia and special texts are on **page 14** of the **white** Easter season booklets

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak



Eucharistic Ministers

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



In today's Gospel account, Jesus changes the life of the man born blind, and He will also change the man's eternal destiny. Jesus revealed to him that He was the Son of God, He extended an invitation to receive salvation and the blind man gladly accepted that offer. Notice that he didn't have to do anything to be saved other than to put his trust in the Son of God. And just as the blind man realized that Jesus was the Son of God, you must realize that Jesus is your only hope of salvation. There was nothing that this man could do to help himself physically or spiritually. Everything that happened to him, happened because of Jesus. And Jesus wants you to trust in Him as well and receive the salvation that He is offering you today!

~ from a sermon by Kevin L. Jones

Liturgical Services Schedule

Please note: Father Stepan will be away from the afternoon of **Sunday, May 26** to the evening of **Friday, May 31**. In case of emergency, please call Father Chvets (355-0384) or any Catholic priest during office hours. To reach the priest 'on call', dial 632-5461.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

5:00 p.m. ~ **Sunday of the Holy Fathers** (First Council)
Epistle Reader: Christopher Tennant
Eucharistic Minister: Zenya Puchalski

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

10:00 a.m. ~ **Sunday of the Holy Fathers** (First Council)
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan
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.

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Vigil Lights: \$173.⁴⁰ Special Projects: \$20.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity! Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

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 our community.

Holy Cross Parish News & Activities

The Holy Cross Golden Agers are making pyrohy this morning of **Tuesday, June 4** and are still taking orders. Please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to do so, as the limit has not yet been reached. Thank you for your support!



Pentecost (Зелені Св'ята) this year falls on **Sunday, June 9**. However, Father Stepan will again be out of the city on that afternoon. Therefore, services at the gravesites will take place the following weekend as follows: **Saturday, June 15 @ 10 a.m.** at St. Andrew's R.C. Cemetery, Oliver Road; **Sunday, June 16** first at the Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery (W. Arthur St.) @ 2:00 p.m. and proceeding to St. Patrick's/Mountainview Cemetery @ 3:00 p.m. You may also call Father Stepan to arrange a private service. *With the saints, O Lord, grant them rest and eternal memory.*

Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 23** is the date for our annual "**Parish Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation Day**" right here on our parish grounds, and hopefully, we will get to go outside and enjoy the warm weather for a bit. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins — stay tuned!

Please feel free to take home a copy of the **Mission Days Guidebook: From Ascension to Pentecost** located in the narthex. As a parish community, we pray that the Lord may renew our life in God through the power and action of His Holy Spirit during these ten Mission Days. This document is also available online at www.royaldoors.net where it is downloadable in pdf format.

Words of Faith and Hope

"Spiritual blindness is the failure to realize that God is performing miracles for you every single minute."

~ Rabbi Lazer Brody ~



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The next bingo training date and time is **Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.** (There will be one towards the end of June as well.) All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (only an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can inform the staff at Superior Shores. Our next scheduled bingo is a matinee session on **Friday, June 28**. Family members are invited to come out and play as well.

Our final regular monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 26**. Tickets for the annual dinner meeting, on **Thursday, June 20**, will be available at that time. We hope to see many members in attendance on both occasions.

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Sunday Smile

BIG ED seemed to always fall asleep during the Sunday sermon. His wife was fed up and decided to deal with the embarrassing situation.

The next Sunday when he fell asleep, she quietly removed some pungent Limburger cheese from a zip-lock bag in her purse and passed it under his nose.

Groggily startled, Big Ed blurted out, "No, Helen, no, — don't kiss me now!"

EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Walk for Arthritis - **Sunday, June 2** at Marina Park. Registration (\$25) starts at 10:00 a.m.; Walk starts at 11:00 a.m. The Walk for Arthritis is a one-day community-based event that raises much needed funds for the more than six million Canadians affected by arthritis. The Walk was started in 2009 by small community groups who decided that people living with arthritis needed more support and who realized that if more funds could be raised, they might make a difference to their future. To register or for more information, call Shawna at 345-9535 or visit www.walkforarthritis.ca.

Pickerel Dinner – St. Andrew Church (Algoma St. at Red River Rd.) invites everyone to its pickerel dinner on **Sunday, June 9**, at 5:30 p.m. in Saunders Hall. The menu also includes baked beans, potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and coffee/tea. Tickets (\$25/adult; \$10/child age 6-12) can be obtained by calling the parish office at 345-5202 during office hours. Limited seating, so get your tickets soon!



Paint Night - St. Agnes R.C. Church is hosting this fundraiser in support of its Alpha program on **Wednesday, June 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Learn how to paint a beautiful painting with step-by-step instructions and guidance. Tickets are \$45/person and include all materials and appetizers. Please contact Kim Coursolle for more information at 628-2724. All ages and abilities welcome!

For a listing of other activities and events in our community, visit www.calendar.thunderbay.ca. There you can view the current and upcoming months events and activities.

Why the Ascension of the Lord Matters

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD has nothing to do with a literal journey into the stratosphere, for that would involve simply a transfer to another position within "the world." Rather, the Ascension is Jesus' journey, not to another place, but to another dimension. But this dimension to which He has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. And this is why the angels (denizens of heaven) who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What they are hinting at, none too subtly, is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the Church!



~ Rev. Robert Barron



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Attention all members! Our regular monthly meeting takes place on **Thursday, May 30** at **1:00 p.m.** preceded by a 'mini' shuffleboard tournament starting at 12 noon. Following the meeting, coffee/tea and snacks will be served and bingo will take place as usual. See you there!

Our Spring Pyrohy Making session is happening on **Tuesday, June 4** and yes, you can still place an order. Call or speak to Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to get your name of the list. The price is \$6 per dozen (cooked or raw frozen). Help from parishioners, families, and friends on that day will be greatly appreciated.

Our annual wind-up will take place on **Thursday, June 13** at 1:00 p.m. starting with games and entertainment, followed by the usual picnic foods, and prize presentation.

Feeling lucky? The next bus to Grand Portage leaves the church parking lot on **Wednesday, June 19** @ 3:45 p.m. and returns @ 10:00 p.m. Please call Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski (numbers are above) to book your seat or sign the sheet at the meeting. Non-members (18 years and up) with **valid passports** are invited also. Come join us!

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

Readings for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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

Epistle: Acts 20: 16-18; 28-36

Paul's Farewell Speech to the Elders at Ephesus

Gospel: John 17: 1-13

Jesus Prays for His Disciples





Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind

On the last Sunday of the Easter Season, the story from the Holy Gospel of St. John tells about Jesus healing a man who have been blind since he was born. Listen in...

Jesus was walking along in Jerusalem when He saw a man who was blind from birth. His disciples ask Him who had sinned to cause this; him or his parents. The rabbis (spiritual leaders of the temple) of the day had thought up a principle that someone had to have sinned in order for this to have happened. They even thought that a child could sin while growing in its mother or that its soul could have sinned there as well. Jesus contradicted these "principles". Jesus said that neither the baby growing in its mother or the parents had sinned to cause this. He said, "This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in the life of the child."



So, Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with His saliva and put it on the man's eyes and told him to go wash it off. Immediately, the man's eyes were opened and He went home seeing!

Wow! What do you think was the first thing the man saw? Remember...he was born blind. He has never seen before. He had to just imagine what everything looked like. He had never seen colour. His neighbours didn't recognize him! These people had seen this man his whole life, and they don't recognize him?

Do you think this still happens today? Do you think that God has things happen to us so that His work can be displayed in our lives? Absolutely!

Let us pray: Dear Jesus, the difficulties in our life seem small when compared to what others may be facing. Help us not to grumble and complain, but to praise and glorify you in every situation. Amen.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved and strengthened me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.



Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

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