



Вітаємо Всіх до Нашої Парафії! Welcome Everyone to Our Parish! A Place of Prayer, Family and Community for More than 50 Years



August 12, 2018 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost
(Post-feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 19: 16-26
Troparia and special texts are on the insert included

Epistle Readers: (Saturday) Gloria Sherban
(Sunday) Walter Warywoda

Eucharistic Ministers: (Saturday) Zenya Puchalski
(Sunday) Murray Salomon

August 19, 2018 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost
(Post-feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16: 13-24 **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 33-42
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Epistle Readers: (Saturday) Joseph Myslicki
(Sunday) Mary Ann Lysak

Eucharistic Ministers: (Saturday) Linda Douglas
(Sunday) Mary Ann Lysak

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.

JULY 28/29

Envelopes: \$1,525.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$56.⁵⁰
Special Projects: \$35.⁰⁰

AUGUST 4/5

Envelopes: \$1,455.⁰⁰
Mission Collection: \$48.³⁵
Special Projects: \$115.⁰⁰

The Mission Collection for July totalled \$277.⁵⁰ which will be forwarded to Roots to Harvest.

Thank You for Your Generosity!
Щиро Вам Дякуємо!

August's Mission Collection is designated for **Adult and Teen Challenge**. Its mission is to develop and nurture the transformation of restored individuals into useful, productive, law-abiding citizens committed to Christian faith, values and living.

Please remember that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish is not. Our expenses continue throughout the year, and at times we have experienced a shortfall during the summer. We ask you to remain consistent in your gifts as your weekly offering is important to our financial well-being.

Weekly Liturgical Services



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Dormition of the BVM**
Flowers and herbs will be blessed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

5:00 p.m. ~ **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
and Post-feast of the Dormition

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

10:00 a.m. ~ **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
and Post-feast of the Dormition

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 p.m. ~ **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Evelyn Poleschuk

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

10:00 a.m. ~ **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Epistle Reader: Larissa Warywoda

Parish News and Activities

Holy Cross Parish sends its deepest condolences and prayers to **Olga Vaillant** and family on the passing of her beloved husband †**John (Jack)** on Sunday, August 5. May the Lord accept the soul of his departed servant into His heavenly kingdom, number him among the just, and may his memory be everlasting ~ Вічна його пам'ять.



We extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to **Michael (Mike) and Elsie Petryna** on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary on August 8. May Christ our God mark them as living signs of His own saving love and grant them many more happy and blessed years together ~ Многая і благая літа!

Our mother parish, Church of the Transfiguration will celebrate its "Praznyk" on **Sunday, August 19** and is extending an invitation to all of us. Liturgy is at 12 noon followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. Everyone is warmly welcome!

St. George's Society presents its annual '**Corn Roast**' on **Saturday, August 25** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Delicious corn, sausages, salads, and desserts will be the featured fare; refreshments will be available for purchase as well. Tickets are \$10/person and are still available for purchase. And if you have any door prizes to donate, please speak with Michael Watral to arrange for pick-up or you may bring them to him at the church before August 20.



Holy Cross Golden Agers will be making pyrohy for sale (cooked and frozen) on **Tuesday, September 25**. If you wish to place an order, or know someone who might like to, please call either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) now, so you don't miss out. *They thank you for your continued support!*

Our heartfelt thanks go out to **Debbie Sitch** (Emily Swiderski's daughter), manager of Metro Foods, Arthur St. Marketplace, for her very generous donation of 3 large bags of rice which will be used for future cabbage roll making and sales. What a wonderful gift and gesture — awesome!

Words of Faith and Inspiration

*"You may not see a way,
but God still has a way.
It may look impossible,
but God can do the impossible."*



In St. Matthew's Gospel for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, our Lord tells us how to live in order to have eternal life. He basically says: "Do your best, and He will look after everything else. If we do what is possible, God will do what is impossible. But if we do not first do what is possible, then He will not do for us what is impossible."

We are never to despair, to lose hope, we are never to disbelieve in the results of Faith. As we sing in the Great Prokimenon: 'Our God is a great God, for He works wonders'. For it is He alone Who makes the impossible possible and the unattainable attainable. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory be to You, O God!

At the end of the Parable of the Vineyard, on the 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Jesus Christ says: 'The stone that the builders rejected is become the chief cornerstone, and it is marvellous in our eyes'. The stone rejected is, of course, the Rock of Faith, Christ Himself, for He was rejected and crucified. And yet He became the head of the structure and it is marvellous in our eyes. Let us, too, be rocks of faith then, and though the world will reject us, we too shall become cornerstones, and it will be marvellous in the eyes of God and humankind.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Attention members (and parishioners)! We still could use a few more bodies for bingo. Training and retraining of volunteers in the summer is now combined, and the next date is **Sunday, August 19** from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue (beside the Super 8 Hotel). Our next scheduled bingo is a matinee on **Thursday, August 23**. Please speak with Gerry Bullock for more info.



Our annual Corn Roast is on **Saturday, August 25** at 6 p.m. in our parish hall. Tickets are \$10/person and are on sale in the narthex before and after liturgies. Door prizes will be accepted before August 20. In addition, we need a few more volunteer members this year as a number of key individuals will be away. Please offer your services if approached.

Fishermen: remember to submit your weigh-in slips on a regular basis to one of the Fish and Game Committee members Maurice Zakrewski, Morris Tarnawsky, Myron Warywoda and Eugene Zdebiak as you go along, so the standings can be updated on a regular basis. Good luck to all anglers, and as always: be safe on the water. *Tight lines to all!*

Sunday Smile

Customer: How many people can fit into one Honda?

Car dealer: Well, the Bible says that all 12 disciples were in one 'Accord.'

Question: What do you call a nun who just passed the 'bar exam'?

Answer: A sister-in-law.



Ukrainian Independence Day

Every year, on August 24, Ukrainians throughout the world celebrate their homeland's independence. It is a public holiday across Ukraine and a big celebration that sees parades and crowds of people in folk costumes proudly waving the Ukrainian flag. In true patriotic fashion, other events include: fireworks, outdoor exhibitions, concerts, free public markets and fairs, circuses, and sporting events.



In Toronto, Ukrainian Independence Day 27, a full day of food, fun and festivities will take place on **Saturday, August 18** at Centennial Park, (south of Eglinton Ave. and to the west of Renforth Dr. in Etobicoke) from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. There'll be outdoor stage shows, a food fair, beverage gardens, a market place, children's crafts and rides, chess tournaments, live bands, and "zabava." Visit

www.ucctoronto.ca for additional information. *Слава Україні!*

HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

On **Wednesday, August 15**, the next bus to Grand Portage will leave our church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and return @ 10 p.m. To book your spot, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) sometime soon. Remember: this is a **free** service for everyone including non-members 18 years and up with valid passports. Come join us for a relaxing ride and some gripping gaming!

It's now less than a month away until we begin our new social year on **Thursday, September 6**. Regular activities will start at 1:30 p.m. as usual; doors open at 12:30 p.m. This year, why not bring a friend and encourage him/her to join. Membership is only \$10/year and it's always nice to see new faces in the crowd — they're always welcome!

Our trip to Winnipeg this **September 10 to 13** is definitely happening! The bus is full, but if you wish to be placed on the 'waiting list', please contact George Rusnick (577-3361) soon. He will take your name and call you if a spot (or spots) open up between now and September, as well as answer any questions you may have.

A reminder to all members: we will be making pyrohy for sale on **Tuesday, September 25**. If you still wish to place an order (\$6/dozen), or know someone who might like to, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) now to guarantee product.



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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Registration for the 2018/2019 Dance Season - Are you and/or your little one interested in joining our Chaban family for the 2018/2019 dance season? You can now register online at <http://registration.chabandance.com/register>. A one in-person registration date will be held on **Thursday, August 30** from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian National Hall, 211 Robertson Street. Got questions? Feel free to contact us at info@chabandance.com anytime.

Zorya Ukrainian Dance Association - Registration for its 21st season takes place **Tuesday, August 28** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Zorya Dance Studio, 716 Pacific Avenue (St. Mary's Church Hall) or on **Thursday, September 6** - same time and venue. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Eric Hibbert at 629-4067, Alice Chony at 577-2100, or send an email to zorya@tbaytel.net. Visit the website at www.zorya.ca. Anyone interested in Ukrainian dance is welcome. Proud supporter of P.R.O. Kids.

WITH THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION, the Falling-Asleep of the Most Holy Mother of God, we come to the ending of the Church's Year. And we are reminded that the Church's Year begins in September with the Birth of the Mother of God. The Feast also explains to us the origin of the hymn that we sing to the Mother of God: "*More honourable than the cherubim, and by far more glorious than the seraphim*". These are not simply elegant words that a pious hymnographer sat down and wrote, they have an origin in a spiritual revelation, as all that is in the Church. For this Feast reminds us of how our Lord from the Cross entrusted the care of His Mother to the Apostle John the Divine. It reminds us of how the Holy Virgin, then aged about sixty, was visited three days before her falling-asleep by the Archangel Gabriel, who long before had announced to her the conception of Christ in her womb.



We recall how the Apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem to make their farewells. We recall how the Virgin gave away all her earthly possessions to poor widows as she made ready for her burial in Gethsemane, next to her parents Saints Joachim and Anna and also her kinsman Joseph. We recall how she comforted the grieving, how her house was filled with light, her face shone and her body was fragrant, as Christ came with the angels to take her soul, as we can see from the icon of this Feast. We are reminded how her soul was taken up by Her Son, together with the cherubim and the seraphim, and now we understand the origin of our hymn: "*More honourable than the cherubim, and by far more glorious than the seraphim*". We remember how the Apostles, singing in procession, took her body to the tomb which then they sealed. We recall how the Apostle Thomas arrived, delayed for three days, and wanted also to make his farewell; and so the tomb was unsealed and found empty except for the burial clothes and the wonderful fragrance. And from the very beginning we have piously taken this to mean that the body of the Holy Virgin was so pure that it too had been taken up to Heaven, and that is why we have nowhere any bodily relic of the Mother of God. And we understand by this that the first in the Kingdom of Heaven after Christ is the Holy Virgin. We understand by this that even given the weakness of human nature it is possible for our bodies to attain to utmost holiness. The Mother of God is, after Christ, the first-fruit of the Resurrection and shows us the way to the life of the Resurrection.

As stated at the beginning, with this Feast we come to the ending of the Church's Year. In it, we also come to the ending of human life on earth. It is indeed our destiny to die; it is the only certain thing in this life; every day that passes we draw one day nearer to our deaths. However, whatever our destiny, our ambition is not to die, but rather to fall asleep, in the manner of the Virgin, and have our souls taken to heaven by the holy angels, that death might become a mere passage from mortal life to immortality, from this deathly life to deathlessness in the Everlasting Kingdom of Christ and all His saints.

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POPE FRANCIS BRINGS EAST AND WEST EVER CLOSER ~ Michael R. Heinlein, OSV

In 2016, Pope Francis ordered several changes to the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law bringing about further harmony between the Church's Eastern and Latin rites. The changes were decreed in an apostolic letter issued "motu proprio" (on his own authority) called *De Concordia Inter Codices*, published Sept. 15, 2016. The intention of the new laws is to promote congruence in sacramental discipline and practice among the Eastern and Latin churches. As Pope Francis writes in the apostolic letter, "due to the constant concern for correlation between the Codes, I have become aware of certain points that are not in perfect harmony between the provisions of the Code of Canon Law and the Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches."

The changes come as the product of more than 15 years of consultations, and the revisions are the result of a commission of experts assembled by the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts. Likewise the pontifical council approved the new text before papal promulgation.

Vatican officials have described the changes as necessary because of the growing number of Eastern Catholics in disparate lands.

"From a reading of the 'motu proprio,' it immediately comes to our attention that the motivation for these reforms responds to the desire to facilitate pastoral attention to the faithful, especially in the so-called places of the diaspora, where in areas with a Latin majority, there live thousands of Oriental faithful have left their land of origin," Bishop Juan Ignacio Arrieta, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, said in a statement.

Bishop Arrieta noted that "wishing to harmonize the two Codes in the pastoral matters most in need of clarification, it was enough to limit the modifications to some texts of the Latin Code, without the need to touch the Oriental one."

The Latin code governs what is commonly referred to as the "Roman Catholic Church" and the Eastern Code governs the 23 *sui iuris* Eastern Catholic Churches. The changes now in force for the Latin Code respond to some of the discrepancies that existed between the two codes — in part due to the differing traditions present in the Eastern and Latin rites but also in part due to the fact the two codes were promulgated close to a decade apart with unique intentions.

Most of the new changes in law promulgated by Pope Francis pertain to the celebration and discipline of the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. The newer, modified laws address questions of marriages between Catholics of differing rites, as well as the rite assigned to a child produced from a union of a mixed-rite marriage. Also addressed are noting the rite of the child in parish sacramental records and the roles of clerics who celebrate or preside at the sacraments. For example, the Latin code allows a deacon to preside validly at a marriage, but if an Eastern Catholic is married in the Latin rite certain conditions for the validity of marriage in the Eastern rites were ignored. The "*motu proprio*" respects and restores precedence to the necessity of a priest's blessing for a valid marriage in the Eastern Catholic tradition.

The roots of the Latin rite and 23 Eastern rites of the Catholic Church go back to the unique cultures and languages present in the Eastern and Western halves of the Roman Empire as Christianity grew from its persecution to the status as official religion of the empire.

These most recent changes in Church law should come as no surprise to observers of the current pontificate. Pope Francis has exhibited great respect and reverence for the Eastern Churches and rites. **In 2014, he restored to the Eastern rite Catholics in diaspora the tradition to allow for a married priesthood, a ban that had been fully in force since 1929.**

Pope Francis' regard for the Christian East is likewise reflected in the ecumenical advances during his pontificate with the Orthodox Church. Earlier in 2016, he was the first pope to meet with the Russian Orthodox patriarch since that patriarchate had been established at Moscow in 1589. The recent canonical changes show a sensitivity to various Eastern Christian practices, indicating little Catholic resistance, if any, to the same principles held by even the Orthodox Church.