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Вітаємо до Парафії Воздвиження Чесного Хреста \* Welcome to Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church

## September 20, 2020 ~ Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Scripture Readings: Epistle: Galatians 2: 16-20

Gospel: Mark 8: 34 – 9:1

## September 27, 2020 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6: 16 -17: 1 Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

## 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.

Due to a directive from the Chancery Office re: parish security issues, weekly collection numbers will no longer be published online.

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September's Mission Collection is designated for **PRO Kids** (Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids), a service that helps low-income families access recreation activities for their kids. Visit their Facebook page for more information.



### SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION

The decision to follow Jesus is the decision to take up a cross - a tool of torture and execution. To Christians, it is also a symbol of victory over the Enemy, including death. "My Cross to Bear" is not just the daily troubles. Taking up our cross is an expression that requires us to bear the things that humble us, expose us, offend us, shame us - that come because we are following Jesus. He experienced all of this and more as He carried the cross...to His death. Furthermore, the decision to follow Jesus is to deny our right to ourselves, take up the cross, accept the circumstances that result from making that choice, looking to Him for power to endure and grow.

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says to the woman, "Great is your faith! Let it be done as you wish." When we come to Jesus in humility and need, He wants to forgive and heal us. He's not looking for our curriculum vitae or our list of accomplishments or genealogy. He's much more able to help us if we admit that we are sinners, and weak, and in need.

Yes, we are in the midst of a new unpleasantness, something the world hasn't seen for a century. But we are muddling through and will, by the grace of God, recover, sooner or later. Let's learn the lessons that might actually help us in the long run to attain the goal, coming together forever in God's presence. To this end, let us continue to follow Isaiah's command to keep the Sabbath - the one day of the week that God wants from us, and for us.

~ from sermons by John Dobbs and W. Pat Cunningham

## Parish News & Activities

Our warmest regards and best wishes are extended to **James (Jim) Petrunka** on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 18. May the Lord continue to bless him with good health, happiness, and many happy years ~ Многая і благая літа!



The parish bulletin will continue to be published every second weekend as activities in the church and parish have not yet returned to the usual 'normal' schedules. If you have any parish or community announcements, please contact Michael Watral at 475-4914 or e-mail him at [mawatral@tbaytel.net](mailto:mawatral@tbaytel.net) at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation. ☺

During the ongoing pandemic, it has been difficult for Father Stepan to make visits to the hospital/long-term care facilities due to the restrictions currently in place. Those who wish him to do so are requested to place his name on their 'family list' (at the entrance of the facility), so that he can enter the building without impediment especially in the case of an emergency. It is also a good idea to contact Father in advance if your loved one or another parishioner is nearing death, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for anointing.

For the safety and well-being of all members, the Holy Cross Golden Agers Executive has made the decision **not** to return to regular Thursday afternoon activities at this time. We hope to resume our weekly bingos in February 2021. See you then!

## Schedule of Liturgical Services

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10 a.m. ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

10 a.m. ~ Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



Those who are able to help with ushering/entry/cleaning protocols are requested to speak with Father Stepan. Thank you for your consideration. ☺

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**Wear a protective mask, practice social distancing,**  
**and wash your hands often and thoroughly. Help save a life!**



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## Words to Truth and Victory

*"The cross is not a mere event in history;  
it's a way of life.  
Take up your cross daily, Jesus said!"*

~ John Piper ~



### ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The Executive will be meeting this week to discuss how to proceed forward until the end of the calendar year. As a result, **The Plentiful Harvester** will be delayed a few days (it should be ready later in the week) and will be forwarded via e-mail. Hard copies will be distributed to those members who do not have computer access. Consequently, the first monthly meeting of the new society year scheduled for next **Sunday, September 27 @ 7 p.m.** is tentative at this time. It will be confirmed at the Executive meeting and announced at next Sunday's Divine Liturgy. Please stay informed.

Fisherman: remember to submit your weigh-in slips to any Fish and Game Committee member as soon as possible so that the Board can be updated regularly.

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### Things To Think About

- Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.
- One who loses money, loses much; one who loses a friend, loses much more; one who loses faith, loses all.
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Slovak Legion Take-Out/Curbside Pick-up** - Every Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 for more information. A different meal is featured every week. Visit [www.slovaklegion.com](http://www.slovaklegion.com) for more information.

**Columbus Centre Spaghetti Takeout** - Thursday, September 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Containers not required. All orders are prepackaged. Spaghetti and 6 Meatballs: \$13; Meatballs (10) in sauce: \$13; Roasted chicken thighs (2 pc.): \$3; Perogies (1 doz.): \$6; Spaghetti sauce (1L): \$10; Tossed salad: \$3.75. Debit or credit only. Large quantities, please pre-order. Call 623-3252 and leave a message. Future dates: October 8 and October 22.

**Columbus Centre Pickerel Takeout** - Friday, October 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Includes 4 pieces of breaded pickerel, home fries, and coleslaw. \$18 per order. Pre-orders only. **Deadline: Thursday, October 1.** Please call 623-3252 and leave message. Payment by credit card. Orders will be pre-packaged. Physical distancing will be followed.

## History Corner



**Sunday, October 1, 2000** ~ Father Bohdan (Bob) Bilinsky is installed as the newest pastor of Holy Cross Parish by departing pastor Father Anton Szymychalski, who, only after two years, left for southern Ontario due to personal reasons. Father Bob remained in Thunder Bay (with his wife Connie) for five years, until he was reassigned to St. George the Great-Martyr Ukrainian Catholic Church in Oshawa Ontario.

### HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS



**COVID-19 UPDATE:** The Executive met again to discuss and review further information and directives collected since its last meeting in August. Many thanks to vice-president Marilyn Hicklin for making contact with suppliers and associations in regard to bingo supplies and other protocols. Also, since that time, a number of our regular members (outside of the Executive) have made it known that they are not ready to return at this time. In addition, the Toronto Eparchy has not yet formally opened church halls as capacity limitations are still in place. Consequently, it was unanimously decided to continue the suspension of all regular afternoon activities until the new year (February 2021) — including pyrohy making as well. Members will be contacted in November with an update as changes are happening from day to day. Until we are allowed to gather again, stay safe and healthy. Wear a mask in public, wash your hands regularly, and practice social distancing wherever and whenever necessary.

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

### READINGS FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AND SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS (7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL)

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday (October 4)**      **Holy Fathers (October 11)**

**2 Corinthians 9: 6-11**  
Help for Fellow Christians

**Hebrews 13: 7-16**  
Service Well-Pleasing to God

**Luke 5: 1-11**  
Jesus Calls His First Disciples

**John 17: 1-13**  
Jesus Prays for His Disciples

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.





# A Backpack Full of Worries: Let Jesus Help

School has now started and most of you are back into your daily routine despite the threat of COVID-19. Most of you use a backpack to carry all of your school supplies and books back and forth to school. Some children have backpacks that are almost as big as they are! Sometimes their backpacks are so loaded with all those heavy books that it is just about more than they can carry!

Life is a lot like that too. Sometimes we have some pretty heavy burdens that we try to carry around with us. Some of you may be worried that you won't have any friends in your class, or that the other kids won't like you, or that you just won't fit in. Maybe some of you are worried that you won't have the right clothes. Maybe you are still wearing a "Star Wars" t-shirt and all the other kids are wearing "Pokemon" t-shirts. Maybe some of you are worried that you might not be able to do the work in your new grade and are afraid you might fail. Those can be pretty heavy problems to carry around with us.

Well, here's some good news for you! You don't have to carry all those worries around with you! The Bible tells us that God will carry those burdens for us. So, if you started school recently with a load of worries and problems, this morning you can give them to Jesus. He will carry them for you.

Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Then He went on to say, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Jesus is our helper. Sometimes we hold on to our burdens and try to carry them ourselves, but Jesus will help us, if we will let Him.

Let us pray: Lord, we are thankful that we do not have to carry the heavy burdens of life around on our backs. This morning we give them to You. Amen.



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