



## 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 — the Body of Christ. Here, we offer services in Ukrainian and English languages where we are united to God and one another, and, “with one heart and one voice”, form the family of God. The Divine Liturgy is the centre of our life, and it is here where we come to know Christ in each other, in the Sacred Scriptures and through participation in the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today’s Divine Liturgy be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

## Meatfare Sunday (of the Fearful Judgement)

Today’s Readings: **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8 - 9: 2** **Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46**  
Troparia are located on **page 7 and 11** of the grey booklets

### Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Christopher Tennant



### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Zenya Puchalski  
Sunday (10 a.m.): Stanley Myslicki

## Liturgical Services Schedule

for the week of February 25 - March 3, 2019

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 p.m. ~ **Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday**  
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas  
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 a.m. ~ **Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday**  
Epistle Reader: Mary Ann Lysak  
Eucharistic Minister: Christopher Tennant

**Note to all parishioners:** During Great Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Panakhyda (Sorokousty) for the deceased will be celebrated on Friday mornings (except March 15). You are encouraged to update (or begin) your memorial booklets (in the box on the narthex table) before that time.

## 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.

### FEBRUARY 16/17

Envelopes and Loose: \$3,750.<sup>00</sup>  
Vigil Lights: \$131.<sup>25</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$52.<sup>85</sup>  
Special Projects: \$145.<sup>00</sup>  
(please see the note in the Parish News below)



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

February’s Mission Collection is designated for **Urban Abbey Youth Shelter** (308 Red River Road). Its mission is to nurture a contemplative life where people can be transformed in the “face presence” of Jesus and pursue an active life where that can be reflected to the outside community.



## Holy Cross Parish News and Events

The annual General Parish Meeting is on **Sunday, February 24** following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. There are a number of significant items that will be on the agenda, and we encourage all parishioners to attend. And don’t forget, the meeting will be followed by a full lunch featuring soup, sandwiches, salads, and sweets. We hope to see many in attendance!



We will again be making cabbage rolls for sale and are taking orders for **frozen ones only**. Please sign the list in the narthex to place your order. Rolling and packaging will take place on the morning of **Tuesday, Marcy 19** - the actual schedule will be published in future bulletins, so keep monitoring them. Help will be needed in all aspects. Those who placed orders will be called when the product is ready to be picked up. *Thank you for your support and cooperation!*

A friendly reminder as well that if you wish to order pyrohy for the April 8 making, that you call Walter Warywoda at 475-3757 or send him an email at [warywodaw@gmail.com](mailto:warywodaw@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment, as last year the maximum amount was reached by early March. The price remains the same at \$6/dozen, cooked and frozen. ☺

**All parishioners and guests please note:** During the Saturday evening & Sunday morning Divine Liturgies, two collections are customarily taken — the first one for the parish (which can include special eparchial envelopes and for our Special Projects Fund), and the second one for the Mission Collection, which is designated for a local charity. To be eligible for a yearly tax receipt, you must be registered as a parishioner, which grants you the privilege of having your own envelopes. Those who wish to be credited for donations to the Mission Fund must place their donation into a spare (or blank) envelope, indicating their name, envelope number, and amount. In this way, our bookkeeper Michele can log all donations appropriately and add them to the financial database that she updates weekly. And if you happen to miss a week (or more), please do **not** submit separate envelopes, but include (all) your donation(s) for the day on which you return in **one (1)** envelope. *Thank you!*



When we think of this Last Judgement, we should not think of judges, courtrooms, juries, trials or lawyers in robes and wigs. We should think rather of being in the presence of supreme Love. It is the presence of God, that is, of supreme Love — that is our Judgement.

Being in the presence of God, of Love, will warm and comfort those who have sincerely tried to follow and live by His teachings. It will utterly rejoice the hearts of those who have strived to reject evil, who have struggled to be both merciful and righteous. And being in the presence of God, of Love, will be like a burning fire of regret to those who have lived by evil, who have lived in pride and cruelty, with hearts as hard as stone, who saw those in need and did nothing. Both conditions are described in today's Gospel.

Too often, when we ourselves fall, we think of God's Mercy and His indulgence towards us. Too often, when we see others fall, we think of God's Righteousness and His Judgement of them. It would be better to think the other way around. When we fall into sin, let us rather think of God the Righteous Judge and the fate of the goats on the left-hand side. When others fall into sin, let us rather think of the Merciful God Who forgives and the fate of the sheep on the right-hand side. May the Lord have mercy on us all!

~ condensed and edited from a sermon by Archbishop Andrew Phillips



## ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Our next bingo is an afternoon session on **Wednesday, February 27**. Those who have agreed to volunteer on that date should be at the hall no later than 12 noon in proper attire.

The next three training dates and times are as follows:

**Sunday, March 10 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, May 26 @ 4:00 p.m.**



All members (and parishioners 18 years and over) are invited to take the training (it's only an hour long) and assist at future bingos. Please inform Gerry Bullock so that he can confirm your attendance with the staff at Superior Shores.

**All members please note:** A decision was made at our 'Super Bowl' meeting to cancel the upcoming monthly meeting originally scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Our next gathering, therefore, will be on **Sunday, March 31 at 7 p.m.** The Executive will meet before then.

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## HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

**Attention all members!** Our regular monthly meeting takes place on **Thursday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m.** preceded by a 'mini' shuffleboard tournament starting at 12 noon. Following the meeting, bingo will take place as usual. Sweets and refreshments will be available also. Hope to see many there!

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

## EVENTS OF INTEREST IN OUR CITY

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper - Tuesday, March 5** from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Gathering Hall, 228 Pearl Street. Adults: \$5; Family of 4 or more: \$15; children 3 years and under: free. Proceeds will go to the Gathering Table Food Cupboard and Camp Gitchigomee.

**Pysanka Workshop** - Hosted by the League of Ukrainian Canadians, **Saturday, March 9**, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the 'Ukrainian Home', 211 Robertson Street. \$25/person. To pre-register, call Hanya at 344-3136 soon. Limited seating, so book early!



**K of C Shrimp Feast - Saturday, March 9** at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$26 per person, includes one pound of golden shrimp, home fries, coleslaw, hot vegetable, bread, cheesecake and coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Tickets are limited and **must** be purchased in advance. Call Rosie at 623-3252 to reserve your tickets by phone.



**St. Joseph's Table at St. Dominic's Church - Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17** (after each Mass). This is their annual parish project of solidarity for people in need. Baking, pasta, and more. For more info, contact Melina at 577-3001.

### Readings for Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday

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

**Epistle: Romans 13:11 - 14: 4**

(Duties towards One Another)

**Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21**

(Teaching about Prayer, Fasting and Riches in Heaven)

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.

## Serving in Today's World: How Do You Respond?

**THE IDEA OF "SERVING"** is one that can be uncomfortable to some in today's world, as many believe that it requires us to be "subservient" to others. Our desire to be leaders makes this a difficult concept. There are times in which our roles of service DO require us to be subservient, but we are more often called to serve in ways that utilize the gifts and strengths given to us by God for the very purpose of sharing them with others. When we look at the idea of "serving" as an act of love, we can see how serving others is already an everyday part of our lives and that the possibilities of expanding that act are limitless!

Many parishioners think the Church wants them to volunteer in as many ministries as possible, spending all their free time in their parishes, giving generously of themselves in every way. As a matter of fact, that's the *opposite* of what we want you to do! While we want you to be good stewards of your time and talents and give of yourselves to your parish community, we also acknowledge that your most important ministry is at home — with your family. However, always remember: we are all a part of God's family, and the Christian Church, His House, ought to have a central place in the daily lives of us, His children — both spiritually and socially.

May the refrain of all of God's people today be that of the Old Testament saints: *"We will not neglect the house of our God."* (Nehemiah 10: 39c)

Source: Internet



**God's Work  
Our Hands**



# Whatever You Do to the Least of My Brothers...

I was hungry  
and you  
did not  
feed me ...  
Matthew 25:35



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