

Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес! Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

We extend a warm “Happy Easter Season” to all our parishioners and their families!

April 26, 2020 ~ Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

Today's Readings: Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7 Gospel: Mark 15: 43-16:8

Please note: Starting next **Sunday, May 3**, due to the decrease in activities and services at Holy Cross during the coronavirus outbreak, this bulletin will be published every 2nd weekend until such time that our parishes will be permitted to re-open and gatherings of more than five individuals will be allowed to take place. Let's hope and pray that this will happen sooner than later. *Thank you for understanding.*

Parish News & Activities

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to **Roger and Mary Ann Swerdlyk** on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary on April 19. May the Risen Lord grant them many more happy and blessed years together ~ Многая і благая літа!



We have received a request from a parishioner as to whether it would be possible to have a vigil candle lit in honour of a loved one (living or deceased) during the shutdown. After consulting insurance documents and our candle supplier, this has been approved by the Parish Council. Parishioners who wish to have a candle lit can include the cost in their (weekly) contribution, indicating the number of candles and size, and for whom the candle is to be lit on an accompanying slip of paper. The cost remains at \$3.⁰⁰ ea. for large and 50¢ ea. for small.

Liturgical Services Schedule

All public services remain **suspended** until further notice. You can access a number of live streaming liturgical services on the Internet. The full list can be accessed on our Facebook page (Facebook/holycrosstbay) or you can click on the following link to view them as well:

royaldoors.net/2020/03/2020-streaming-liturgical-services

You can also visit the various Eparchy websites such as www.skeparchy.org and click on **Liturgy Live**.

Until we meet together again, please continue to pray daily!

Words of True Faith and Enduring Love

“The holy women who had followed the Lord came to the sepulchre with spices. They had loved Him when He was alive, and they showed Him their eager tenderheartedness even when He was dead. Thus, as we hear of what they did, we must also think of our responsibility to imitate them.”

~ St. Gregory the Great, *Forty Gospel Homilies* ~



As May approaches, let us remember that it is the month of Mary with special devotions to her. And although we might not yet be able to return to church to pray to her together, praying the Rosary at home on a daily basis (if not done already) is the right thing to do. In a month when we celebrate Mother's Day, we honour Mary who, though she is the Mother of God, is everyone's mother and cares for all of us. *Help us Mary, blessed Mary, pray for us this day!*

St. George's Society regretfully announces the cancellation of its annual **Mother's Day Brunch** in our parish hall originally scheduled for Sunday, May 10. Members will look forward to serving our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and godmothers next year.

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.

APRIL 19

Envelopes: \$2,205.⁰⁰
Special Projects: \$80.⁰⁰

Note: Since donations are being mailed in throughout the week, totals are approximated.

*“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”
- St. Francis of Assisi*

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість! Thank you for your generosity!

The Mission Collection from **January to June** is for the TBRHSC “**Our Hearts at Home**” campaign.

Please note: During this unprecedented time, our parish may experience some shortfalls in cash flow. Therefore, we are sincerely requesting that you continue to mail in your weekly contributions (Sunday envelope and mission donation) to the Parish Office or kindly drop them into the mail slot in the right front door of the Rectory (422 W. Victoria Ave.).



On Easter morning, as the three myrrh-bearing women approached the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, expecting to find a corpse, they were unpleasantly surprised to find that the stone in front of the entrance to His tomb had been rolled away. Their unpleasant surprise turned into a pleasant one when they saw a young man dressed in a white robe who said that the Lord was risen, that He was not there. They were soon to discover that their lives and the world in which they lived would be changed forever.

Today, according to the Gospels, we know that Jesus has been raised from the dead. He is alive and well and is full of surprises. He guides us and walks with us through life. He surprises us with a new perspective on life and a new purpose for living. He surprises us with courage in the face of danger, comfort in the midst of struggles, and hope in hopeless situations. He surprises us by accomplishing the impossible — changing us into His image. He surprises us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and so much more. He surprises us with answers to our prayers and by inviting us to walk along paths that we would never have imagined!

~ Kevin Ruffcorn

Holy Cross Golden Agers



All hall activities remain cancelled until further notice (including monthly evening buses to Grant Portage). We encourage all to keep practicing social distancing/self-isolation especially if you have a pre-existing condition that might further aggravate the situation. Remember to stay in close contact with your family members, but limit gatherings and visits at this time. And unless you are in need of supplies or medical assistance, please remain at home. Those with a computer and Internet capability can choose to visit Ontario's website at www.ontario.ca for more information as to how the government is protecting us from this deadly virus — it's available in English, Ukrainian and other languages as well. Stay safe and healthy until we are allowed to gather together again.

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We hope all members and their families are faring well during this challenging time. Your Executive is always ready to help fellow members if and when the need arises — please do not hesitate to make contact, using the current roster, by phone or e-mail.

We have received word from the Ontario Awards Secretariat indicating that, due to the Government of Ontario announcing that all organized public events of over fifty people are prohibited, the **Volunteer Service Awards** ceremonies have been postponed until further notice.

Superior Shores Gaming Centre remains closed with no indication of re-opening in the near future. Our next scheduled bingo is also a matinee on **Tuesday, May 12**, but again, this date is tentative. SSGA administrative staff will provide updates as changes happen.

Since the ban on gatherings of five or more individuals in one area remains in effect for now, we will dispense with our monthly meeting on **Sunday, April 26**. And as previously announced, the Executive has made the tough decision to cancel the annual Mother's Day Brunch scheduled for **Sunday, May 10**. Plans for our 60th anniversary celebrations are also on hold until such time as the local venues are allowed to re-open their doors. The tentative date is Saturday, June 20, but that also may change. Stay in touch.

April 23 marked the feast day of the holy and glorious great martyr, victory-bearer and wonderworker George, our patron saint. George possessed many virtues, but it is his example of the virtues of bravery, courage and fortitude which are especially apparent in his story. During this Eastertide, let us contemplate the many ways we might slay the dragons that invade our own lives (especially the dreaded coronavirus) and become courageous heroes for Christ by taking on more humble titles like *dad, son, husband, brother, servant, employee, counsellor and friend*.



O victorious great-martyr George, as a liberator of captives and helper of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, entreat Christ God to save our souls.



History Corner



A HAPPY BUNCH! Gathered together to celebrate the contributions of †Molly Gallucci to our parish (some 10 years ago) are: (back row left to right) Sophie Kozyra, Rosanne Stasiewicz, Muriel Zaremsky, Michael Watral, Mary Ann Lysak, Fr. Andrija Petresin, Roger Swerdlyk, and Walter Karachok; (front row seated left to right) Judy Banzat (Molly's daughter), †Molly, and †Elsie Salomon.

Readings for the Sunday of the Paralytic

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

Epistle: Acts 9: 32-42

Peter Brings Tabitha Back to Life

Gospel: John 5: 1-15

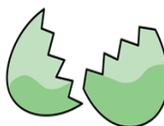
The Healing at the Pool

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.

Sunday Smile

(You may have to explain this one to the millennials.)



A number of years ago on one Easter Sunday morning as the pastor was preaching a children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?"

"I know, I know!" a little boy exclaimed, "pantyhose!"



Due to government restrictions, most community events and gatherings consisting of five or more persons have been cancelled or postponed at this time. Please check our local newspaper or online version for updates. The City continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch community updates from the Mayor, find out how City services are affected using the A-Z service directory, access City contacts, and read the latest City media releases. Visit: www.thunderbay.ca/coronavirus.



The Stone Was Rolled Away

Many of you are familiar with the character Harry Potter and the many books that were written about him and his friends. It's all about magic. You may have seen a real-life magician in a show or on TV. In his or her act, the magician always has an assistant who helps with the tricks. A popular one is when the magician would put the assistant into a trunk, then lock the trunk and tie ropes around it. And as many watched with great anticipation, the magician would tap the trunk with a special wand, untie the ropes, then unlock and open the lid. Poof -- the trunk was empty!

On the Sunday morning after Jesus was crucified, three women went to visit the tomb where Jesus had been buried to anoint His body with special spices. When they arrived, there was a great earthquake and an angel came and rolled away the huge stone that had been covering the entrance to Jesus' tomb. The angel sat on the stone and said to the two women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not



here; for He has been raised, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay." You see, the stone was not rolled away so that Jesus could get out of the grave, it was rolled away so that His followers could go in and see that the tomb was empty.

Most of you realize that the magician making his/her assistant disappear from the trunk is just a trick, but the empty tomb of Jesus was certainly not. Jesus had risen, just as He said He would. Today we celebrate the fact that the stone was rolled away, not so Jesus could come out, but so that we could see that He has risen from the grave, and because of His victory over death, we can enter into eternal life with Him.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that the stone has been rolled away and because the grave is empty, we can enter into eternal life with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

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DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS FOR SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN Third Sunday of Pascha

After the priest has exclaimed, Blessed be the Kingdom... and the people have responded, Amen, the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

First Antiphon: Resurrectional (Sunday)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works!*" Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You."
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Glory be to the Father... Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon: Resurrectional (Sunday)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord* and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*



Troparion and Kontakion

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Troparion, Tone 2: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 2: You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: "The Saviour is risen from the tomb."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You, who grant resurrection to the fallen.

Holy God, as usual

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: Acts 6: 1-7

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Greeks complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a recent convert of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests also accepted the faith.

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

verse: Mercy and truth have met; righteous and peace have embraced.

Gospel: Mark 15: 43 - 16: 8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Rejoice the body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.
Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of "Blessed is He Who comes..." we sing: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

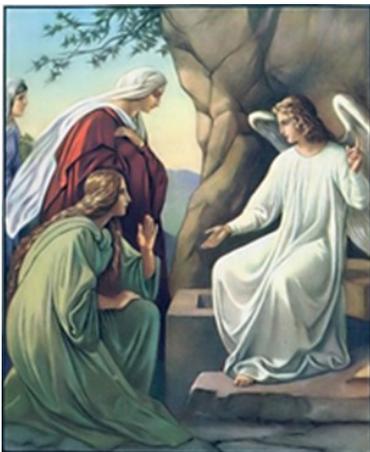
Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of "May our mouths be filled..." we chant two times: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life, *and then we sing it once more.*

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord..." we chant two times: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life, *and then we sing it once more.*

At the dismissal, instead of "Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen." we chant: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

After the final Amen, the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims "Christ is risen" thrice and we respond "Indeed, He is risen" each time. Then, the Troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition: And to us He has granted life eternal, we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.*



Мироносиці жени ранком до гроба йдуть.
Мира на святі рани, плачуче з собов несуть.
По дорозі питають, "Хто ж нам камінь відвалить?"
І сумують, ридають, "Хто ж нам в поміч послішить?"
Ангел Божий наперед камінь з гроба відвалив
І невістам возвістив, що Ісус смерть повідив.
Жени до гроба ввійшли, де лежав безсмертний Цар,
Його в гробі не знайли, тільки ризи і судар.

Христос воскрес із мертвих!
Воскресе, воскрес, воскрес із мертвих!
Смертю, смертю, смерть поправ,
Смертю, смертю, смерть поправ,
і суцим во гробіх, живот дарував!

Let us joyfully all sing praises to our Lord and King:
Jesus Christ we glorify, God our Saviour from on high.
Women came that early morn bearing ointment to adorn
Jesus' body in the grave for the world He came to save.
"Who will roll the stone away?" cried the women in dismay
From the tomb they heard a voice: "He is risen; go, rejoice!"
Let us sing rejoicingly and proclaim the victory.
Christ arisen from the tomb casts away all earthly gloom.

Christ our Lord from death is risen!
He is risen! Truly risen! Christ our Lord is risen!
Through His passion, death is gone!
From the tomb new life has shone!
Christ for our redemption, everlasting life has won!