



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, that is, the Body of Christ. Here, services are offered in the English and Ukrainian languages where we are united to God and one another, and, "with one heart and one voice", form the family of God. Jesus Christ is the centre of our life, and it is in the Divine Liturgy where we come to know Him in each other by means of the Sacred Scriptures, and through the receiving of the Holy Sacraments. May your participation in today's celebration be thoroughly enriching and truly meaningful as well.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost and Commemoration of the Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

Today's Readings: *Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6: 16 - 7:1* *Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28*
Special troparia and texts are found on the bulletin inserts

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Michael Watral
Sunday (10 a.m.): Andrika Warywoda



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Francis Puchalski
Sunday (10 a.m.): Murray Salomon

Holy Cross Parish News & Activities

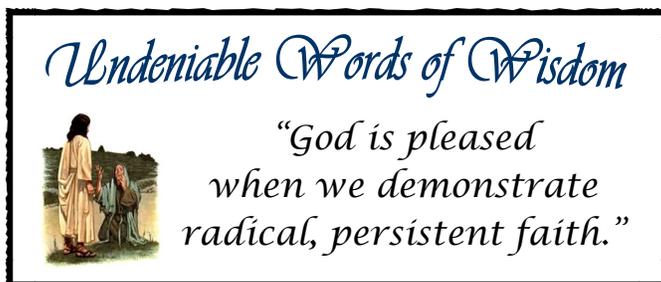
October is the month of the Rosary. We will, therefore, pray the Glorious Mysteries 20 minutes before each Saturday/Sunday Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to participate in this most inspirational recitation. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*

The Holy Cross Golden Agers are making pyrohy this **Tuesday, October 8** and would appreciate any extra help on that morning beginning at 9 a.m. until around noon. There is a waiting list if any extra product will be available. See Ann Kozlowski to inquire.



A Halloween party for our children is being planned for **Saturday, October 19** at 6 p.m. in our parish hall. If your children/grandchildren are interested in attending (*parents and grandparents can come, too!*), please call Jackie Strehlow as soon as possible at 252-1789 to indicate your intentions. There'll be crafts, games, food, and fun for all!

On **Sunday, October 20**, we invite everyone to come down to the parish hall (after Liturgy) for the return of our coffee hour/mini-luncheon and fellowship. Items for the buffet/dessert tables should be brought to the parish kitchen no later than 9:45 a.m. that morning. Also, during that time, a 30-minute instructional video on the art of baking and decorating a 'korovai' will be shown. This is a must-see for anyone interested in esoteric wedding customs. Furthermore, we will also formally welcome **Dobrodijka Oksana** (Father Stepan's wife) to our community and parish family, and therefore, hope to see many parishioners in attendance.



Orders for the **November 18 pyrohy making session** are now more than 65% filled. So, we encourage those who wish to receive product to place an order at your earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. Call Walter at 475-3757, or send him an e-mail at warywodaw@gmail.com *Thank you very much for your cooperation and support!*

A reminder that the deadline for bulletin submissions is Thursday of each week (unless otherwise indicated). Leave a message on the parish office machine (577-7720), or text Michael Watral (626-2182) or send him an email at mawatral@tbaytel.net in advance so that any items that might need approval can be done so in a timely manner. Please note: publication is not guaranteed.

Liturgical Services Schedule

For the week of **October 7 to October 13, 2019**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:40 p.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary
5:00 p.m. ~ **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
(Seventh Ecumenical Council)
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:40 a.m. ~ Praying of the Holy Rosary
10:00 a.m. ~ **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
(Seventh Ecumenical Council)
Epistle Reader: Susan Soldan
Eucharistic Minister: Stanley Myslicki



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.

SEPTEMBER 28/29

Envelopes: \$1,205.⁰⁰ Vigil Lights: \$47.⁸⁰
Mission Collection: \$65.⁷⁰

Thank you for your generosity! Щиро дякуємо!

September's Mission Collection totalled **\$329.¹⁰**; a cheque has been sent to the local CNIB chapter.

The Mission Collection for the month of October is designated for **Community Clothing Assistance** of Thunder Bay.



In today's Gospel account, the woman knew that the house dogs were creatures of opportunity rather than convenience. If we are serious about having our needs met and the needs of our family, we must seize the moment. We must come to Jesus for those who cannot come for themselves.

House dogs view silence as positive encouragement rather than discouragement. They will draw closer, first beside your chair, then against your leg and finally on your knee. God may not always answer quickly, but He will answer. The Scriptures never rebuke for believing for too much or too much faith, but always for not believing for enough.

House dogs have faith in their master's history, love and concern. The woman was familiar with Jesus' reputation. He had a history of being good, showing favour, touching lepers, playing with children. Her faith allowed her to accept the indifference, rejection, discrimination and silence without anger, frustration or discouragement.

Finally, house dogs are satisfied by what the master gives. You may feel like you are the least likely person, in the worst possible place, at the most inappropriate time, but faith in God can change everything. If you discover the power of faith, you qualify! Your child can be delivered, your Church can thrive and grow, and your health can be restored. Faith in God is a great qualifier.

The woman in today's Gospel humbled herself and was not ashamed to beg. She knew Jesus had the answer and she refused to leave without it. She counted on His mercy and she received her miracle. So if we seize the moment, draw a little closer, trust the Master's history, goodness and favour, and are not easily discouraged, we, too, can receive our miracle, our blessing, and have our needs met.

~ from a sermon by Otis McMillan

Readings for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11
Jesus Calls the First 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.



EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THUNDER BAY

Autumnburst Bazaar - presented by the St. Dominic's CWL on **Sunday, October 20, 2019** at St. Dominic's Church Hall, 130 Redwood Avenue W. from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. featuring sandwiches and dainties, refreshments, lotteries, Bake Table, knitting, Penny Auction, and Home and Garden Grand Draw. Adults: \$6, children: (5-12 years) \$4; those under 4: free. Call Linda Burella @ 577-6789 for tickets or you can purchase them at the door. Everyone is welcome!

Halloween Tea - **Sunday, October 20, 2019** from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Avenue, presented by the R.C.L Ladies Auxiliary Slovak Branch. Fancy sandwiches and pastries, Bake Table, Penny Auction, and cabbage rolls and pierogies for sale. Tickets are \$7 per person and are available from any Ladies Auxiliary member or at the door. You may also call the Legion Office at 623-3354 Ext. 1 or 2 during regular business hours to arrange for yours. Join us for the afternoon!

K of C Pickerel Dinner (in support of their community projects) - **Saturday, October 27** at the Columbus Centre. Two sittings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$21 per person, includes pickerel, home fries, coleslaw, bread, dessert and coffee/tea. Refreshment bar is available. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Call Rosie at 623-3252 during business hours to obtain yours.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The next bingo training date is **Saturday, October 19** beginning at 10 a.m. sharp at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. If you are going to attend, please inform Gerry Bullcock or Michael Watral so that either can notify the staff at Superior Shores how many to expect from our club/parish.



Our Corporate Communion takes place **Sunday, October 27** at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. All members are requested to meet in the church hall no later than 9:40 a.m. after which we will proceed into the church as a whole. We ask you to please wear your St. George's blazers with the crest, a dress shirt and St. George's tie (or another appropriate one), with grey trousers. And because this is a very important occasion, we encourage all members to attend services on the Sunday of that weekend, rather than the Saturday before. A breakfast meeting will follow at the Airlane Hotel at \$10/person. Hope to see many at both events!

To all fisherman: please submit your weigh-in slips to any Fish and Game Committee member as you go, so that the Board can be updated regularly. The last day to do so is **Sunday, October 27**. The banquet is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2** in our parish hall. Tickets will be available soon.

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HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Our tremendous thanks is extended to **George Rusnick and Joan Janik and members of the Executive** for planning the excellent bus trip to Winnipeg this past week. It was an enjoyable time for all with much laughter and lasting memories. ☺

Regular Thursday afternoon activities will resume this week at the usual time. New members are still welcome to join anytime. Membership is just \$10/year. Come check it out soon!

Our pyrohy making takes place at 9:00 a.m. this **Tuesday, October 8**. The order limit has been reached and a waiting list is in effect should any extra product be available. Speak with Ann Kozlowski on that morning to inquire. *Thank you!*

This month's evening bus to Grand Portage will leave the church parking lot on **Wednesday, October 16 @ 3:45 p.m.** and return at the usual time. To book your free seat, please call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805) or sign the sheet at our next gathering. Non-members (18 years and up) with valid passports are invited also.

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



With Jesus, We Learn to Expect the "Unexpected"

Have you ever heard the word, "Unexpected?" In case you haven't, something that is *unexpected* is something that is a surprise. For example, let's say you and your parents came to the church today, but your dad promptly locked his keys in the car -- that would be an unexpected moment (and hopefully didn't happen). Or, maybe you might be planning to do something outside on a sunny day, but all of a sudden it started to rain once you got outside -- that would be unexpected.

In today's Bible story, Jesus does some things most of us find to be unexpected. It begins with a woman from Canaan asking Jesus to heal her daughter. Instead of saying "Yes" or "No," Jesus ignores her, which is the first unexpected thing that He does. Then, when she keeps asking Him for help, He tells her that He can't be bothered with her request because there are other people He is supposed to help. This is a very unexpected thing for Jesus to say. And, most likely, the woman did not expect this response from Jesus, either. But, the woman does not give up. Instead, she gives Jesus reasons why He should help her. And you know what? Jesus decides He

does want to help her. He changes His mind and heals the woman's daughter.

What we should appreciate about this story is that the woman doesn't give up. It doesn't matter what unexpected things happen, she just keeps asking for help, and eventually that help is offered to her. This story helps us think about what happens when we ask God for help. When we bring things to God in prayer, a lot of unexpected ideas and understandings and events can happen. Those unexpected things, because they are unexpected, might make us feel like God isn't going to help us and that we should just quit asking God for help. But what we see in today's story is a reminder that when unexpected things happen, that we should keep asking for help, keep praying to God. When we do that, when we keep asking for help, just like the woman keeps asking for help, then we are more likely to receive unexpected answers to our prayers. And that's the good news for today.



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