



## 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 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.

### July 28, 2019 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** Romans 15: 1-7    **Gospel:** Matthew 9: 27-35  
Troparia are in **Tone 6, page 101** in the blue missals

**Epistle Readers:** (Saturday) Christopher Tennant  
(Sunday) Susan Soldan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (Saturday) Linda Douglas  
(Sunday) Stanley Myslicki

### August 4, 2018 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18    **Gospel:** Matthew 14: 14-22  
Troparia are in **Tone 7, page 103** in the blue missals

**Epistle Readers:** (Saturday) Michael Watral  
(Sunday) Walter Warywoda

**Eucharistic Ministers:** (Saturday) Zenya Puchalski  
(Sunday) Mary Ann Lysak

The Gospel for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost demonstrates Jesus' power over sin, sickness, and demons that proves Him Messiah to some, while to others His empowering proves Him intolerable. The Pharisees did not attempt to deny the reality of the mighty work. Rather, they ascribed Jesus' power to perform His good works to the enabling of Satan. At this point in His ministry, He was giving the Jews the opportunity to acknowledge Him as their Messiah. Had they received Him, they could have moved right into the Kingdom, but they rejected Him when they nailed Him to the Cross. Consequently, although we do see miracles today, they're not the same as the ones He performed physically when He walked the earth. The miracles we read about in the Gospels are “sneak previews of coming attractions” when He will rule and reign, when all will be right, when everyone will be healed. Yes, God still heals, but not in the same way. Let this passage also be a reminder that God expects us to humbly respond to Him on His terms and not ours.



On the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday, as we listen to the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes — an event that is recorded in all four Gospels, Jesus commands His disciples to feed the crowd and afterwards to gather up the fragments. He could have instructed them to leave the fragments for the birds and other creatures, but He had them gathered up “so that none was wasted.” This is a reminder to us not to waste what God so precious provides. The twelve baskets were a witness that the miracle was real, not just a fantasy, and of the greatness of the miracle, that they were all fed and yet so much of the abundance still remained. Yes, we must thank God for all our food, material and spiritual, because it is a sign of His mercy toward us.

~ condensed and edited from sermons by Dennis Davidson and John Lowe

## Parish News & Events

We offer our sincerest condolences to Emily Swiderski and niece Pat on the passing of Emily's sister, †**Viola Bulmer-Dufour** on Wednesday, July 10. Cremation has taken place, and celebration of life will be announced at a later date. And we received news this past week of the passing of Ihor Kozyra's brother †**Roman** on Wednesday, July 24. Funeral liturgy and luncheon will take place on Monday, July 29 at Holy Cross. Our prayers and condolences are extended to the Kozyra family at this time as well. May Christ our true God accept the souls of His servants †Viola and †Roman into His heavenly Kingdom and may their memory be eternal. *Вічна їм пам'ять.*

Many thanks to those who attended and brought items for our recent Sunday coffee hour/mini-luncheon. It was nice to get together again for food and fellowship. The next event will be published in an upcoming bulletin.



St. George's Society presents its annual 'Corn Roast' on **Saturday, August 24** at 6:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Tickets are now available for \$10/person. Door prizes are also being accepted, so if you have any to donate, please speak with Michael Watral to arrange for pick-up, or you may bring them to him at church any Saturday or Sunday before August 19. We hope to see many parishioners and friends in attendance for this yearly social & fundraiser.

## Liturgical Service Schedule

from **Monday, July 29** to **Sunday, August 11**

### MONDAY, JULY 29

10:00 a.m. ~ Funeral service for †**Roman Kozyra**

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

5:00 p.m. ~ **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
(See the masthead above for lay ministers)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00 a.m. ~ **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
(See the masthead above for lay ministers)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 a.m. ~ **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
Fruits to be blessed after the service

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

11:00 a.m. ~ **Neagu baptism**  
5:00 p.m. ~ **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Epistle Reader: Gloria Sherban  
Eucharistic Minister: Francis Puchalski

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 a.m. ~ **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Epistle Reader: Andrika Warywoda  
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

## Readings for the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Pentecost (to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday** (August 4)      **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday** (August 11)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18    Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-17  
Gospel: Matthew 14: 14-22      Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-34

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.

## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS**

It's summer, and we are now on our break from regular afternoon activities until **Thursday, September 5**. New members are welcome to join at that time. Membership is only \$10/year.



The next bus to Grand Portage leaves the church parking lot on **Wednesday, August 21** @ 3:45 p.m. and returns @ 10:00 p.m. To book your free seat, you can call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann Opaski (577-2805). Non-members (18 years and up) **with valid passports** are invited also. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! ☺

Our fall pyrohy making has been re-scheduled for **Tuesday, October 8**. You can place a ‘standing order’ anytime with Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski (their numbers are above) to do so — and please help spread the word to others. *Thanks!*

An extended bus trip (destination TBA) sometime in the future is still being looked into, so we ask you to be patient until we get more information about prices for hotels, events, venues, etc. Remember to check this bulletin on a regular basis.

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



## History Corner

**Dateline:** July 2002

Here are members of our Holy Cross Youth Club who travelled to Toronto to participate in World Youth Day that took place from July 23-28, 2002.

Pictured are: (front) Robyn Ibey, (1<sup>st</sup> row l-r) Kerri Halabecki, Jamie Douglas, Josh van den Ende, (2<sup>nd</sup> row l-r) Kelly Halabecki, Sabrina Clavet, Larissa Puchalski, and (holding the flag of Thunder Bay) Bryan Opaski. Missing from the picture is Dr. Jennifer Swerdlyk.

(Photo taken by Zenya Puchalski who went as their chaperone) ☺



## 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.*

**JULY 13/14**

Envelopes and Loose: \$1,390.<sup>00</sup>  
Special Projects: \$100.<sup>00</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$58.<sup>55</sup>

**JULY 20/21**

Envelopes & Loose: \$1,206.<sup>00</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$38.<sup>35</sup>

**Thank you very much! Щиро Дякуємо!**

The Mission Collection for July is designated for **Shelter House SOS** (Street Outreach Services), providing assistance to homeless, intoxicated and high risk people in our community.

The Mission Collection for August is for **Grace Place**.



## **ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY**

Our next bingo is a matinee session on **Wednesday, August 14** (12 noon to 4 p.m.)

The next bingo training session at Superior Shores is **Saturday, August 17** at 10:00 a.m. Those who are going to attend are requested not to be late. All members (and parishioners over the age of 18) are welcome to take the training to become a volunteer.

The summer issue of **The Plentiful Harvester** is ready. Please pick up a copy in the narthex. Electronic versions will be sent out this week. Stay in touch during the summer.

Our annual Corn Roast is set for **Saturday, August 24**. Preparations are well under way and tickets are now available (\$10/person). Member (and family) volunteers will certainly be appreciated. Draw prizes are also being accepted. See Michael Watral if you have any to donate. *Thank you!* ☺

To all members: Stay safe in all your travels, enjoy the warm weather, remember to use sunscreen, and to wear a hat. Good luck to all fisherman and 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. Finally, please pray for all our fellow members who are ill or shut in, and remember to contact the Sick and Visiting Committee and/or Father Stepan should the need arise.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Rosie's All-you-can-eat Friday Lunch Buffets** - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus Centre, 301 S. May Street. Walk in or make a reservation for a group. Call 623-3252 for more information.

**Spaghetti & Meatballs Take-out** - Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Councils 1447 and 8602 (in support of their community projects), **August 15 & 29** from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Columbus Centre, \$11.<sup>50</sup> per order. Please bring your own container. Roasted chicken and perogies also available.

**Enjoy the warm summer weather!**  
**Насолоджуйтеся гарною погодою!**



The Children's Corner is on hiatus during July and August. Enjoy the nice weather, and always remember to keep Jesus as the centre of your lives in the summer. Say your prayers every night before you go to sleep to thank God for all the blessings in your life.

# Sunday Smile

Concerned that a male parishioner had not been to Divine Liturgy in quite a number of years, a priest asks, "Why haven't you been coming to church?"

"Well, it's this way, Father. The first time I ever went to church, they plunged me into a large tub of water. The second time, they tied me to a woman I've had to keep ever since."

"Oh, I see," replied the priest. "And the next time, they'll throw dirt on you."

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

A nun's car ran out of gas, so she walked into a filling station. The owner gave her enough gas to get her car started, but in the only container he could find — a beer bottle.

As she was pouring the contents of the bottle into the tank, a Protestant minister came by. He stared at her in amazement a few minutes and then exclaimed, "Sister, we may have our differences, but I've got to admire your faith."

Readers please note:

The following stories and funnies are taken from past parish bulletins. Many thanks to **Ann Durant** for providing these gems from her collection.

## What I Have Learned

I've learned that men would rather be lost for hours than stop and ask for directions.

I've learned that even at the age of fifty, you can still feel like a twelve-year-old child when your mother is talking to you.

I've learned that when you want a garment to shrink, it won't, and when you don't, it will come out of the dryer and fit your cat.

I've learned that we live in a society where pizza comes to your house faster than the police do.

I've learned that we never grow up; rather we learn how to act appropriately in public (although some really never do).

I've learned that never, under any circumstances, should you take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

I've learned that people in the U.S. choose from only two people to be president, while among 50 for Miss America.

I've learned that money cannot buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

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