



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.

Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Romans 13:11 - 14: 4* *Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21*
Troparia are located on **page 8 and 12** of the grey booklets

Epistle Readers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Michael Watral



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday (5 p.m.): Linda Douglas
Sunday (10 a.m.): Mary Ann Lysak

Parish News and Activities

A reminder to all parishioners: **Monday, March 4** is the First Day of Great Lent. Those who can are to abstain from meat and dairy products and try to eat a bit less as well. The journey of Lent, however, is not just about giving up food, sweets, desserts, forms of entertainment, etc. The real work of Lent is an interior one. We are to look at our lives and see which areas, what attitudes, what actions, decisions, are preventing us from truly following Christ. We then begin to fast from those actions. This is the fast that Christ wants — to purify our lives, to re-focus upon Him, to establish new patterns, new habits in our lives which promote charity and love of neighbour.

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, March 19** - the actual schedule will be published in next week's bulletin. Help will be needed.



We are pleased to announce that Msgr. Pat Stilla of St. Patrick's Cathedral, will lead us in a Lenten Mission, to be held in our church on **March 26, 27 & 28 at 6:30 p.m.** You are encouraged to attend. Let us all welcome Father Pat with open arms. It will begin in the church proper and then resume in the parish hall. A light snack and refreshments will be offered.

If you wish to order pyrohy for the **April 8** making, please call Walter Warywoda at 475-3757 or send him an email at warywodaw@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Attention those holding entry keys to the parish hall: We would like to verify all keys that are currently in circulation. Therefore, we need you to print your name and number of the key on the designated sheet in the narthex at your earliest convenience. *Thank you for your kind cooperation.*

Many thanks to the Holy Cross Golden Agers for their donation of **\$500.00** to our parish. May God bless you all!

Correction: It was published last week that to be eligible for a yearly tax receipt, one must be registered as a parishioner. However, visitors (and parishioners who do not have envelopes) who wish to receive a yearly tax receipt need only to put their donation in an envelope clearly marked with their name and address. Our apologies for the misinformation.

LITURGICAL SERVICES SCHEDULE

for the week of March 4-10, 2019

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 a.m. ~ Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Panakhyda for the deceased

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

5:00 p.m. ~ **First Sunday of Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)**
Epistle Reader: Joseph Myslicki
Eucharistic Minister: Francis Puchalski

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

10:00 a.m. ~ **First Sunday of Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)**
Epistle Reader: Tanner Mills
Eucharistic Minister: Murray Salomon

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



Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m.** Remember to put your clocks **forward** one hour before going to sleep next Saturday or you will be late for church. ☺

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 23/24

Envelopes: \$705.⁰⁰

Mission Collection: \$52.⁸⁵

Special Projects: \$45.⁷⁰

Initial Offering: \$5.⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity ~ Щиро Вам дякуємо!

February's Mission Collection totalled \$252.¹⁵, which will be sent to **Urban Abbey Youth Shelter**.

The Mission Collection for March is designated for the **Hospice and Palliative Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital**.



"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14)

Cheesefare Sunday is such a special occasion as we prepare for Great Lent. Forgiving others and softening our hearts is the first step in allowing Christ in the midst of our lives, with body and spirit knitted together in the Holy Spirit, right here and right now. When we allow our hearts to forgive others and ourselves, we become compassionate and we open ourselves to God, as He is pouring out His love, peace, joy and forgiveness in amazing ways.

As we prepare for our Lenten journey and we forgive each other and ourselves, we let our hearts be filled with the heavenly treasures of forgiveness, compassion, empathy, humility, charity, love, patience, and faithfulness, being one with Christ, in perpetual communion, now and forever. Amen.

~ condensed and edited from a sermon by Ioana Chiriac



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Our next bingo is an afternoon session on **Tuesday, March 12**. 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 monthly meeting originally scheduled for March 3rd 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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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.

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



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS

Regular Thursday afternoon activities start at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon), and new members are still welcome to come and join us. Membership is only \$10/year and well worth it. Come check us out!



The next bus to Grand Portage is set for **Wednesday, March 20**, leaving the church parking lot @ 3:45 p.m. and returning @ 10:00 p.m. Those who are 18 years and older with valid passports are welcome to come along. To book your seat — *free-of-charge* — call Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805). There's always plenty of room and it's always a fun evening out with friends!

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

Sunday, March 17, 2019

following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

B. G. Shumay Auditorium
(Holy Cross Parish Hall)



Breakfast cost: \$10/adults; \$5/children (5 to 12 years; 4 and under - free). Also featuring a 'mini' penny auction (like last year), so if you have any prizes for the auction (no used items please), they can be brought to the church before March 15 and given to Michael Watral. Your support is very much appreciated. We hope to see many in attendance (in green for St. Patrick's Day) for the return of this delightful event and fundraiser! ☺

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

(Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-40: 12: 1-2

(Faith in God our Father)

Gospel: John 1: 43-51

(Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael)

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.



Jesus Wants Us to Collect Treasures in Heaven

Do you collect anything? Stamps, coins, stuffed animals, and hockey cards have been popular items for many years. Some collections are very valuable, like paintings by famous artists. Some collections, like family photographs or seashells, may not be valuable in terms of money but are special to just you because of the memories they hold.

Jesus warned His followers about collecting treasures on earth because treasures on earth can break, get stolen, wear out, or be destroyed. If someone were to break into your house, they might find your coin collection and steal it. A water leak in your house could ruin your collections of stuffed animals or trading cards. Do you understand why Jesus warned His followers not to concentrate on stuff on earth? Treasures on earth can't last forever.

Jesus encouraged His followers to store up treasures in heaven instead, where they won't break, get stolen, wear out, or be destroyed. What are some ways you can store up treasures in heaven? Here's a short list just in case you are not sure.

- Obeying God
- Helping others
- Giving money to God
- Sharing Jesus with our friends
- Spending time at church worshipping, learning, working, and serving

Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What Jesus was saying is that if you concentrate on collecting treasures in heaven by doing the things that were mentioned above, your heart will be in heaven also. Is "in heaven" a good place to have your heart? Of course it is!

Let us pray: Dear God, we want our hearts to be in heaven with You. Help us to concentrate on storing up treasures in heaven by obeying You, helping others, giving You money, sharing Jesus with our friends, and spending time at church worshipping, learning, working, and serving. Amen.

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