



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, November 3, 2019 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: *Epistle: Galatians 2: 16-20* *Gospel: Luke 8: 5-15*

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Epistle Readers

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



Eucharistic Ministers

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

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.

OCTOBER 26/27

Envelopes and Loose: \$2,305.⁰⁰

Mission Collection: \$78.²⁵

Vigil Lights: \$167.²⁰

Special Projects: \$135.⁰⁰

Church in Ukraine: \$115.⁰⁰

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!
Thank you for your generosity!

The total for October's Mission Collection was \$288.⁵⁵; a cheque has been sent to **Community Clothing Assistance** Thunder Bay.

The Mission Collection for November has been designated for **Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer**, a volunteer organization whose mandate is the provision of toys for children living in poverty and hampers for their families at Christmastime. Visit www.thunderbaychristmascheer.com for more information.

Holy Cross Parish News & Activities

As a faith-based community, we are again asking for donations for our **Christmas Cheer Project** to make up personal hygiene packages, as well as any Christmas mugs and candy with which to fill them. There will be a box in the narthex for your donated items or you can give them to **Sherry Opaski** or **Cheryl Bain**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sherry (767-0253) or Cheryl (623-2138). Either will provide assistance. ☺



It's that sweet time again! Join us in the parish hall **Sunday, November 10** for a delicious **Pancake Breakfast** following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. We hope to see many parishioners, family and friends in attendance.

Frozen pyrohy orders for November 18 are now closed, but we can still take a few more cooked orders. Call Walter at 475-3757 or send him an email at warywodaw@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.



We are planning another cabbage roll making (frozen only) for **Tuesday, November 26**. A sign-up sheet for orders is now on the narthex table. The schedule for help and preparations will be confirmed and published in the near future. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

As we look toward the new year, a reminder that there is still advertising space available on the back page of this bulletin. The cost for a single space remains at a modest \$100 and double is \$200 (for 47 issues). If you, or someone you know, would like to place an ad in the bulletin, please contact the office (leave a message on the machine) no later than **December 13**.

Words of Faith & Wisdom



God planted a seed of faith in our hearts. All we have to do is water it with prayer, fertilize it with the words of God, and cultivate it with lots and lots of love. You'll be amazed by the fruit that comes forth!

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

Please note: Father Stepan will be out of the city from **November 4 to November 8**. In case of emergency, you can phone 632-5461 to reach the priest 'on call', or Father Chvets (355-0384) or any Catholic priest.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:00 p.m. ~ **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Christopher Tennant
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Douglas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. ~ **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Lysak



In today's Gospel, we hear about the four types of soil which serve as metaphors for our hearts: the hard path, the rocky soil, the soil among thorns, and lastly, the good soil. These four soils represent how we respond to Jesus. But the soil isn't any different. The difference is what else is in the soil. Some have rocks, some have weeds, and some have been made hard from the constant pounding of feet. We all start off with the possibility of producing an abundant crop for the kingdom of God. The difference is that we, ourselves, choose which soil we are. The hard soil can be plowed, rocks can be removed, and weeds can be pulled out. With proper attention, there is no reason all the soil cannot be good, productive soil. Some of us don't see Jesus clearly because of pain. We have been hurt and disappointed in the past and so we put up a wall. But Jesus cannot hurt us like everyone else does. Some of us get excited but we lack perseverance. We like the idea of Jesus and of the life that He offers but we don't want to make sacrifices to get it. Some of us want Jesus in our lives, we just don't want Him to have control of everything. Becoming the good soil means letting go of the pain, it means really dedicating yourself, it means stepping away from all the distractions so that our lives can be all about Jesus.

~ from a sermon by Tyler Edwards



HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS



On **Thursday, November 7**, eligible members are reminded of the **Free Bingo** featuring special prizes (ooh) and tasty treats (mmm). You don't want to miss it!

St. George's Society is having a pyrohy making session and could use our help. Potato peeling and cutting takes place on **Saturday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m.**; potato balling starts on **Sunday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m.**; and pinching, boiling, packaging happens on **Monday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m.** If you have any time to help, it would certainly be appreciated.

The next bus to Grand Portage will be leaving the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. **Wednesday, November 20**, and arriving back @ 10:00 p.m. Contact either Ann Kozlowski (622-3006) or Ann (G) Opaski (577-2805) to book your seat today. This is a **free** service. Non-members are cordially invited to join us for the evening!

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



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Members will be needed to help with next Sunday's **Pancake Breakfast** following the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, in particular, with clean-up. Please speak with Murray Salomon for more details or just stay to help in the kitchen or hall.



The next bingo training session takes place on **Sunday, November 10** beginning at 4 p.m. sharp at Superior Shores Gaming Centre, 435 Memorial Avenue. Any member (or parishioner 18 years and older) is eligible to do so. If you are going to attend, please inform Gerry Bullock or Michael Watral so that either can notify the staff at Superior Shores how many to expect from our club/parish. Our next scheduled bingo session is on **Wednesday, November 20** in the evening.

Pyrohy making is **November 16-18**. We will follow the customary schedule (refer to the November calendar).

Our annual 'Grey Cup' meeting and social will take place on **Sunday, November 24** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and share in the food and festivities!

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ON-LINE NEWS AND RESOURCES



For those who wish to keep up-to-date with what's happening in Ukraine with our Church, we suggest you visit <http://www.news.ugcc.ua>, the official information resource of the Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church (how it is referred to in Europe) where you can find news, articles, interviews, pictures, videos, and other information — and best of all, it's all available in English or Ukrainian.



And if you haven't yet seen the homepage for our Toronto and Eastern Canada Eparchy website, go to <http://www.ucet.ca> for the latest news here in our part of this great country.

And of course, don't forget our own parish website @ <http://www.holycrosstbay.com> or go to [Facebook.com/holycrosstbay](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosstbay) and like us! ☺

Readings for 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

Epistle: Galatians 6: 11-18
Paul's Final Warning and Greeting

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31
The Rich Man and Lazarus

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Two-Bit Auction - Holy Family C.W.L. invites you to attend a two-bit auction on **Sunday, November 10** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 2055 Rosslyn Road. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Everyone welcome!



Two-Bit Auction - St. Elizabeth's C.W.L. invites you to attend a two-bit auction on **Sunday, November 10** at 1:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church, in

Msgr. Carroll Hall, 766 Sprague St. Tickets (\$5) are available at the church office during office hours, or at the door.

Bible Panes in Thunder Bay: How Our Churches Teach Us the Word of God in Stained Glass - A Bible series led by Msgr. P. Stilla on Thursday evenings, **November 14, 21, and 28** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1222 Reaume St. (behind the police station).

Christmas Bake Sale - St. Anthony's CWL is baking up a Christmas storm! To pre-order authentic Italian baking such as crostoli, butter tarts, biscotti and more, use one of the order forms in the narthex. All orders need to be in *with payment* by **Sunday, November 10** for baking pickup on **Saturday, November 30**. Visit www.stanthonyparish.ca for order forms as well.





The Four Soils and the Field of Life

The Gospels record dozens of Jesus' parables. A parable is a story Jesus told to help people understand the kingdom of God. Each parable taught a lesson and revealed secrets of God's kingdom for those who would understand.

The Parable of the Sower would have meant a lot to those listening because they would have been familiar with the practice of sowing or planting seed. But the parable had a deeper meaning. It contained a lesson about God's Word and the responses of those who hear it. In the parable, a sower's seeds fell in four different places. Some of the seeds fell along the path, where they were eaten by birds. Other seeds fell on rocky ground. Those seeds had no roots, so they withered in the sun. Other seeds fell among thorns, and they were choked out. Other seeds fell on good soil, and they produced a crop — a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was planted.

After Jesus told the parable, He explained it to His disciples: the soil represents people's hearts, and the seed is the word about God's kingdom. The person whose heart

is like the hard soil hears the good news about God, but he does not understand it, or he rejects it. The person whose heart is like the rocky soil is quick to receive the truth, but when life gets hard, he falls away. The person whose heart is like the thorny soil cares more about the things of the world than the good news about God, and the seed cannot grow. The person whose heart is like the good soil hears the good news about God and receives it. He bears fruit, more than what was planted. In the life of a believer, the fruit of the Spirit is evident.

Jesus' lesson still holds true today. People respond in various ways to the Gospel, and not everyone who hears the Gospel believes it. Let us pray that God will give everyone receptive hearts so that they will hear, understand, and receive the good news about Jesus.



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