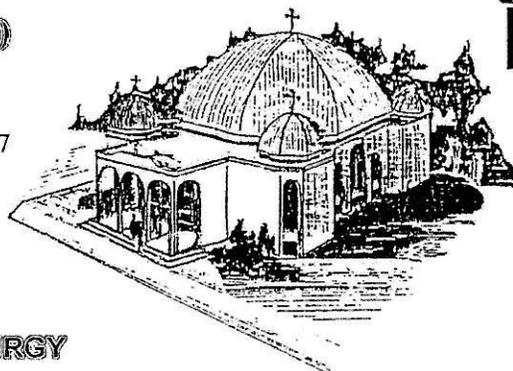


## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite)

293 St. George's Avenue East  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
P6B 6E8 Phone: (705) 942-1377

Established in 1917



### DIVINE LITURGY

Saturday: 4:15 pm. - all in English

Sunday: 9:30 am. - all in Ukrainian  
11:00 am. - all in English

**BAPTISM:** by prior arrangement

**MARRIAGE:** Please call the parish office  
3 months notice is required.

### RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm.  
Before & after weekday Liturgy  
Anytime by appointment

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

### HOME VISITATION:

Please call the parish office to make  
arrangements.

*WELCOME to our parish...Enter expectantly...*

*Breathe prayerfully....*

*Worship reverently...*

*Relax restfully...*

*Greet others in love...*

*Leave touched by God, & come again soon!*

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**PASTOR:** Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk  
**RECTORY:** 91 Grand Blvd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4S1  
Phone: (705) 256-1025

**OFFICE MANAGER:**  
Ms. Charlotte Conrad  
Monday: CLOSED  
Tues. - Fri. 10 am. - 4 pm.  
Closed on all holidays

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*We are each of us angels with only one wing...  
And we can only fly embracing each other...*  
Luciano DeCrenzenzo

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Sunday, December 30TH, 2018

**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Tone: Special

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<b>EPISTLE:</b> Galatians 1:11-19	<b>LAY READERS</b>	4:15 pm. 9:30 am. 11:00 am.
<b>GOSPEL:</b> St. Matthews 2:13-23		

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**DIVINE SERVICES:**

*NEW YEAR'S EVE*  
**MONDAY:** 12:00 Noon Rosary  
12:20 p.m. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Req. Lutes Family

*NEW YEAR'S DAY*  
**TUESDAY:** 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – (English)

**WEDNESDAY:** No Services  
**THURSDAY:** No Services

**FRIDAY:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**SATURDAY:** 4:15 p.m. + Filomena Pizzari & John Burt Req. Robert Burt

**HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD GOD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**  
**SUNDAY:** 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Water (Ukr./Eng.)  
+Tetiana Rakowsky Req. Larisa Pochmursky

Parish Luncheon will be served immediately following the Liturgy.  
(Free-will offering will be collected to cover the cost of groceries.)  
\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CONTAINER FOR THE HOLY WATER\*\*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A sincere Thank you to "All" who came out to help make pyrohy and cabbage rolls for 2018. Take a well-deserved rest! We "start-up" again on Thursday January 10th, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. Preparation work (cabbage & potatoes) will take place Tuesday January 8th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Just a reminder about our **FOOD DRIVE**. Donations placed in our blue basket in the vestibule are delivered to the Salvation Army Food Bank regularly. **Jesus said: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters that you do unto me.**

3. Please Note: Parish e-mail address [soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca](mailto:soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca)  
[www.stmarysukrsm.ca](http://www.stmarysukrsm.ca)

4. Precious Blood Cathedral—CASH DRAW – Support the JOURNEY 2019 –  
(All proceeds to the JOURNEY for the “Gathering Place” at Precious Blood Cathedral building initiative.) WIN! \$25,000.00 plus (5) draws for \$1,000.00 Tickets only \$20.00 each.  
Only 5,000 Tickets printed. DRAW DATE: SATURDAY April 20, 2019 Noon.

5. FINAL YEAR-END DONATIONS (2018) SHOULD BE DATED AND MAILED  
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2018.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

Lorraine Wilson, Dora Notte, Jessie & Anita Lutes, Msgr. Anton Szymchalski, Clair Crowley, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Oksana Sosidko, Antoinette Blunt, Katheren Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Straticchuk, Roman Sosidko, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Reg Beaudette, Christine Telka, Phil Marinelli, Mike Plastino, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Stephanie Parniak, Connie Sampson, Lee DeMelo, Vanessa Desfreitas Fr. Ivan Trush, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Pauline Baiocchi, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Jean Rudnicki and Fr. Andrew Kormanik.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen.*

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**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING: \$2,628.00 Thank you! CHRISTMAS OFFERING: \$1,255.00 Thank You!**

**BUILDING FUND:**

Zeppa, Anne	100.00	Pochmursky, Alexander (Calgary, AB)	200.00
Ogden, Adele	10.00		

**IN MEMORY OF NESTOR WASYLUK:**

Refcio, Ray & Veronica 25.00

**IN MEMORY OF PETER & ANNA KRUPKA:**

Borowicz, Mary 100.00

**IN MEMORY OF AUDREY LEE:**

Anonymous 500.00 Ogden, Adele 20.00

Thank-you! Errors or Omissions? Please call the Parish Office at #705-942-1377.

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## Saint John the Apostle's Story

It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. The absoluteness of their response is indicated by the account. James and John “were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him” (Matthew 4:21b-22).

For the three former fishermen—Peter, James and John—that faith was to be rewarded by a special friendship with Jesus. They alone were privileged to be present at the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemane. But John's friendship was even more special. Tradition assigns to him the Fourth Gospel, although most modern Scripture scholars think it unlikely that the apostle and the evangelist are the same person.

John's own Gospel refers to him as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (see John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2), the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite

honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. “Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother” (John 19:26b, 27b).

Because of the depth of his Gospel, John is usually thought of as the eagle of theology, soaring in high regions that other writers did not enter. But the ever-frank Gospels reveal some very human traits. Jesus gave James and John the nickname, “sons of thunder.” While it is difficult to know exactly what this meant, a clue is given in two incidents.

In the first, as *Matthew* tells it, their mother asked that they might sit in the places of honor in Jesus’ kingdom—one on his right hand, one on his left. When Jesus asked them if they could drink the cup he would drink and be baptized with his baptism of pain, they blithely answered, “We can!” Jesus said that they would indeed share his cup, but that sitting at his right hand was not his to give. It was for those to whom it had been reserved by the Father. The other apostles were indignant at the mistaken ambition of the brothers, and Jesus took the occasion to teach them the true nature of authority: “...Whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:27-28).

On another occasion, the “sons of thunder” asked Jesus if they should not call down fire from heaven upon the inhospitable Samaritans, who would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. But Jesus “turned and rebuked them” (see Luke 9:51-55).

On the first Easter, Mary Magdalene “ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, ‘They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him’” (John 20:2). John recalls, perhaps with a smile, that he and Peter ran side by side, but then “the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first” (John 20:4b). He did not enter, but waited for Peter and let him go in first. “Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed” (John 20:8).

John was with Peter when the first great miracle after the Resurrection took place—the cure of the man crippled from birth—which led to their spending the night in jail together. The mysterious experience of the Resurrection is perhaps best contained in the words of Acts: “Observing the boldness of Peter and John and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men, they [the questioners] were amazed, and they recognized them as the companions of Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

The Apostle John is traditionally considered the author also of three New Testament letters and the Book of Revelation. His Gospel is a very personal account. He sees the glorious and divine Jesus already in the incidents of his mortal life. At the Last Supper, John’s Jesus speaks as if he were already in heaven. John’s is the Gospel of Jesus’ glory.

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## Reflection

It is a long way from being eager to sit on a throne of power or to call down fire from heaven to becoming the man who could write: “The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 John 3:16).

