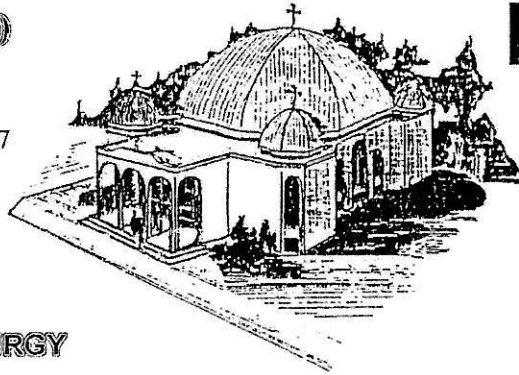


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(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!

4. **GARAGE SALE ITEMS – (Clean & In Working Order)** are being accepted for the Men’s Club Garage Sale scheduled for **Saturday June 2nd, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

PLEASE REMEMBER NO CLOTHES!

5. **Weather permitting, Cemetery Services for Pentecost Sunday will be Sunday May 20th, 2018 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.**

We will begin with Panachyda at the grave of Fr. Siry at 1p.m. and then move from grave-side to grave-side.

If you wish prayers at Greenwood Cemetery, please let Fr. Jaroslaw know in advance.

6. PENTECOST PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

All are welcome to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost with a prayer hour at St. Jerome’s Church on **Sunday, May 20 at 7:00pm.** The evening will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music, witness talks and benediction with a reception to follow in the parish hall. Come, Holy Spirit!

7. SHALOM PLACE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

is offering a 5-day Silent Retreat “TIME OUT WITH GOD” with two options—either Private or Directed (with Spiritual Direction). It will be held at the AUGUSTINE CENTER in Conway, Michigan (1¼ hrs. from SSM)

Accommodations include a private room & bath, chapel, healthy home-cooked meals, outdoor labyrinth, walking trails, gazebos.

DATES: Sunday, **July 8**, 7 pm through Friday, **July 13**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS: Sr. Lea Joannis, CSJ and Team

SUGGESTED OFFERING: Private -- \$350 U.S. / Directed -- \$425 U.S.

TO REGISTER: Contact SHALOM PLACE 705-254-4690 / shalomssm@shaw.ca

8. The Men’s Club of **St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church** (293 St George’s Ave, E.) will be holding their – “**ALL-U-CAN-EAT-BREAKFAST-BRUNCH**” **Sunday, May 20th, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Cost: \$9.00/Adults, \$4.00/Children under 12, and No Charge for Children under 6 years old.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Roast Potatoes, Mini-Sausages, Ham, Baked Beans
Fruit Cocktail, Coffee, Tea, Orange & Apple Juice. Everyone is Welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Lorraine Wilson, Dora Notte, Louise Yarema, Jessie & Anita Lutes, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Clair Crowley, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Oksana Sosidko, Antoinette Blunt, Katheren Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Strachuk, Roman Sosidko, Lynn & Bonnie Dunne, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, JoAnne Stone, Norma Timmermans, 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, and Pauline Baiocchi.

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: **\$ Thank you!**

BUILDING FUND:

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

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Adult Education Series

The Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea on the Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord. This Council met in the city of Nicaea (modern day Turkey) to debate and judge the heresy of Arius. The Church endured severe persecution in the first centuries after Jesus. Despite the bloody persecution and the death of thousands of Christians, it was not dangerous for the Church. Christians of the first centuries remembered that Jesus said: "And fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt 10:28). And in the Book of Revelation, He said: "be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life" (Rev 2:10). Christians were faithful to the teachings of Jesus and went to the death of martyrs.

When the era of persecution ended, another began. This was the heresy of Arius and was far more dangerous to the Church. It began to quickly gain followers until the point that St. Jerome famously remarked, "The world awoke and groaned to find itself Arian." Arius was a scholar and an eloquent pastor in the city of Alexandria, Egypt. The bishop of Alexandria died, and Alexander was chosen to be the new bishop. He was not as talented as Arius, but he was pious, righteous, and led a holy life.

Bishop Alexander taught the Mystery of the Holy Trinity. He preached about the equality of its Persons and that the Holy Trinity is a Trinity of Unity. In three Persons there is One Divine Essence, One Divine Nature. Arius asserted the Son of God is not equal to God the Father, as Bishop Alexander had said, or born of Him, but created by Him, as a creature. The Son was a higher, more perfect, creature, but nevertheless part of Creation. Alexander tried to reason with Arius, to no avail. Arius was eloquent, and there was some Scriptural support to his position. This was a prime example of how distorted reading of selected Scriptural passages can lead to heresy. Alexander excommunicated Arius. In the end, the Emperor Constantine (commemorated in our Church as Equal-to-the-Apostles) commissioned Hosius of Cordova, well known for his piety and deep wisdom, to investigate the situation. Bishop Hosius arrived in Alexandria and impartially analyzed this question. He concluded Arius was preaching a heresy, which subverts Christianity. Hosius rightly reasoned that if the Son of God is not equal to God the Father, and is not born of Him, then He is not God, but part of creation. He would not be incarnate as the true God-Man. If that is the case, then our salvation was not accomplished as our Christian faith teaches us. In the end, an Ecumenical Council assembled, and Arius had only a few bishops on his side. The overwhelming majority of bishops (more than 300 assembled for the Council) finally stood firmly for the True Faith and condemned the heresy of Arius. Despite the actions of the Council, the Arian heresy agitated the Church for a long time. Only gradually did it begin to subside. It had to be fought by Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom, who lived after Arius. One has to realize how strong the appeal of Arianism was. At one point, only St Athanasius the Great and St Hilary of Poitiers remained faithful. All the other bishops were Arianians.

The Church, however, was not lost. But, in the end, truth triumphed. It was not easy though. St Athanasius was exiled many times, but he remained unmoved. Only when he learned at last he had an ally, a successor, in St Basil the Great, did he breathe a sigh of relief. Today, we remember St. Athanasius as two of the Great Greek Doctors of the Universal Church.