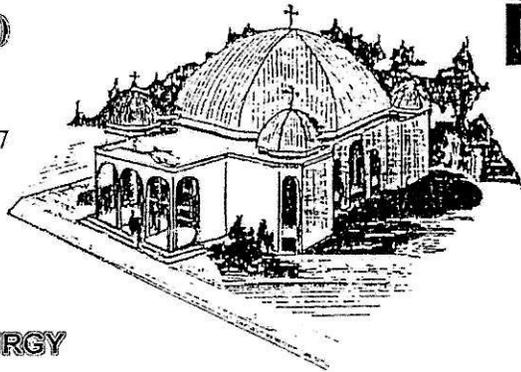


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(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!

PASTOR: Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk
RECTORY: 91 Grand Blvd.
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4S1
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OFFICE MANAGER:
Ms. Charlotte Conrad
Monday: CLOSED
Tues. - Fri. 10 am. - 4 pm.
Closed on all holidays

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

Sunday, April 7th, 2019

5th SUNDAY OF THE HOLY LENT
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EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-14	LAY READERS	4:15 pm. 9:30 am. 11:00 am.
GOSPEL: St. Mark 10:32-45		

DIVINE SERVICES:

MONDAY: Lenten Retreat 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

TUESDAY: Lenten Retreat 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

THURSDAY: No Services

FRIDAY: 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

PALM SUNDAY – ENTRY OF JESUS TO JERUSALEM

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners (Ukr.)
11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners (Eng.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ladies and Men of the parish are asked to help make pyrohy and cabbage rolls on Thursday April 11th, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. Preparation work (cabbage & potatoes) will take place Tuesday April 9th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
2. A warm welcome to Fr. Bohdan Swystun from St. Demetrius Church in Toronto, who kindly agreed to be our Retreat master this year. We pray that the good Lord bless him with good health and many graces in his ministry.
3. 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."**



Mary of Egypt (c. 344 – c. 421) is revered as the Patron Saint of Penitents:

The primary source of information on Saint Mary of Egypt is the Vita written of her by St. Sophronius, the Patriarch of Jerusalem (634-638). Most of the information in this section is taken from this source.

Saint Mary, also known as Maria Aegyptica, was born somewhere in Egypt, and at the age of twelve she ran away from her parents to the city of Alexandria. Here she lived an extremely dissolute life. In her Vita it states that she often refused the money offered for her sexual favours, as she was driven “by and insatiable and an irrepressible passion” and that she mainly lived by begging, supplemented by spinning flax.

After seventeen years of this lifestyle, she traveled to [Jerusalem](#) for the [Great Feasts](#) of the [Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#). She undertook the journey as a sort of "anti-pilgrimage," stating that she hoped to find in the pilgrim crowds at Jerusalem even more partners in her lust. She paid for her passage by offering sexual favors to other [pilgrims](#), and she continued her habitual lifestyle for a short time in Jerusalem. Her Vita relates that when she tried to enter the [Church of the Holy Sepulchre](#) for the celebration, she was barred from doing so by an unseen force. Realizing that this was because of her impurity, she was struck with remorse, and upon seeing an [icon](#) of the [Theotokos](#) (the [Virgin Mary](#)) outside the church, she prayed for forgiveness and promised to give up the world (i.e., become an [ascetic](#)). Then she attempted again to enter the church, and this time was permitted in. After venerating the [relic](#) of the [true cross](#), she returned to the icon to give thanks, and heard a voice telling her, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest." She immediately went to the [monastery](#) of St. [John the Baptist](#) on the bank of the [River Jordan](#), where she received [absolution](#) and afterwards [Holy Communion](#). The next morning, she crossed the Jordan and retired to the desert to live the rest of her life as a [hermit](#) in penitence. She took with her only three loaves of bread, and once they were gone, lived only on what she could find in the wilderness.

Approximately one year before her death, she recounted her life to St. [Zosimas of Palestine](#) who encountered her in the desert. When he unexpectedly met her in the desert, she was completely naked and almost unrecognizable as human. She asked Zosimas to toss her his [mantle](#) to cover herself with, and then she narrated her life's story to him. She asked him to meet her at the banks of the Jordan, on [Holy Thursday](#) of the following year, and bring her Holy Communion. When he fulfilled her wish, she crossed the river to get to him by walking on the surface of the water, and received Holy Communion, telling him to meet her again in the desert the following Lent. The next year, Zosimas travelled to the same spot where he first met her, some twenty days' journey from his monastery, and found her lying there dead. According to an inscription written in the sand next to her head, she had died on the very night he had given her Communion and her body was preserved [incorrupt](#). He buried her body in the desert. On returning to the monastery he related her life story to the brethren, and it was preserved among them as [oral tradition](#) until it was written down by St. Sophronius.