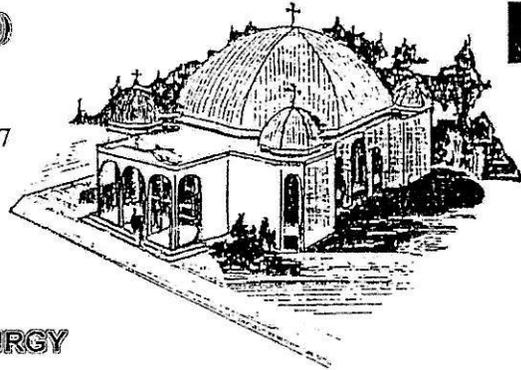


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(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
Phone: (705) 256-1025

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, February 24TH, 2019

SUNDAY OF THE MEAT FARE

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EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

LAY READERS

4:15 pm.

9:30 am.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 25:31-46

11:00 am.

DIVINE SERVICES:

MONDAY: 12:00 Noon Rosary
12:20 p.m. +Audrey Lee Req. Bill Cline

TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Services

THURSDAY: No Services

FRIDAY: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY: 4:15 p.m. +Phyllis Symboluk Req. Fran & Mike Wozny

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners (Ukr.)
11:00 a.m. +Mike Hanchuk Req. John Komhyr

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ladies and Men of the parish are asked to help make pyrohy and cabbage rolls on Thursday February 28th, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. Preparation work (cabbage & potatoes) will take place Tuesday February 26th, 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
www.stmarysukrsm.ca

4. Knights of Columbus Council 932 will host a pasta supper on Monday, February 25th from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on Trunk Road. The cost is \$10. Children 6 through 10 pay \$3, while those 5 and under eat free. Profits are donated to local charities including the Pregnancy Centre.

6. PLEASE NOTE: Lent begins this year on Monday March 4th, 2019, for all Christians of the Byzantine Rite and on Wednesday March 6th 2019, for Christians of the Latin Rite.

During Lent, abstaining from Meat and Dairy Products is recommended on the First Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and every Wednesday and Friday until Easter.

FASTING: If your job requires a lot of physical strain, then you must eat properly in order to maintain your health.

SOROKOUSTY: For those who wish to have Prayers for their Departed Loved Ones during Lent, Please let Fr. Jaroslaw know if there are any changes to last year's Booklets. If there is, please Print Clearly the First Names of those you wish to be remembered.

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 Stratichuk, 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, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson and Dennis Conrad.

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

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Meatfare Sunday What do we mean by "Meatfare"?

The week following the Sunday of the Prodigal Son is called Meatfare week and it terminates on the Sunday called Meatfare Sunday. Meatfare Sunday is the last day on which it was still permissible to eat meat before the Great Fast. Meat-fare means "farewell to meat." Hence, the name "meatfare" Sunday. Of course, we are speaking here of the time when the Great Fast was observed in all strictness. The service of Meatfare Sunday: The Sunday of Meatfare is also called the Sunday of the Last Judgment. In this day's Gospel Christ speaks of the Last Judgment, of the reward of the righteous, and the eternal punishment of the wicked. The entire service of this day is devoted to the Last Judgment. By recalling the manner in which the Last Judgment will be carried out, this service is designed to fill us with salutary fear, sorrow for our sins, and to stress the importance of good works, especially works of mercy. No one shall escape this Judgment.

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All our deeds will be exposed and rewarded or punished. This is clear from the following stichera, taken from the solemn Vespers of that Sunday: "The books will be opened and the acts of men will be revealed before the unbearable judgment seat: the whole vale of sorrow shall echo with the fearful sound of lamentation, as all the sinners, weeping in vain, are sent by your just judgment to everlasting torment. Therefore, we beseech you, O compassionate and loving Lord: Spare us who sing your praise, for you alone are rich in mercy." "The trumpets shall blow, the graves shall be opened and all mankind shall rise trembling. Those who have done good shall rejoice with joy, waiting to receive their reward, while those who have done evil shall tremble greatly, moaning and shaking, as they are separated from the elect and sent to suffering. Therefore, O Lord of glory, be compassionate toward us and make us worthy to be counted among those who love You." Everyone shall appear at the Terrible Judgment where they shall be no respect for persons, as the following hymn of the canon of the Matins service of that Sunday makes clear: "The day is approaching, already at the door is the judgment! O Soul, where kings and princes, the rich and the poor gather, where all people shall be judged and receive according to their deeds." (Ode 4)

The Gospel reading appointed for Meatfare Sunday comes from the Gospel according to St Matthew and concerns the Last Judgement. Christ speaks to us concerning in what manner we will eventually be judged when He returns. Rather than pointing out that the righteous will consist of those who simply 'believe' in God and lead a good life, or even those who go to Church every Sunday, Christ tells us that it is not solely our faith, but also our actions that will determine our final destination. Jesus is more concerned about how we act toward those around us, and in particular, towards those less fortunate.

One of the important things that Christ teaches us through His message is that whatever we do to the next person, we do the same to Christ also. And it brings up the important fact that the true Christian is the one who sees Christ in everyone. All are created in the image and likeness of God; we are all (or at least strive to be) living icons of Christ. And it's when we recognise that image of Christ in everyone (including our 'enemies') that we gain a step closer to residing in the mansions of the Father that have been prepared for us.

The next time that you set out to destroy someone's reputation, break someone's heart, show indifference and even ignorance toward a person, or maliciously gossip about someone, remember that Christ says that you're doing exactly the same thing to Him! And whatever you do wrong to the next person will count against you when the Righteous Judge returns. We Christians can sometimes be judgemental toward those around us (both in and out of the Church), and yet we don't stop to think that this will reflect on Christ Himself. We take the duty of the Judge and make judgement against the Saviour. We really need to see that icon of Christ in everyone no matter who they are.

We also need to ACT as Christians, and what this means is pouring out your heart and resources to those less fortunate around us. Great and Holy Lent is a time for repentance, change, and renewal in our lives. It's also a time to evaluate what we have done in terms of caring for our neighbour. Use this time leading toward Holy Pascha to do something about ACTING like an Christian, rather than merely thinking like one.

Holy Monastery of Axion Estin

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