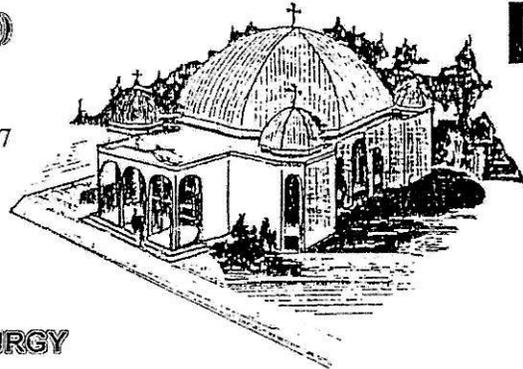


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite)

293 St. George's Avenue East
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
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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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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, September 13th, 2020

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

LAY READERS

4:15 pm.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 22:36-46

9:30 am.

11:00 am.

DIVINE SERVICES: (September 14 – September 20)

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MONDAY: 12:00 Noon Rosary
12:20 p.m. Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Services
THURSDAY: No Services

FRIDAY: 9:30 a.m. Special Intention Req. Shirley Kindred

SATURDAY: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy for Parishioners (Eng.)

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 perogies and cabbage rolls on Thursday September 17th, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. Preparation work (cabbage & potatoes) will be done just by the cook. There will be social distancing tables.

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. Parish e-mail address: soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca www.stmarysukrsm.ca

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Lorraine Wilson, Dora Notte, Jessie & Anita Lutes, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Clair Crowley, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katheren Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Reg Beaudette, Phil Marinelli, Mike Plastino, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Stephanie Parniak, Connie Sampson, Lee DeMelo, Fr. Ivan Trush, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Pauline Baiocchi, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Dennis Conrad, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jennie Yuskiw, Ron Barsanti, Borden Shewchuk, Peter Harlow and Larisa Pochmursky.

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.

Last Sunday's Offering:

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Church New Year:

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Errors or Omissions? Please call the Parish Office at #705-942-1377.
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September 1: Ecclesiastical New Year (Beginning of the Indiction).

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicaea, 325) decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, opened the book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn. The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire. For a long time, the civil year in the Christian world followed the Church year, with its beginning on September 1. The civil year was later changed, and its beginning transferred to January 1. This occurred first in Western Europe, and later in Russia, under Peter the Great.

September 8 - The Nativity of the Theotokos

Salvation in near! The first feast of the liturgical year celebrates our new beginning Mary, the Mother of God, is born, bringing great joy to her parents and hope to the world. It is here that the story of her Son's Incarnation and our liberation from sin and death begins, since it is in Mary that the Lord will find a place to dwell when He comes down from heaven. Joachim and Anna were humble people who loved God and lived according to His ways. They had many material blessings and kept only a third of their wealth for themselves, giving the other two-third to the poor and to the temple. One blessing they lacked, however, was a child. Even though they were old, they didn't lose hope that God would grant their hearts desire. Humiliated at the temple one day because of his lack of children, Joachim fled to the wilderness to be alone and pray. Equally

heartbroken, Anna retreated to her garden and continued begging God for a child. When they reunited, both Joachim and Anna had exciting news to share. They had each been visited by an angel, who had told them Anna would give birth to a baby girl. In their overwhelming joy, they promised God they would dedicate their daughter completely to Him.

Joachim and Ann's barrenness were ended by their child, and it is their grandchild who will end the world's spiritual barrenness. Mary, the living temple in which the long awaited Messiah would spend the first nine months of His incarnate life, was now on the earth. Think about it... Joachim and Anna experienced the scorn of their world because they had no child. But through faith they persevered. They didn't despair because their prayer had gone unanswered for so long. As Christ's followers, we experience the scorn of our world. But the insults and filth society hurls at us can become, spiritual soil for the seed of our faith, which is watered with patience, endurance, and humility. In this way we won't become like the barren fig tree Christ cursed, but will be bearers of the spiritual fruit that brings beauty and nourishment to the world.

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The Ant and The Contact Lens. (A true story by Josh and Karen Zarandona).

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me!

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be starting enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it! Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But

if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You." At the risk of being accused of being fatalistic, I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. But, if you want me to carry it, I will. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.