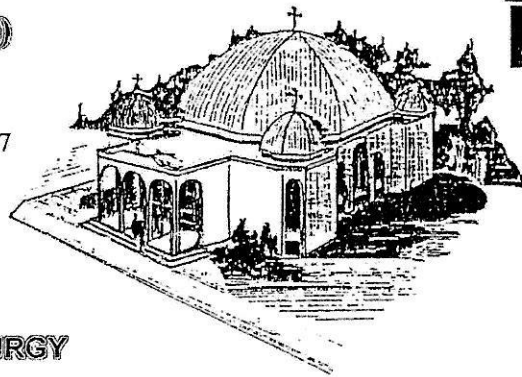


## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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, September 20th, 2020

16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone: 7

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**EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**LAY READERS**

4:15 pm.

9:30 am.

**GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 22:36-46

11:00 am.

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**DIVINE SERVICES: ( September 21 – September 27)**

**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. Divine Liturgy

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

**SUNDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Parishioners (Ukr.)  
11:00 a.m. + Steven, Mary & Dennis Tarasuk Req. Steve & Anna Tarasuk

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Ladies and Men of the parish are asked to help make perogies and cabbage rolls on Thursday September 24th, 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](mailto:soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca) [www.stmarysukrsm.ca](http://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.*

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Last Sunday's Offering: \$ Thank you!

Church New Year: Thank you!

Seminary Collection: \$ Thank you!

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

**The Wisdom and Power of God: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Fr. Philip LeMasters**

No matter what it might be, everyone trusts in something or in someone. We bet our health, happiness, and even our lives on all kinds of people every day, ranging from our family members and friends to people we do not know, such as airline pilots and the workers who make our cars. If we refused to trust anyone with our well-being, we simply could not live in society. At the very heart of our faith as Catholics and orthodox Christians stands our deep trust in a Person, our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. By His Cross, our Savior has conquered sin and death and made it possible for us all to become participants in eternal life. To believe in the power of His Cross is not simply to affirm that Christ died upon it or to be able to describe in words why it is important to our faith. No, to believe and trust in Christ's Cross is to bet our lives on His sacrificial offering. It is to think, act, and speak from our hearts in ways that manifest our Lord's way of holy, loving obedience. It is for the Cross to become the deep truth of our lives. And even as no one forced or required the Savior to accept the Cross, no one forces us to take up our crosses or to follow on His path of selfless love. Whether in first-century Palestine or twenty-first century North America, the way of the Cross is neither popular nor easy; it naturally attracts no one. We should never forget that the Romans nailed people to crosses in order to make them die painful, slow deaths. They publically humiliated and tortured them as a reminder to everyone else of what they would do to their enemies. Who would be attracted to that? St. Paul recognized the offense of the Cross by calling it a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles. In other words, the Jews were hoping for a conventional political and military leader to conquer their earthly enemies, not One who would die a shameful death at the hands of the Romans. For Gentiles, crucifixion was the most disgraceful way to die; consequently, it made no sense to worship someone who died like that. But St. Paul personally experienced the new life that the crucified and risen Savior has brought to the world. He knew in his soul the power and wisdom of God that seems like foolishness and weakness to those who live and die by the false gods of this world.

He proclaimed One so strong and righteous that He overcame the very worst that corrupt political and religious leaders could do to Him. St. Paul trusted this Lord and literally bet his life on Him by eventually dying as a martyr. Perhaps we have heard the story of Christ's crucifixion so many times that we have lost our sense of shock and horror about the public torture and execution of the incarnate Son of God. This was not only the death of an innocent human being, but the slaughter of the God-Man. The One Who spoke the universe into existence became the Passover Lamb that takes away the sins of the world through His sacrifice. The One Who is "Holy, Holy, Holy" accepted the very worst misery and punishment that fallen humanity could devise in order to save us. Those who worship the false gods of power, wealth, and pleasure continue to view Him and His Cross as foolish and weak. But those who like St. Paul have experienced in their souls the wisdom and power of God know better. This is not the kind of knowledge that confirms that "two plus two equals four," but the kind of knowledge that comes only from trust, love, and personal encounter. True spiritual knowledge roots in the soul and is the stuff of experience, not abstract thoughts. Even those who claim that power, wealth, and pleasure are the ultimate truths of life do so not because they are particularly intelligent, but because they love power, wealth, and pleasure. They have given their lives to them and that is how they see the world. Likewise, there is no path to the knowledge of the power of the Cross without taking up our crosses, without serving Christ through lives of obedience and sacrificial love. We must entrust ourselves to Him if we are to know Him and the power of His Cross. To trust the Lord in this way is not simply to have religious thoughts and feelings. Think of what it means really to trust another human being who is very close to you. It is not simply about occasional words, thoughts, or even deeds, but an ongoing relationship that changes us, requires something of us daily, and opens our eyes to new dimensions of who this person is and of who we may become. If we truly love someone, we sacrifice for them in meaningful ways on an ongoing basis. So, if you wonder why the Church calls us to pray, fast, forgive, repent, give to the needy, and lead pure and righteous lives, here is an important part of the answer. It is through such practices, done with faith and humility, that we strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ. We know and experience the Lord by entrusting ourselves to Him through practical steps that we take every day in serving Him and our neighbors in Whom He is present. In His crucifixion, Jesus Christ has made clear that He is no stranger even to our most horrible sufferings, pains, and fears. Our salvation has appeared not in an imaginary world of perfect people with no problems, but in the same broken reality that we experience every day. On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us remember that the One worthy of our trust is He Who endured the full consequences of sin and death in order to bring us into His holiness and eternal life. He did so purely out of love, even for those who killed Him. Christ's Cross manifests the love of God that has conquered even the tomb and Hades. Therefore, let us trust Him with our lives and take up our crosses daily so that we will grow in our knowledge of the crucified Christ. For as St. Paul put it, "the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."