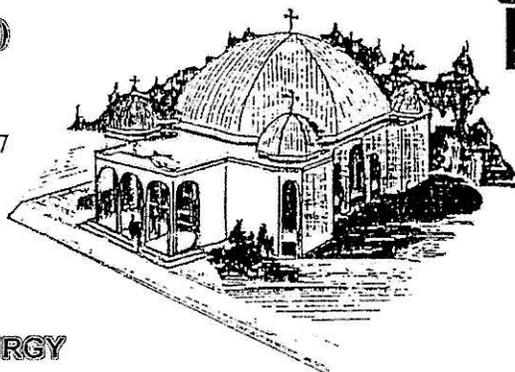


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(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!

PASTOR: Fr. Jaroslav Lazoryk
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Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4S1
Phone: (705) 256-1025

OFFICE MANAGER:
Ms.CharlotteConrad
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 12th, 2021

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone: 7

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10	LAY READERS	4:15 pm. 9:30 am. 11:00 am.
GOSPEL: St. Matthews 25:14-30		

DIVINE SERVICES: (September 13 – September 19)

MONDAY: 12:00 Noon Rosary
12:20 p.m. +Joseph Offidani Req. Nancy Serhan

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. No Services

THURSDAY: No Services

FRIDAY: 10:00 a.m. No Services

SATURDAY: 4:15 p.m. +Joseph Offidani Req. Nancy Serhan

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 9th, 2021 at 7:00 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, 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. 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, Ron Barsanti, Borden Shewchuk, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky , Maria DeMelo, Elizabeth Cepecawer and Mary Ann Spadoni.

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: \$ Thank you!

Building Fund: \$Thank you!

IN MEMORY OF DAVID MURPHY:

Parishioners: \$ Thank you!

IN MEMORY OF STELLA SPAHIS:

Non Parishioner: \$ Thank you!

IN MEMORY OF ROCCO MELCHIONNA:

Parishioner: \$ Thank you!

CHURCH NEW YEAR:

Parishioners: \$Thank you!

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Humour for The Week: A couple of nuns were in the stands enjoying an exciting football game. Some rude guys sitting behind them decided to badger the sisters to get them to move.

One man says to the others, loud enough for the nuns to hear, "I think I want to move to Utah. There are only 100 Catholics living there."

The second guy speaks up and says, "I want to go to Montana. There are only 50 Catholics there."

The third guy jumps in with, "I want to go to Idaho. There are only 25 Catholics living there."

One of the nuns finally turns around and calmly says, "Why don't you all go to hell? There aren't any Catholics there!"

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The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastsdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.