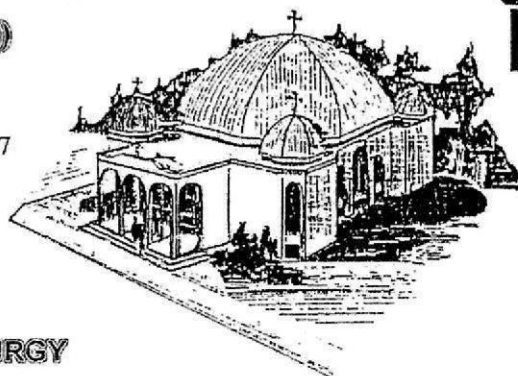


ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(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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We are each of us angels with only one wing...

And we can fly embracing each other...

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

December 15, 2024 – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. Octoechos Tone 5. Holy Priest-Martyr Eleutherius; Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra (956). Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh (8th century).

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: +Mary Novakuske; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 2: By faith You justified Your ancestors* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.* The saints exult in glory;* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: Armed by the Being that defies description,* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Repeat: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Repeat: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Epistle

Colossians 3:4-11

Alleluia, Tone 4 verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. verse: They called on the Lord and He heard them.

Gospel

Luke 14:16-24

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Liturgical Schedule

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| Monday, Dec 16 Holy Prophet Haggai (6th c. BC). | Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31 Mark 9:42-10:1 | | | | |
| Tuesday, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths. | Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25 Mark 10:2-12 | | | | |
| Wednesday Dec 18 Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions. | James 1:1-18 Mark 10:11-16 | 10am | Rosary and Divine Liturgy | | Abstain from meat and meat products. |
| Thursday, Dec 19 Holy Martyr Boniface (230). | James 1:19-27 Mark 10:17-27 | | | | |
| Friday, Dec 20 Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110). | James 2:1-13 Mark 10:23-32 | 6pm | Moleben to Emmanuel | | Abstain from meat and meat products. |
| Saturday, Dec 21 Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305). | Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:18-29 | 4:15pm 5:30pm | Divine Liturgy (for Sunday) Great Vespers | | Intention: Parishioners |
| Sunday, Dec 22 Sunday before the Nativity of Christ | Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25 | 9:30am 11am | Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English) | | Intention: Parishioners Intention: Parishioners |

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 16 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, December 18 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us!
2. Thank you to all of our volunteers who come week in and week out to make perogies and cabbage rolls. Enjoy your break!
3. Brunch today (Sunday) from 10am-12:30pm. Adults: \$14; children (6-12): \$6; children (5 and under): Free.
4. Nativity Fast continues. This is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—it's a 'little Lent' in preparation for the 'Winter Pascha'. The more you put into it the more you get out of it at Christmas. Don't waste this time!
5. ALL DAY CONFESSIONS: Tuesday, December 17th from 9:30am to 6pm at Precious Blood Cathedral, 778 Queen St E. One of the best ways to prepare for Christmas is to confess your sins and receive absolution.
6. As Christmas approaches, please remember those in our community who are in need of food, personal care and cleaning items. Let's fill our Salvation Army donation basket and boxes to the brim!!
7. CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE: December 24—Divine Liturgy at 7pm in English; December 25—Divine Liturgy at 10am in Ukrainian and English.

Outreach to Homebound Parishioners: Know of someone who might like a priest's visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Mike Plastino, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Lee DeMelo, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barasanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepewer, MaryAnn Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany and Tracey Burmaster, Sue and Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck.

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.

DONATIONS: Sunday, December 8th

Thank You!

Offering: \$503.20

Building Fund: \$320.00

Donation from local chapter of UCC (Ukrainian Canadian Congress): \$350.00

Christmas Flowers: \$30.00

"ON CALL" PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL. (705-256-6675)

Let us not wait for later, for later may never come.

We should cherish each moment, as once it passes, it is gone forever.

Instead of letting regret consume us, let us live with purpose and intention, making the most of every opportunity that comes our way.

We should not leave anything for later, as it may be too late.

Let us live fully, love deeply, and never let a chance slip through our fingers.

We should not wait until everything is gone and time is wasted; instead we should savour every smile and express gratitude for what we have today.

Let us not wait until it's too late to say "I love you," to chase our dreams or to make a difference in the world. We must remember that leaving anything for later may mean it never comes.

THE SOUL UNFOLDS

THIS WEEK'S HUMOUR

A couple were Christmas shopping at the mall on Christmas Eve and the mall was packed full of shoppers buying their loved ones gifts.

Walking through the mall, the surprised wife looked up and noticed her husband was nowhere around, and she was very upset because it was meant to be a special time shopping together.

She took her phone out of her handbag, and called her husband. "Where are you?" she enquired.

The husband, in a calm voice, said, "Babygirl, remember the jewellery store we went into 5 years ago? Where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

His wife started to cry with joy, and said, "Yes, I remember that necklace and store."

He said, "Well, I'm in the bar right next to it."

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful and our joints are not delightful. Since it's got so dang cold, we feel old, we feel old, we feel old!!

FACE IT, YOU DIDN'T READ THAT, YOU SANG IT!!!!