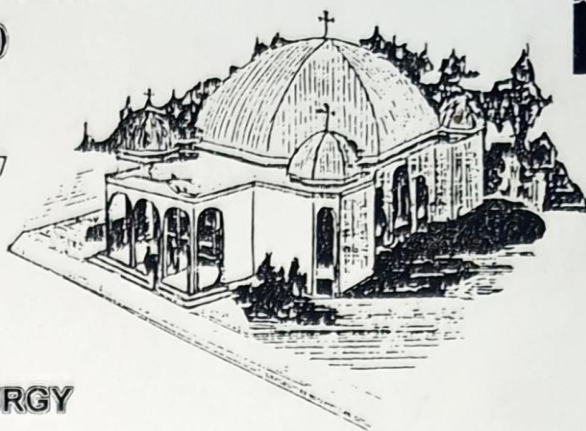


# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

(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!*

Parish Priest:	Rev. Michael Hayes	Cell Phone: 705-297-7489 pastor.soostmaryukr@outlook.com
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Office Manager:	Charlotte Conrad
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**Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm**  
**Closed on statutory holidays**

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

***And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzzenzo

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**June 1, 2025** – Seventh Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea; The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him.

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*Intentions this Sunday*

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

***First Antiphon***

Clap your hands, all you nations;\* shout to God with the voice of joy. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.*

For the Lord most high is awesome,\* a great king over all the earth. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.*

He has subdued peoples to us,\* and nations under our feet. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.*

God ascended amid shouts of joy;\* the Lord at the sound of the trumpet. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen. Only-begotten Son...

***Third Antiphon***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,\* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, who ascended in glory,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,\* and acclaim Him in psalms. *Son of God, who ascended in glory,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,\* the great king over all the earth. *Son of God, who ascended in glory,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Entrance***

Come, let us worship\* and fall down before Christ. *Son of God, who ascended in glory,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 6:* Angelic powers were upon Your tomb\* and the guards became like dead men;\* Mary stood before Your tomb\* seeking Your most pure body.\* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.\* You met the Virgin and granted life.\* O Lord, risen from the dead,\* glory be to You!

*Troparion, Tone 4:* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,\* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,\* and assuring them through your blessing\* that You are the Son of God,\* the Redeemer of the world.

*Troparion, Tone 8:* Christ our God, You are glorified above all,\* You established our fathers as beacons on earth\*

and through them guided all of us to the true faith.\* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 8:* The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine\* confirmed the Church's one faith,\* and wearing the garment of truth\* woven from theology that descends from on high,\* she rightly imparts\* the mystery of godliness\* and sings its glory.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 6:* When you had fulfilled Your plan for us\* and united things on earth with those in heaven,\* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,\* in no way distant, but remaining inseparable,\* You cried to those who love You:\* I am with You and there is none against you.

#### ***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***

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

#### ***Alleluia, Tone 8***

*verse:* The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting.

*verse:* Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

#### ***Gospel***

John 17:1-13

#### ***Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right***

O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens. O Mother of God,\* you transcended both mind and word,\* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One:\* it is you who, with one accord,\* we, the faithful, magnify.

#### ***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.

#### ***Instead of We have seen the True Light, we sing***

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.

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#### **Liturgical Schedule**

##### **Monday, June 2**

Our Holy Father  
Nicephorus the  
Confessor.

Acts 21:8-14

John 14:27-15:7

##### **Tuesday, June 3**

The Holy Martyr  
Lucillianus and those  
with him.

Acts 21:26-32

John 16:2-13

##### **Wednesday June 4**

Our Holy Father  
Metrophanes, Patriarch  
of Constantinople.

Acts 23:1-11

John 16:15-23

##### **Thursday, June 5**

The Holy Hieromartyr  
Dorotheus, Bishop of  
Tyre; The Holy  
Hieromartyr Cosmas,

Acts 25:13-19

John 16:23-33

Presbyter of Armenia.

**Friday, June 6** Acts 27:1-44  
Our Venerable Father John 14:1-11  
Bessarion the  
Wonderworker;  
Venerable Hilarion the  
New, Confessor.

*Abstention from meat  
and foods that contain  
meat.*

<b>Saturday, June 7</b>	Acts 28:1-31	4:15pm	Divine Liturgy (for Sunday)	Intention: Parishioners
Saturday Before	John 21:15-25	5:15pm	Panakhya (Sorokousty)	
Pentecost: All Souls		5:30pm	Great Vespers	
Saturday				
<b>Sunday, June 8</b>	Acts 2:1-11	10am	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual— Primarily English)	Intention: Parishioners
Holy and Glorious	John 7:37-52; 8:12			
Pentecost		1pm	Grave Blessings (Holy Sepulchre Cemetery)	

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### **Other Events this Week**

Monday, June 2 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, June 4 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Thursday, June 5 – Cabbage Roll and Perogy making from 7am to noon. Lunch is provided.

Sunday, June 8 – Coffee and Fellowship after Liturgy. Grave Blessings at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery starting at 1pm.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us!
2. GENERAL MEETING re: Forecasting and moving towards a five-year plan for the parish: Sunday, June 22 at noon.
3. GRAVE BLESSINGS / SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTING NEXT WEEK: See notes below.
4. SAVE THE DATE: City-wide celebration for the Jubilee Year. Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm at the Bondar Pavillion followed by a procession to Precious Blood Cathedral where there will be Eucharistic benediction. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, Bishop Thomas Dawd, will preside over the celebration and will be joined by the priests of the area.
5. Summer is almost here. If you are travelling or going to camp, don't neglect the Sunday Liturgy. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life, and to deprive ourselves of it is to starve ourselves spiritually.
6. Fr. Michael is away this week for the Eparchial Clergy Retreat in Toronto, June 2-6. If you require the ministry of a priest in an emergency situation, please contact the city on-call priest at 705-256-6675.
7. **Church email change:** Our new parish email is [soostmaryukr@outlook.com](mailto:soostmaryukr@outlook.com). Please update your contact information. Our old email, [soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca](mailto:soostmaryukr@bellnet.ca), will no longer be operational come early-July.
8. Pregnancy Baby Bottle Campaign ongoing until Father's Day. Ways to donate: 1) Take a baby bottle and fill it with cash or a cheque and return it to the Church; 2) Donate online by credit card at [www.algomapregnancy.com/donate](http://www.algomapregnancy.com/donate); 3) Donate by e-transfer to [info@algomapregnancy.com](mailto:info@algomapregnancy.com) – make sure to include your address and contact info for receipting purposes in the memo; 4) Call them at 705-759-9100 and they can process a credit card payment over the phone.
9. Ticket of Hope Sponsorship Program: Contribute towards Ukrainian young adults closest to the war zone attending the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage in Rome this summer. Go to [ucet.ca/ticket-of-hope](http://ucet.ca/ticket-of-hope) for more information and to donate (or scan the QR code on the poster at the Church entrance). Donations are taken until June 30.
10. 50/50 Tickets on sale. Max prize: \$1000. Ticket price: \$10. Draw on Father's Day. Proceeds go towards the maintenance of our accessibility lift.

**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 Strachuk, 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 Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenman and Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Bernie Doran, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry

*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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**DONATIONS:** Sunday, May 25th Offering: \$1,090

Men's Club Contribution for Parking Lot Sweeping: \$500

Building Fund: \$70

*THANK YOU!!*

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#### **"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)

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#### **Summer Schedule**

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In order to accommodate the language needs of our diverse parishioner base, the Liturgies will be bilingual however will alternate between being primarily-English and primarily-Ukrainian. The scripture readings will be taken in both languages. The regular service schedule will resume on September 14.

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#### **Pentecost Grave Blessings/Prayers for the Dead Next Weekend**

As per our parish custom, there will be grave blessings offered beginning Pentecost Sunday (June 8). We start at 1pm at Fr. Nicholas Siry's grave at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with a General Panakhyda commemorating the departed clergy, founders, benefactors, loved ones, and members of our parish. Individual grave blessings will follow immediately. To arrange for a grave blessing at a different time or location, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Michael.

The Saturday before Pentecost (June 7) is the fifth All Souls' Saturday of the year. In order to observe this day in Church, and considering that there are parishioners who are not from the Sault and whose relatives are buried elsewhere, there will be a General Panakhyda for All Souls at 5:15pm (between the Divine Liturgy and Vespers). All are encouraged to submit lists with the names of their deceased loved ones. Names submitted will be commemorated individually at this General Panakhyda.

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## On Today's Commemoration: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

The Council of Nicaea, also known as the First Ecumenical Council, was held in the city of Nicaea in 325 AD. The city, (the present-day Turkish city of Iznik), was located in northwestern Asia Minor, some 90 miles southwest of Istanbul. The council brought together more than 250 bishops (according to tradition, the number is 318) to address several important issues facing the Christian Church at that time. Although it was not the first time that the Roman emperor Constantine had called Christian bishops together to address problems encountered by the Church, it was the most representative of all such gatherings and came to have an immediate and long-term impact on the life of the Church.

There were two main issues addressed at the council: the teachings of the Alexandrian priest Arius regarding the divinity of Jesus and the date on which Christians should commemorate Jesus' resurrection, that is, the date of Easter.

Like most Roman emperors, Constantine wanted calm and peace within the empire. However, unlike all emperors prior to him, he had a personal interest in and commitment to Christianity. His decision to support an empire-wide gathering of bishops reflects his concern for Christianity. He provided resources for the bishops to travel to Nicaea as well as lodging and support while at the council. Nearly all the bishops who attended the council came from the eastern half of the Roman Empire, mostly from Asia Minor. There were a few bishops from the West, notably Bishop Hosios of Cordova (Spain).

The proceedings of the council do not survive; so we must base our knowledge of what happened at the council on the following: the creed, known as the Nicene Creed, that the bishops agreed upon; twenty canons issued by the bishops at the council that dealt with several practical issues facing the Church; the address of the Emperor Constantine to the bishops at the opening of the council (which he delivered in Latin and was simultaneously translated for the majority Greek-speaking bishops at the council!); a letter by the bishops who attended the council written specifically to the Church in Alexandria; and descriptions of the council found in histories written about 100 years after the council.

The major theological issue at Nicaea was Arius' teaching that Jesus is not divine in the same way as God the Father is divine. The council used the term "homoousios" to affirm that the Word (the "Logos" of John 1:1) is of the "same essence" as the Father and thus divine as the Father is divine.

Several practical issues were addressed as well: Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday and not on the day of Passover as some Christians were doing; and the Sunday on which to celebrate Easter was determined to be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Other decisions included: the resolution of a schism that developed in Egypt during the Great Persecution; Christians should not kneel on Sundays or during the season of Pentecost since these times commemorate the Lord's resurrection; and several regulations regarding the ordination of clergy.

The Council of Nicaea (325), the First Ecumenical Council, is the best-known council among Christians of all denominations. It was the largest gathering of bishops in the history of the Church up to that time and its Creed, the Nicene Creed, became a statement of Christian faith not only for our Church but for nearly all of Christianity.

*Source: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*



Have a blessed week!





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<b>Date</b>	<b>Primary Language at Liturgy (Sunday 10am)</b>	<b>Faith Education Topic/Other Events</b>
June 8	English	Feast of Pentecost. Grave Blessings at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery starting at 1pm. Contact Fr. Michael to arrange grave blessings at another time or place.
June 15	Ukrainian	All-you-can-eat brunch.
June 22	English	General Meeting re: Forecasting
June 29	Ukrainian	Fr. Michael 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Coffee
July 6	English	Topic: Divine Revelation—Tradition and Scripture
July 13	Ukrainian	Topic: The Senses of Scripture
July 20	English	Topic: Making Sense of the Scriptural Creation Account
July 27	Ukrainian	Topic: The Jesus Prayer (Given by visiting priest Fr. Mike Bombak – Fr. Michael on vacation)
August 3	English	Topic: The Who? What? Where? Why? When? and How? of Fasting
August 10	Ukrainian	Topic: Preparing the Bread for Liturgy (Proskomedie)
August 17	English	Topic: The Divine Liturgy (Pt 1)
August 24	Ukrainian	Topic: The Divine Liturgy (Pt 2)
August 31	English	Topic: Ask Fr. Michael (Open Questions)
Sept 7	PRAZNYK	One Parish Liturgy at 3pm followed by Potluck.

