

# 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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**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 DeCrenzcenzo

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**September 7, 2025** – Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Octoechos Tone 4; ☩ Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God; The Holy Martyr Sozon the Shepherd.

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*Intentions this Sunday*

Sunday at 3pm: Parishioners

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 4:* When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* “Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy.”

*Troparion, Tone 4:* Today is born to us, from the stem of Jesse and the loins of David,\* Mary, the Maiden of God.\* Therefore, the whole creation rejoices and is renewed;\* and you peoples of the world, sing to her a joyful hymn of praise.\* Joachim is elated and Anne shouts for joy.\* The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God,\* the Sustainer of our life.

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

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave\* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth\* and shattered the gates of Hades;\* and as Master, He rose on the third day.  
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Theotokion, Tone 3:* Today the holy Virgin and God-bearer Mary\* is born from a barren womb by divine counsel.\* She is the everlasting bridal chamber of the heavenly bridegroom.\* Today the chariot of the Word is adorned,\* and the door for God is foretold;\* she is called the Mother of Life..

***Тропарі й кондаки***

*Тропар воскресний (г. 4):* Світлюю воскресіння проповідь від ангела взнавши\* і прадідне осудження відкинувши,\* Господні учениці, хвалячись, апостолам мовили:\* Повалилася смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,\* даруючи світові велику милість.

*Тропар (г. 4):* Із кореня Єссеєвого і з бедер Давидових\* богоотроковиця Маріям днесь родиться нам,\* і радістю радується все і оновляється.\* Зрадійте сукупно, небо і земля,\* восхваліть її, вітчизни народів.\* Йоаким веселиться і Анна торжествує, кличучи:\* Неплідна родить Богородицю і кормительку життя нашого.

Слава Отцю, і Сїну, і Святому Духові.

*Кондак воскресний (г. 4):* Спас і Визволитель мій\* із гробу як Бог\* воскресів від очів земнороджених\* і вратá адові сокрушив,\* і як Владика\* воскрес триднівний.

І нїні, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

*Кондак (г. 3):* Дїва днесь і Богородиця Марія,\* безконечна світлиця небесного жениха,\* родиться з неплідної Божим замислом,\* колісниця Слова прикрашується, на це бо і передсказана була\* – божественні двері і Мати сущого життя.

### ***Prokeimenon***

*Tone 6:* Save Your people, O Lord, \* and bless Your inheritance.

*Repeat:* Save Your people, O Lord, \* and bless Your inheritance.

*verse:* Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

*Repeat:* Save Your people, O Lord, \* and bless Your inheritance.

***Epistle*** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

### ***Alleluia, Tone 1***

*verse:* I have exalted one chosen from among My people; with My holy oil I have anointed him.

*verse:* My hand shall sustain him, and my arm shall make him strong

***Gospel*** Matthew 21:33-42

### ***Communion Hymn***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

### ***Прокімен***

(г. 6): Спасі, Господи, народ Твій і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

*Всі:* Спасі, Господи, народ Твій і благослови спадкоємство Твоє

*Стих:* До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму, Боже мій, щоб не відвертався Ти мовчки від мене

*Всі:* Спасі, Господи, народ Твій і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

***Апостол*** 1 Кор. 16, 13-24

### ***Алилуя (г. 1)***

*Стих:* Возніс Я вибраного з людей Моїх, єлеєм святим Моїм помазав його.

*Стих:* Бо рука Моя заступить його і рамя Моє укріпить його.

***Євангеліє*** Мт. 21, 33-42

### ***Причасний***

Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його во вишніх.\* Алилуя, алилуя,\* алилуя.

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## **Liturgical Schedule**

### **Monday, Sept 8**

⊕ The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary.

Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

10am

Festal Divine Liturgy

### **Tuesday, Sept 9**

⊗ The Holy and Righteous Forebears of God Joachim and Anna; The Holy Martyr Severian.

Galatians 4:22-31  
Luke 8:16-21

### **Wednesday Sept 10**

The Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora.

2 Corinthians 13:3-13  
Mark 4:35-41

10am

Rosary and Divine Liturgy

### **Thursday, Sept 11**

Our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria.

Galatians 1:1-10; 1:20-2:5  
Mark 5:1-20

### **Friday, Sept 12**

The Holy Hieromartyr Autonomus.

Galatians 2:6-10  
Mark 5:22-24; 5:35-6:1

*Abstain from meat and meat products.*

### **Saturday, Sept 13**

Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross;

1 Corinthians 2:6-9  
Matthew 10:37-11:1

4:15pm

Divine Liturgy (English)

Intention: Parishioners

5:30pm

Great Vespers

### **Sunday, Sept 14**

⊕ Exaltation of the Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24  
John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

9:30am

Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Intention: Parishioners

11am

Divine Liturgy (English)

Intention: Parishioners

## Other Events This Week

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Monday, Sept 8 – Senior Exercise Clas from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, Sept 10 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am.

Thursday, Sept 11 – Cabbage Roll and Perogy making from 7am to noon. Lunch is provided.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us! This is our Praznyk weekend with one Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 3pm with a potluck. Please join us afterwards for the celebration!
2. BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: At the end of Liturgy this week.
3. HOLY DAY THIS WEEK: Nativity of the Mother of God on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Divine Liturgy at 10am. The Church expects us to treat this day like a Sunday and attend the Divine Liturgy if at all possible. Avoid unnecessary work. Participation in the feasts of the Church, the celebrations of important events and people in salvation history, is an important part of Christian life.
4. We return to our usual Sunday morning schedule next week: Liturgy at 9:30am in Ukrainian and at 11am in English.
5. Want to get to know Jesus better? Consider joining ALPHA at St. Veronica's Parish, starting September 26 at 6pm. Each session involves a meal, a video about our faith, and then a discussion about the video. Register at [www.veronica.church](http://www.veronica.church).

**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, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, 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 Wenmany and Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O'Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and 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*

## **DONATIONS Sunday, August 31**

Collection: \$465.00 – Building Fund: \$250.00 – Church New Year: \$70.00

**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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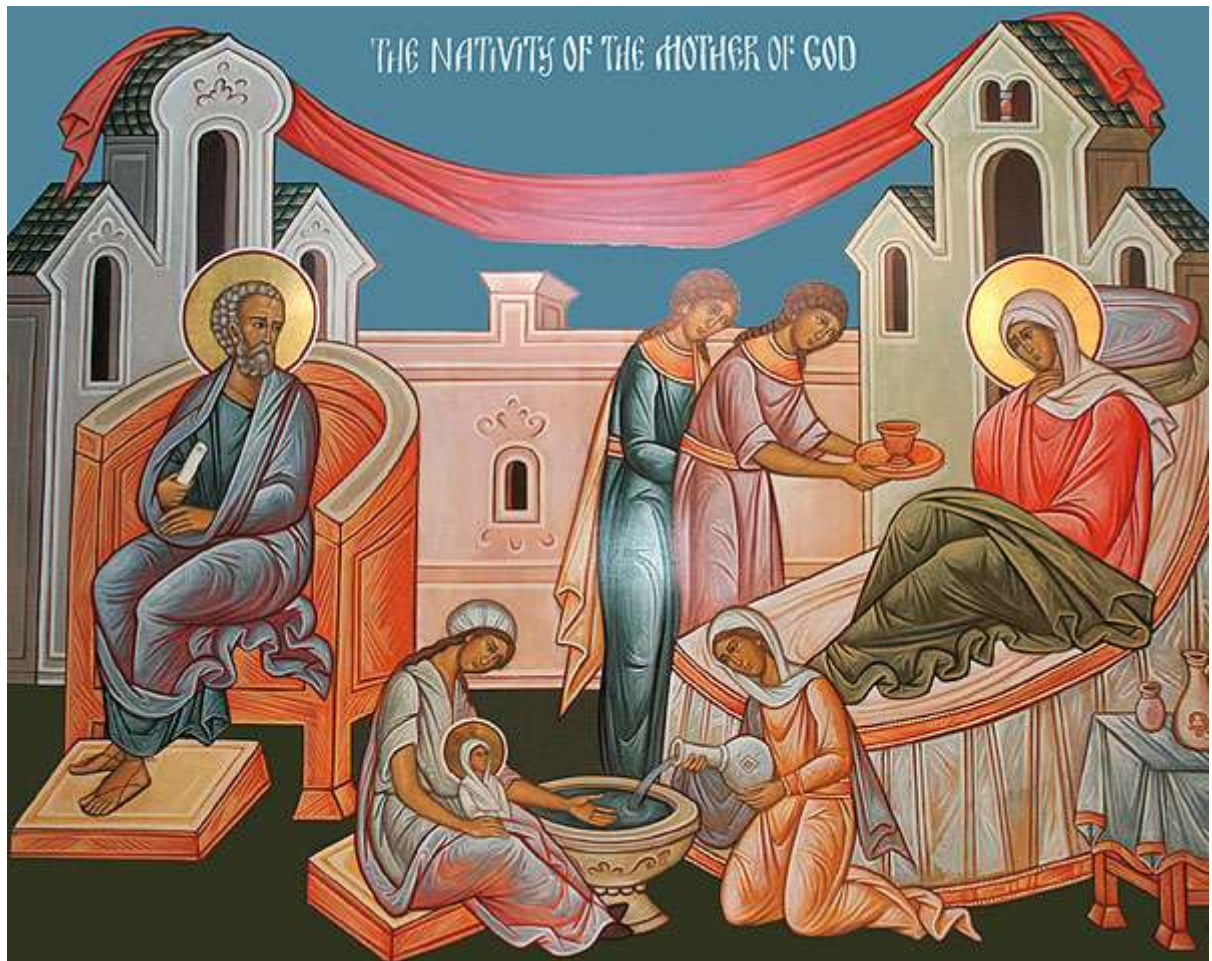


## PARISH PATRONAL FEAST: NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (September 8)

*“Your Nativity, O Mother of God, has made joy known to the entire world, for from you, dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing, and by making death of no effect, He bestowed on us eternal life.”*

On this day, our Church acknowledges the birth of the Theotokos (Mother of God). As the Church’s Liturgical Year begins on September 1st, it is only fitting that the Nativity of Mary, the Mother of God, be celebrated as the first major feast of the year. The birth of the Theotokos is the beginning of the act of incarnation and our salvation through Jesus Christ.

The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. According to the apocryphal writings which are not a part of the New Testament Scriptures, Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were old and childless. Their inability to have children



caused them intense grief and considerable embarrassment. In Jewish tradition, barrenness was viewed as a curse because it meant the woman was unable to produce a possible Messiah for the people. Joachim and Anna prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, vowing to dedicate their child to the service of the Lord if He found favor with their request. In answer to their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined to become the Mother of the Messiah, Christ.

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.

Mary's birth heralded the coming of the promised Messiah, who was to destroy the power of Satan, reopen for us the gates of heaven, and assure divine blessing to the entire human race. This is the reason of our rejoicing. At the same time, the liturgical hymns exalt devotion and righteousness of Joachim and Anna. By their devotion and persevering prayers, they proved their complete confidence in God.

This is the practical lesson of the feast of Mary's nativity. Our unwavering confidence in God, supported by persevering prayer, will open for us the door of divine mercy and secure for us a constant flow of God's blessings.

*"Let heaven rejoice and earth exalt, for the firmament of our God comes into the world; according to the promise, the Divine Bride is now born. The barren one now nurses Mary, her child; and Joachim rejoices in this birth and says: "Behold, the rod is now born to me, from which Christ shall blossom forth from the root of David. Indeed, this is a wondrous marvel!"*

Source: Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saskatoon, SK



Starting on Thursday  
September 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
St. Veronica's Church (559 Douglas St.)

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of Christian faith and is designed to create conversation. (11 week event)

Register at [www.veronica.church](http://www.veronica.church)  
or call the office at (705) 253-9411

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