



# The Way Of The CROSS

Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

July 11, 2010

ENGLISH LANGUAGE MISSION OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA LOCATED IN SOUTH WINNIPEG

## 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Translation of the Relics of the holy Martyrs and Wonderworking unmercenarys Cyrus and John (412). St. Paul the Physician of Corinth (VII). Sts. Sergius and Herman, abbots of Valaam (964). Icon of the Mother of God "Of Three Hands" St. Austol of Cornwall (VI).

## ORDER OF SERVICE:

### Troparion and Kontakion

**Tone 6:** The angelic powers were at Your tomb. / The guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave seeking Your Most Pure Body. / You captured hades, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord Who arose from the dead: Glory to You.

**Tone 1:** O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, // and by Your Cross preserve Your Commonwealth.

**Tone 5:** O Christ God Who hast given us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs / as an invincible rampart, / through their supplications set at nought the counsels of the heathen / and strengthen the scepters of kings, // in that Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

### Glory...

**Tone 6:** When Christ God, the Giver of life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of darkness with His life-giving hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. / He is the Saviour, // the resurrection the life and the God of all.

### Both now...

**Tone 3:** Receiving the gift of miracles from grace divine, / O saints, ye work wonders unceasingly, / cutting down all our passions with invisible skill, / O divinely wise Cyrus and glorious John; // for ye are divine physicians.

### The Epistle

**Reader:** The Prokimenon in the **6th Tone:** O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

**Choir:** O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

**Reader:** O Lord, to You will I call. O my God, be not silent unto me.

**Choir:** O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

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**Choir:** and bless Your inheritance.

**Reader:** The Reading is from **St. Paul's letter to the Romans** [Romans 15: 1-7]

**Reader:** Alleluia in the **6th Tone:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** He that dwells in the help of the Most High will abide in the shelter of the God of heaven.

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** He will say to the Lord: my helper are You, and my refuge. He is my God and I will hope in Him.

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Gospel:** [Matthew 9:27-35]

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Romans 15: 1-7 (Sunday Epistle)

1. Now we who are strong ought to be patient with the weaknesses of those who are not strong and must stop pleasing ourselves.
2. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building him up.
3. For even Christ did not please himself. Instead, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."
4. For everything that was written long ago was written for our instruction, so that we might have hope through the endurance and encouragement that the Scriptures give us.
5. Now may God, the source of endurance and encouragement, allow you to live in harmony with each other as you follow Christ Jesus,
6. so that with one mind and one voice you might glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God.

## Matthew 9:27-35 (Sunday Gospel)

27. As Jesus was traveling on from there, two blind men followed him, shouting, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"
28. When he had gone into the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord!"
29. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith, let it be done for you!"
30. And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly told them, "See to it that nobody knows about this."
31. But they went out and spread the news about him throughout that land.
32. As they were going out, a man who couldn't talk because he was demon-possessed was brought to him.
33. As soon as the demon had been driven out, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!"
34. But the Pharisees kept saying, "He drives out demons by the ruler of demons."
35. Then Jesus began traveling through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every illness.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**VESPERS:** Will resume in the fall.

### DIVINE LITURGY:

July 4: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

July 11: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

July 18: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Metropolitan Cathedral

July 25: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Financial Report May. 10

Income 1241.05

Expenses 2359.37

Net -\$1118.32

### Building Fund

Goal — \$25,000

Collected —

\$10452.76

### Fund Raising

Prayer for Needs: Pamela, Jeff and Anna Maria, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sophia, Oksana, ,

Prayer for Sick: Georgina, , Dustin, Chuck, Frank, Elsie,

Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

### GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: July

Birthdays: Dallas (3), Bethany (8),

Anniversaries: Steve and Amber (26)

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.

### MEETINGS and STUFF

Holy Cross Parish Council:

Adult Ed. Class: Postponed

3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.

**WELCOME** to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

- Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**
- Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.
- If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at: <http://ancientfaith.com>
- **Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles** as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

*Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Holy Cross has pens for sale. 2 for a loonie.** An amazing deal. They make excellent stocking stuffers. Just remember to remind people to remove the pens from their stockings before they put the stockings on, because that would just be uncomfortable.
2. **HOLY CROSS WEB SITE.** Holy Cross has revamped it's website. The web address is still the same, but the site has been transformed into a really cool looking blog site.
3. **Annual Gardenton Pilgrimage—July 24, 2010**  
9:15 a.m. Pilgrimage  
9:30 a.m. Greeting of Hierarchs  
10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
12:00 Lunch and Program  
Cost: \$15.00 at the gate

### Icon of the Mother of God of "the Three Hands" Commemorated on July 11

The Icon of the Mother of God, "Of the Three Hands": In the ninth century during the time of the Iconoclasts, St. John of Damascus (December 4) was zealous in his veneration of holy icons. Because of this, he was slandered by the emperor and iconoclast Leo III the Isaurian (717-740), who informed the Damascus caliph that St. John was committing treasonous acts against him. The caliph gave orders to cut off the hand of the monk and take it to the marketplace. Towards evening St. John, having asked the caliph for the cut-off hand, put it to its joint

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and fell to the ground before the icon of the Mother of God. The monk begged Our Lady to heal the hand, which had written in defense of Orthodoxy. After long prayer he fell asleep and saw in a dream that the All-Pure Mother of God had turned to him promising him quick healing.

Before this the Mother of God bid him toil without fail with this hand. Having awakened from sleep, St. John saw that his hand was unharmed. In thankfulness for this healing St. John placed on the icon a hand fashioned of silver, from which the icon received its name "Of Three Hands." (Some iconographers, in their ignorance, have mistakenly depicted the Most Holy Theotokos with three arms and three hands.) According to Tradition, St. John wrote a hymn of thanksgiving to the Mother of God: "All of creation rejoices in You, O Full of Grace," which appears in place of the hymn "It is Truly Meet" in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

St. John Damascene accepted monasticism at the monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified and there bestowed his wonderworking icon. The Lavra presented the icon "Of Three Hands" in blessing to St. Sava, Archbishop of Serbia (+ 1237, January 12). During the time of an invasion of Serbia by the Turks, some Christians who wanted to protect the icon, entrusted it to the safekeeping of the Mother of God Herself. They placed it upon a donkey, which without a driver proceeded to Athos and stopped in front of the Hilandar monastery. The monks put the icon in the monastery's cathedral church (katholikon). During a time of discord over the choice of igumen, the Mother of God deigned to head the monastery Herself, and from that time Her holy icon has occupied the igumen's place in the temple. At the Hilandar monastery there is chosen only a vicar, and from the holy icon the monks take a blessing for every obedience.

**The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.**