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"Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world."*

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**Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies**

*В Неділю/Sunday*

*8:30 am partially sung*

*10:30 am sung*

**У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation**

*10:30 am and 7:00 pm*

**Щодня/Daily Scheduled**

*8:15 am in church*

**First Friday - 8:15 am Divine Liturgy and  
Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Сповіді/Confessions:**

- 1/2 години *перед* Службою Божою
- 1/2 hour before Divine Liturgy
- Або наперед домовитися під час тиждня
- Or by appointment during the week

**Baptism by appointment - membership in  
Parish is required**

**Anointing of the Sick /Hospital Visits/  
Eucharist for the sick - any time**

**Marriages by appointment made at least six  
months in advance. Membership in Parish is  
required**

**Funerals by arrangement in the Parish Office**

**оо. Василян/Basilian Fathers serving the  
Parish**

- Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor  
**Email: pastor@stmarysbc.com**
- Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
Bishop Emeritus

**17 Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа  
Sunday after Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Mark 8:34-9:1**



**17 Неділя Після Зшестя Святого Духа  
Неділя По Воздвиженні Чесного  
Хреста Господнього  
Марка 8:34-9:1**

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Do not park in the  
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's  
Gardens when you come for the Sunday  
Divine Liturgy. Your car will be towed.**

**Парафія Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та рідних які зєдналися сьогодні разом брати участь в цій Службі Божі. Нехай наш Господь через заступництво Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці благословить Вас і Вашу родину.**

**Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Вересень**

**Загальний намір:** Відкрити вартість навчання. Щоб чоловіки і жінки наших часів, стільки разів занурені в поспішний ритм життя, відкрили вартість мовчання і вміли слухати Бога в своїх братах.

**Місійний намір:** Переслідувані християни. Щоб переслідувані християни могли свідчити любов Христа.

*– Тропарі і читання в зеленій книжці на стор. 5, 6 і 7.*

*– Кава і солодке сьогодні після неділі Служби Божої у вітальні під церквою.*

**В цьому часі тільки один священник служить в парафії. Щоби вз'яти участь у Св. Сповіді, заохочуємо Вас приходити до церкви 30 хвилин скоріше перед Св. Літургією. Ви можете також наперед домовитися і прийти до Каплиці в резиденції під час тиждня.**

**Спеціальне прохання:** після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.

**Сьогодні: Неділя, 15 Вересня:** – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Понеділок, 16 Вересня:** – 7:00 веч. Сходини Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

**Четвер, 19 Вересня:**

– 7:00 вечора – Поширення зрозуміння нашої віри у вітальні під церквою.

**Неділя, 22 Вересня:** – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Четвер, 26 Вересня:**

– 7:00 вечора – Поширення зрозуміння нашої віри у вітальні під церквою.

**Неділя, 29 Вересня:** – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Четвер, 3 Жовтня:**

– 7:00 вечора – Поширення зрозуміння нашої віри у вітальні під церквою.

**The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes** all guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord, through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God, bless you and your family!

### **Monthly Papal Intentions for September**

**General Intention: Value of Silence** – That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

**Missionary Intention: Persecuted Christians** – That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love.

- **Tropar, Kondak & readings** in the green booklet pages 5, 6 and 7.
- **Coffee and sweets** are available today **following the Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies** in the Fellowship Room. **All guests and parishioners are invited.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** – only one priest is serving the parish. To receive the Mystery of Reconciliation, (Confession), you are encouraged to come **thirty (30) minutes before the Divine Liturgy.** You may also make an appointment to come during the week to the chapel in the rectory.

**A SPECIAL Request:** At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or other reading material in the pews. Each and every participant is invited to do their part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pew pockets and pews clean and neat. Thank you.

***TODAY, Sunday, September 15:***

- **Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's** during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**NOTE TO ALL CHOIR MEMBERS:** Be reminded about the upcoming celebration of our Parish Praznyk/Feast day; as well as the 25th Anniversary of Bishop Paul's priestly ordination. We will utilize the 10:30 Liturgies on September 15, 22, and 29 as "warm-ups/rehearsals". Let's make a super effort to attend in order to greet all Praznyk participants and Bishop Paul on this memorable occasion! Hope to see you all.

***Monday, September 16:*** – 7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting in the Board Room.

**“Pyrohy Making” dates for the Bazaar** – Wednesdays at 8 am: Sept. 25; Oct. 9; Oct. 23 and Oct. 30. For more information, call Henriette Ukrainetz at 604.291.0087.

***Thursday, September 19: JOIN US FOR THE FINAL FEW LESSONS ON:***

- **“THE CREED” A STUDY OF OUR FAITH** at 7 pm in Fellowship Room.

**Це пригадка для всіх вірних.** Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

**Церковна Етика:** Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

### **Молитва Митрополита Андрея Шептицького за українську родину**

Боже великий, Боже отців наших! Дай нашому народові якнайбільше добрих, святих християнських родин. Дай нам таких батьків, які голосно й відверто признавалися б до божественної Твоєї Євангелії і до Твоєї служби. Дай нам батьків, які для своїх дітей були б прикладом християнського життя, правдивими опікунами та добрими провідниками в житті. Дай нам таких матерів, що вміли б добре, по-християнськи виховувати своїх дітей, а для своїх чоловіків були б поміччю, потіхою та доброю радою. Дай нам таких дітей, які були б потіхою та славою батьків і красою свого народу. Благослови, всемогутній Боже, український нарід. Даруй йому ласку вірно Тобі служити і доступити колись вічної нагороди в небі, бо Тобі, Боже, у Святій Тройці єдиний, Отче, Сину і Духу Святий, належить вся слава, честь і поклін навіки вічні. Амінь.

*Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця.*

**УВАГА!** Від 5 серпня 2013 року нова інформація про життя Церкви (новини, анонси, інтерв'ю, авторські колонки, статті) буде розмішуватися на Інформаційному ресурсі УГКЦ [news.ugcc.org.ua](http://news.ugcc.org.ua), створеному та підтримуваному Департаментом інформації УГКЦ. Попередній офіційний веб-сайт УГКЦ [www.ugcc.org.ua](http://www.ugcc.org.ua) оновлюватися не буде і пропонуватиме відвідувачам архівні відомості.

**ПРОСИМО** щоб оголошення до наступного дво-місячного календаря треба подати до канцелярії не даліше як 20-го дня цього місяця.

### **YEAR OF FAITH**

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessings as we celebrate this Year of Faith that we may deepen our personal encounter with Christ, that we may be more able to share our faith with those around us; to share our love for the Church and its people as Christ showed His love for us. By this, we renew our baptismal call by living out our daily moments with faith, hope and love. We ask through the prayers of the Most Holy Mother of God and all the saints. Amen.

**Announcement of Banns:** Yaroslav Gavrylko, a catholic and member of St. Mary's Church, son of (+)Yaroslav and (+)Anna (Halawai) intends to wed Maria Dub, a catholic and member of St. Mary's Church, daughter of Yaroslav and Lesia (Hook), formerly of Drohobych, Lviv, Ukraine. If anyone would know of any impediments, please notify the Parish Office at 604-879-5830.

**Sunday, September 22:**

- Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Thursday, September 26: JOIN US FOR THE FINAL FEW LESSONS ON:**

- "THE CREED" A STUDY OF OUR FAITH at 7 pm in Fellowship Room.

**Sunday, September 29:**

- Parish Catechism for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Thursday, October 3: JOIN US FOR THE FINAL FEW LESSONS ON:**

- "THE CREED" A STUDY OF OUR FAITH at 7 pm in Fellowship Room.

**To Request Prayers for:** yourself, your family, or a friend - please submit the name to the Parish Office or place a note on the collection plate.

**Пам'ятайте помолитися:** за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповідю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

**Remember to pray for:** your family; fellow parishioners; those confined to their hospital beds or their homes; those seeking God's guidance or rejoicing with God's favour; or for those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; or have been called to their eternal reward or for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab, Mary Balsevicius, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Elizabeth Duda, Mary Earl, Quenten Fabiano, Catherine Hladij, Alice Humenick, Bohdan Karpinski, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie and Shirley Lawryshyn, Ben Marchinkow, Joseph Nadelko, Roma Nowakowski, (Bishop Ken's mother), Orest Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Dave Shelast, Tiny Zarski.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers Thomas Ray and his family of on the passing of his wife, Kay, on September 8. May God grant her eternal rest!

**Please Visit:** our Parishioners that are in the hospital or have difficulty getting around in their homes. They need your visit, your phone call, as well as your prayers.

**Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**If there are people you visit requesting prayers, or a visit from the Priest, please inform the Parish office so that father might know to visit them.**



**PRAYER FOR A VIBRANT PARISH** – O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ – The Way, The Truth, and The Life – and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

### **Prayer by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky for Ukrainian Families**

God Almighty, O God of our Fathers! Grant to our nation many good and holy Christian families. Give us fathers who will loudly and openly confess your holy Gospel and be in Your service. Give us fathers who will be a good example of Christian life for their children, true protectors and good leaders in life. Grant us mothers who are capable of bringing up their children in a Christian way, and are a joy and help as well as good advisors for their husbands. Grant us children who will be the pride and joy of their parents and the splendour of their nation. Almighty God, bless our Ukrainian nation. Grant her the grace to faithfully serve You and one day to be granted the eternal reward in heaven. For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.



*St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect our fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, and their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over them faithfully.*

**NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** The Divine Liturgy begins at 8:30 A.M. or at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings. You have the responsibility to arrive before the church bells ring announcing the beginning of the Service. Realize that in order to have attended the Sunday Service you would have: received the Opening Blessing, listened to the Gospel, participated in the Consecration of the Holy Gifts, and following Holy Communion, would have received the Dismissal Blessing to strengthen you to proclaim the Good News throughout the week.

**Church Etiquette:** We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church (the Nave) before, during, or after the Service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations - leave the Church proper for those that want to pray.

**When you make a donation towards the purchase of Deacon, Lector, and Acolyte vestments, you will be remembered in the prayers of the Acolyte/Lector/Deacon during every Divine Liturgy.**

We have received the Deacon/Lector Gold, Blue Red and white vestments. **The cost to date of vestments ordered with shipping is \$5,628.60.** Since we have received donations to cover the cost to date, we have ordered two green Deacon vestments at a cost of \$550/each plus shipping.

Each time the Deacon, Lector or Altar Server vests, they include in their prayers the persons that have provided them with the vestment. Your donation is greatly appreciated. May the Mother of God continue to intercede for you before the throne of God!

<b>DONATIONS:</b>	UCWLC	1,000.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	1,700.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	1,000.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	800.
	Parishioners: Anonymous	420.
	Tony Cochrane & Jessye Labaj	200.
	John & Irene Sliziak	200.
	Parishioner: Anonymous	100.
	Stephanie Dorosiewich	100.
	Andrei Fedunyk	100.
	Bessie Lashin	100.
	Ben & Bonny Marchinkow	100.
	Ray & Stella Noble	<u>100.</u>
Total donations to date:		5,920.

**Bulletin Announcements** must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

## GLOBAL CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK "EWTN"

Participating in the meeting were: Michael Warsaw, President of EWTN; Ian Murray, Chief Manager; Ivo Bender, Manager for Central and Eastern Europe.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav shared with EWTN's administration that recently Ukrainian Catholic Church started an internet television 'Live TV' which prepares quality programs. EWTN representatives proposed collaboration with UGCC so that through the media of our Church to transmit their content as well as to transmit UGCC mass-media content through their network in order to inform our faithful now residing in USA, Canada, Latin America and other countries.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Major archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, thanked the management of EWTN for such an offer of cooperation, noting that the Church has for many years been searching for an effective means of being present in the mass media space of Ukraine. Also the same is true for beyond Ukraine's borders, since it (the Ukrainian Catholic Church) is a global Church. The management of the TV channel expressed their desire to receive a video of the blessing of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, in order to show it when possible on their network.

"In my opinion this meeting has begun a fruitful cooperation to which we are invited. I hope that our Church in terms of development of mass media structures is ready for such collaboration," noted the UGCC Head in summarizing the meeting.

Cooperation with the global network 'ETWN', believes His Beatitude Sviatoslav, may permit UGCC to break the informational blockade concerning Catholic topics in Ukraine. On the one hand it would show Ukrainian society the real face of the Catholic Church, and on the other hand, the face of the Roman Catholics and Greek-Catholics in the entire world.

EWTN is a global network of Catholic Television that has 11 channels in USA, Canada, Latin America, Spain, Germany, Africa, Asia and other areas of the world. The network is now making efforts to be present in Eastern Europe, especially in Ukraine.

In Kyiv there is already a centre that translates their (EWTN's) content into Ukrainian and Russian.

**NOTE: It may be well worth every Parishioners effort to receive the Catholic TV channels of either EWTN (USA) or Salt and Light (Canada).**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Starting August 5, 2013, new information about the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine (news, announcements, interviews, columns, and articles) will be posted on the UGCC information website [news.ugcc.org.ua](http://news.ugcc.org.ua), created and administered by UGCC Department of Information. The former official website ([www.ugcc.org.ua](http://www.ugcc.org.ua)) will not be updated and will only provide news archives.

*Food Bank Donations: We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the first and third Sundays of every month. PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.*



**A PRAYER FOR DRIVERS:** God our Father, you led Abraham from his home and guarded him in all his wanderings. You guided him safely to the destination you had chosen for him.

Grant me, O Lord, firm hands, attentive eyes, prudence and perfect control so that I may make a good journey and arrive happily at my destination. Be my safety every mile of the way.

Make me attentive, cautious and concerned about my fellow drivers. Make me calm and patient in difficult traffic. Protect those, O Lord, who travel with me from highway dangers and all anxiety.

Teach me to use my car for others' needs and never miss the beauty of Your world through excessive speed. May Your grace always accompany me on my journeys. Amen.

**Monthly Calendar Announcements** for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

**When Parishioners or visitors want to arrange a meeting with the Pastor,** please approach Rev. Fr. Josaphat after the Divine Liturgy or call him at 604-879-5830, or email him to: [Pastor@stmarysbc.com](mailto:Pastor@stmarysbc.com). Fr. Josaphat would be pleased to meet with you to discuss: Home or Hospital visits to the sick, plan for your Marriage, Baptism, Funeral or help to prepare for any other Service. Or you may need Spiritual Support or help to be a full member of the Parish. What ever your need, please approach Fr. Josaphat.

**Reminder to Families or Individuals Admitted to Hospital** – If you or a family member is admitted to a hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory at 604-879-5830, to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you or your loved one is in hospital. Remember privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given out by the hospital.

**Please note:** parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travellers, or any other intention) please see Fr. Josaphat following the Divine Liturgy or call the Parish office to arrange for it.

**DO YOU LIVE IN GREATER VANCOUVER?**

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? HAS IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU WERE HERE?** Do not hesitate to introduce yourselves to Fr. Josaphat.

Often we discover that you have been participating in the church for years but are not registered as Parishioners. We may recognize you, we may see you in church but we may not know your name or address and when you wish to arrange for baptisms, marriages, funerals, or special blessings. **We encourage you to register with the parish. Please print your name, address, telephone number, e-mail and postal code** on your donation envelope, or contact the Parish Office.

**REMEMBER:** To be considered a member of this Parish one must be registered in the Parish, attend the Divine Liturgy regularly and make regular contributions to maintain the Parish.

Vatican City, 21 July 2013 (VIS) – The Holy Father's Sunday meditation before praying the Angelus this morning was dedicated to Jesus' visit to the house of Martha and Mary in Bethany in the Gospel of St. Luke, and the two key themes of Christian life: contemplation, listening to the Word of God and the concrete service of our neighbour. These are not to be experienced separately, but rather are two aspects to be lived “in profound unity and harmony”.

The Bishop of Rome explained to the thousands of the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square that the two sisters “both welcome the Lord, but in different ways. Mary sits at Jesus’ feet, listening, whereas Martha is absorbed in domestic tasks and is so busy that she turns to Jesus saying: 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me'. And Jesus responds rebuking her with sweetness. 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is the need for only one thing”.

“What does Jesus wish to say?” continued the Pope. “Above all it is important to understand that it is not a matter of two contrasting attitudes: listening to the Word of the Lord – contemplation – and concrete service to our neighbour. They are not two opposed attitudes but, on the contrary, they are both aspects that are essential for our Christian life; aspects that must never be separated but rather lived in profound unity and harmony”.

“So why does Jesus rebuke Martha? Because she considered only what she was doing to be essential; she was too absorbed and worried about things to 'do'. For a Christian, the works of service and charity are never detached from the principle source of our action: that is, listening to the Word of the Lord, sitting – like Mary – at Jesus’ feet in the attitude of a disciple. And for this reason Mary is rebuked”.

Pope Francis affirmed that “in our Christian life too prayer and action are always profoundly united. Prayer that does not lead to concrete action toward a brother who is poor, sick, in need of help ... is a sterile and incomplete prayer. But, in the same way, when in ecclesial service we are only concerned with what we are doing, we give greater weight to things, functions and structures, forgetting the centrality of Christ; we do not set aside time for dialogue with Him in prayer, we run the risk of serving ourselves and not God, present in our brother in need”.

“Let us ask the Virgin Mary, Mother of listening and service, who teaches us to meditate on the Word of her Son in our heart, to pray with fidelity, and to be ever more concretely attentive to the needs of our brothers”.

The happiness in your life keeps you sweet!

The trials in your life keep you strong!

The sorrow in your life keeps you human!

The failures in your life keep you humble!

Faith in God will always keep you going!

I do not have time to hate people who hate me. I am too busy loving the people who love me.

If you really want to fly – you need to let go of the things that weigh you down!

I will never be perfect – but I will always be unique!

What a beautiful world it would be ... if people had hearts like dogs...

## **“IF GOD IS THE LIGHT, THEN THE LIGHT OF LIFE IS FAITH IN GOD.”**

His Beatitude Sviatoslav stated this during the night leading to July 11th after thousands of faithful marched with lit candles to the monument of the Mother of God on the place where she appeared. “Through the assistance of faith we unite ourselves with the living and eternal God, we become illuminated through him, we become his light, the bearers of God’s rays.”

The Primate appealed to the faithful to testify their faith through their actions, and then to raise high the candle holders: “Let us light our way through our faith; let us not be lost in the darkness; let us illuminate today our families, our Homeland – all the people who are next to us.” Then he asked each pilgrim to look closely at one’s candle and recall those people from whom they received their faith in God. “Let us look closely at our flames, because today we bear the responsibility that God forbid, in our hands and in our lives, this light of faith should ever burn out. Let us look closely at that light which we should carry within us.”

Since this year the Pilgrimage to Zarvanytsia is dedicated to the Year of Faith that coincides with the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Ukraine–Rus, His Beatitude Sviatoslav talked about the significance of the event of Baptism as a time of illuminating our people. “Be believers, be the Christians of that time when Almighty God gave us this greatest treasure of our land. And it was precisely the Christian faith itself that was the inner strength of our people for over a thousand years.” UGCC Head urged that we transfer the light of our faith to children, friends, and close ones, “that this light always continues.” “It is us that the Lord sends to illuminate their darkness... “that the people who sat in darkness” see the light exactly through our Church.”

The procession with the candles began by the parish church of Zarvanytsia which houses the Icon of the Zarvanytsia Mother of God. After the liturgy, which was headed by Bishop Dmytro (Hryhorak), Buchach Eparch, the faithful carried the candles through the central street of the village, accompanied by the orchestra and singing the song “From the city of Kyiv.” Then at the miraculous location, the bells rang and the pilgrims got closer to the monument of the Mother of God where the Major Archbishop together with bishops and clergy, began the Vespers to the Mother of God.

### **The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

"We extol You, O Life-giver Christ, and honour Your venerable Cross, by which You saved us from the slavery of the enemy." (Hymn of Praise in the Matins Service of the Feast) "The veneration of the Holy Cross of the Lord," – says the Servant of God Andrew Sheptytsky in his pastoral letter on the Holy Cross – "is one of the most significant aspects of the worship of the God-Man ... Signing ourselves with the sign of the Cross is one of the oldest customs of Christians."

The Holy Cross is an ever-living symbol of God's everlasting love toward us sinners, a symbol of Christ's total self-sacrifice, a symbol of our redemption and salvation, a symbol of Christ's victory over death and Satan. By venerating the Holy Cross we honour Christ's sacrifice, passion and death. Whenever we sign ourselves with the sign of the Holy Cross, we profess our faith in our Saviour.

The Eastern Church holds the veneration of the Holy Cross in such high regard it has dedicated several feasts during the year to its honour. The greatest of these is the feast of the "Universal Elevation of the Venerable and Life-giving Cross". Let us consider the history of its institution and the various rites connected with it.

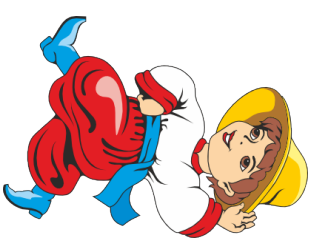
# Western Night – Ukrainian Style



**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Grub: 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Dancing: 9:00 - Midnight!**



**Tickets: Adults - \$25 Youth: (12 to 15) - \$15**  
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