



Українська Католицька Парафія
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці

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Catholic Parish

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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

7:30 am Matins in church

8:15 am Divine Liturgy 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 тижня
- Or by appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/

Eucharist for the sick - any time

**Marriages by appointment made at least six
months in advance.**

Funerals by arrangement in the Parish Office

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

- Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM,
Administrator

Email: serh70@outlook.com

- Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop Emeritus

1-а Неділя Посту
(СВЯТИЙ ДНЯ: Св. 40 Мучеників
Севастійських)
Йо. 1:43-51



First Sunday of Lent
(Saint of the day: Holy Forty
Martyrs of Sebastea)
John 1:43-51

Парафія Покрова вітає Вас, а зокрема гостей у нашій церкві. З неділею про Закхея ми у ходимо у період перед Великим постом. Цей період включає неділю про Закхея, неділю про митаря і фарисея і неділю про блудного сина. Кожна неділя цього періоду поглиблює наше розуміння і усвідомлення про потребу покаяння і про безмежне Боже милосердя, яке готове простити будь-який гріх. Але оскільки Бог не примушує нас проти нашої свobodної волі, ми повинні прийняти це Боже милосердя.

Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на березень

Загальний намір: Порава жінки: “Щоб усі культури шанували права і гідність жінки”.

Місійний намір: Молодь євангелізаторська: “Щоб багато молодих людей прийняло поклик Господа, щоб посвятити своє життя голошенню Євангелії”.

- Кава і солодке Сьогодні після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано у вітальні під церквою.

Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо закрити молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Також просимо не залишати бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках.

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

Сьогодні: неділя, 9 березня: – Парафіяльна Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано у вітальні під церквою.

П'ятниця, 14 березня: – 8:15 рано Служби Божої не буде.

– 7 вечора – Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти.

Субота, 15 березня:

– 9:30 рано – Молебень до Пречистої Діви Марії а відтак Сходини Л.У.К.Ж.К. у вітальні під церквою.

Понеділок, 17 березня:

– 7:00 веч. Сходини Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

Недільні Ковертки на 2014. Прошу взяти свої ковертки, які є виставлені у притворі церкви. Для парафіян, які перебралися на нові місця, просимо повідомити нас про зміну Вашої адреси. Ці особи, які не мають недільних коверток, але хотіли би мати, то просимо ласкаво залишити у парафіяльній канцелярії своє ім'я, адресу й число телефону.

Книгарня: В нашій церковній книгарні маємо на продаж картки на різні нагоди. Маємо також вибір книжок, ікон та релігійних речей

Запокійні Служби Божі і Сорокоусти за померлих членів Ваших Родин будуть відправлятися кожної п'ятниці о год. 7 вечора під час Великого посту, починаючи від 7-го березня. Зробіть відповідні зарядження.

Ковертки з пожертвами за відправлення сорокоустних парастасів знаходяться в притворі церкви. Просимо зложити їх на недільну тацу під час Служб Божих, або передати їх Отцям, чи занести до парафіяльної канцелярії.

The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all guests, friends, visiting relatives and Parishioners in celebrating this Divine Liturgy together. With the Sunday about Zacchaeus we begin a period that always precedes the Great Lent. This period includes the Sunday about Zacchaeus, the Sunday about Publican and Pharisee and the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. These Sundays help us understand the need to repent. They also help us see that God's mercy is willing to forgive us all and any sin. But we need to accept this mercy of God, because our free will plays a crucial role.

Monthly Papal Intentions for March

General Intention: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Missionary Intention: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

- **Coffee and sweets available following the Sunday Divine Liturgies** in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

SUNDAY DONATIONS: Sunday, March 2, 2014 - \$1052.00

TODAY: Sunday, March 9: - **Catechism** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room.

- **Bible Studies** after both Divine Liturgies (the class will start after coffee at 9:40 am and at 12:30 pm).

Friday, March 14:

- **8:25 am Divine Liturgy - cancelled**

- **7 pm - Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty.**

Saturday, March 15:

- **UCWLC Meeting begins at 9:30 am with Moleben** to the Mother of God followed by the Annual General Meeting in the Fellowship Room.

- **Vespers** in the monastery chapel at **5:00 PM.**

Monday, March 17:

- **Parish Council Meeting** at 7 pm in the Boardroom.

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 can be towed.

Feel free to submit to the Parish Office the name of anyone who is ill and in need of our prayers. Their names will be included in the list below. These names will remain on the Sick List only until the end of the month, at which time please resubmit names to be included in the next month's list.

Please remember in your prayers: Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Steven Basarab, Hajra (Deacon Howard's wife).

Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty for the deceased of your family will be celebrated every Friday during Great Lent at 7 pm beginning March 7. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule for your request. Please **place** in Sunday collection plate, **or** give to Father, **or** bring to Parish Office.

Please, **consider reading the Epistle** during the 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy. When you decide to do the reading, please, coordinate it either with Fr. Serafym or with Gerry Ukrainetz. It was done in our church before and we want to continue it.

UKRAINIAN language classes for adults (beginners and intermediate levels) are held Monday nights, 6:45–8:45 pm in the Church basement. New students welcome! Please join us. For more information call Susan @604.733.3756.

A Tribute to Taras Shevchenko Concert will be held **TODAY**, March 9 at 2 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Centre, 3150 Ash Street, Vancouver. Featured entertainment: Svitanok Chorus and the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian School. Admission by donation. Call Mirko Petriw @ 604.936.6177 or Mrs. A. Kozak @ 604.929.2581

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Poland to take place in October. This pilgrimage is to help celebrate the fortieth Anniversary of our Eparchy. This pilgrimage is being hosted by Sister Angelica and Father Stephen and Maria Wojcichowsky. Preliminary itinerary may be found in the vestibule of the church or on St. Mary's website. Anyone interested should contact Myrna @ Solaway Travel or Sister Angelica.

Bookstore: Come in and visit our bookstore. You will find an assortment of religious/Ukrainian cards, icons, prayer books and bibles.

Pastor's Vibrant Parish Project Donation: Anonymous \$500.00

Total: \$1500.00

Camp St. Volodymyr This marks the 31st year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place from Sunday, August 17-24 at OAC in Kelowna. We will be needing volunteers to help in the kitchen and as a counsellor. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Sawka @ 604.876.5691 or jennsawka@hotmail.com. Registration forms will be made available by March 31.

ATTENTION SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL WOMEN AND MEN OF THE PARISH!

PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER BAKE SALE (Saturday, April 12) - The members of the UCWLC and Women of the Parish (and men) are asked to come out to help on the following days:

Baking Paska: Monday, March 10, Thursday, March 20 & 27 (Start: 9:00 am)

Baking Babka: Monday, March 31 (Start at 9:00 am)

Making Pyrohy: Wednesday, March 12 & 26 (Start at 8:00 am)

Cabbage Rolls: Wednesday, April 2 & 9 (Start at 8:00 am)

ORDER FORMS for the Easter Bake Sale can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one, fill it out and drop it off in the collection plate on Sunday or during the week at the Parish office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Eparchy of New Westminster. This year also marks our Eparch's, Bishop Ken's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

Our Anniversary Celebrations will commence on Saturday, 21st June 2014 at our St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. with banquet to follow in St. Mary's Hall. Details of the celebrations to follow in the very near future.

Did you know.... With the consent of Bishop Budka, Fr. Anton Ulanytsky celebrated the first Divine Liturgies in Vancouver in 1927?

Did you know.... On September 2, 1937, the Basilian Fathers arrived to Vancouver to further the growth and development of the Parish with Fr. Shewchuk, OSBM as the first Pastor?

Did you know.... On July 7, 1968, the spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and Confessor of the Faith, Major Archbishop Josef Slipyj, visited the Parish in Vancouver and celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy?

Did you know.... On September 5, 1974, Bishop Jerome Chimy, OSBM was consecrated as the first bishop for the newly formed Eparchy of New Westminster and Yukon?

Did you know..... Bishop Paul Chomnycky is the first parishioner of St. Mary's to be ordained in 1988 ?

Did you know..... His Beatitude Sviatoslav made a historic visit to the Eparchy and celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with our Bishop Ken, other Bishops, clergy and in 2012?

PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV AND THE PERMANENT SYNOD ON THE OCCASION OF THE GREAT FAST^[1] 2014

Most Reverend Metropolitans and Bishops.
Very Reverend Priests, Religious, Monastics!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Our Church, our Faithful and our entire Ukrainian People enter into the Great Fast this year with feelings of pain, fear, suffering and trembling hope. We have experienced one of the longest and most terrible winters in the history of our people – a winter in which we profoundly and personally felt the darkness of sin, and we saw evil that garishly expressed itself in our modern history and bore its murderous interior for all to see. Sin, in its ugly, noxious nature, rose up before us.

At the same time, this is the winter of our national unity, solidarity, openness to our neighbour, and the continuation of our exodus from the home of slavery. On the ‘Maidan’^[2], we understood the true sense of sacrifice, dedication and mercy. For many this was a time of profound self-realization and conversion to the Lord. The experience of the last 90 days must become for us a signpost for the next 40 days and for the rest of our life.

During the Great Fast, we will especially remember, together with our deceased family members, the sacrifice of the martyrs of the “Heavenly Legion” – those that gave their lives for the victory of good over evil and of truth over injustice. We will also remember the selfless dedication of those people who stood there over these last months in the most terrifying and freezing-cold nights on the Maidan united in prayer. With gratitude, we will remember all Christians and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the world – for their prayer and moral and material support.

At the same time, we will always keep in mind that the results of this winter were not the accomplishment of *human hands*:^[3] “if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive (Psalm 124: 2-3) We became witnesses and conveyers of the mystery of the actions of God’s grace, witnesses that, “what is impossible for man, is possible for God”. (Luke 18:26).

The Great Fast continues that which began on the Maidan, and adds to it new spiritual substance. Contemplating the pure sacrifice of the “Heavenly Legion”^[4] and the dedication of the hundreds of thousands of people, each of us should evaluate our lives differently: seek greatness in your consciousness and in your mystical being, open your life to others – to God and your neighbour, cleanse from yourself everything that limits us and leads to sin. On this path of conversion and cleansing, our Church prays with the words of venerable Ephrem, “Lord and Master of my life! Remove from me the spirit of laziness and indifference, lust of power and idle chatter. Rather grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brother or sister, for it is You who are blessed forever!”

This year in particular, the Great Fast challenges Ukrainians to overcome the sins of hatred and distrust. This is especially the case for those who have been entrusted with the helm of the nation. It is difficult for us to trust the new leadership today, because we have experienced authorities that enslave, humiliate and kill. Thus, it will take a great effort to overcome this sin. The first step in this direction must be forgiveness. A good opportunity for this is “Forgiveness Sunday” which opens the way to reconciliation with God and neighbour. Together with this, we must remember that trust toward a restored authority cannot be blind and should usher in an active sharing of responsibility for that

which happens on our country. This shared responsibility must emanate from each of us: with responsibility for our own household, our village or city, and for our country - remembering that every citizen must not demand of oneself any less than he/she would demand of others.

The insistent reminder about this responsibility will be the sacrifice of those innocent people killed – whose memory no one dare stain by their own selfish purpose or political conduct. Let us not squander this God-given opportunity that opens for us new possibilities, a new way of living, so that, according to the words of the Apostle to the nations, we would be made, “worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which we are suffering” (cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:5).

How will we accomplish this? The Great Fast is the way to the Resurrection. Our Saviour, Who, “came that we would have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10) proposes for us appropriate means, in order that our activity would be life-giving. He calls us to direct ourselves toward the Lord’s Passover, to pass through the pilgrimage from sin to love in order to be forever a “new creation in Christ” (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17).

In spite of the uniqueness of the Lenten period for our people this year, it always is a period of spiritual struggle. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). The spiritual combat to which the Church calls us during the Great Fast, has concrete dimensions according to the words of the Prophet Isaiah, “this is the kind of fasting that I want: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the fetters of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every oppression. Share your bread with the hungry, and invite the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and do not refuse to help your own people? (58, 6–7).

We must fight for truth and righteousness, confirm the God-given dignity of every person, maintain peace in our souls and our country, promote reconciliation and repentance, and aid in the healing of the spiritual and physical wounds by which Ukrainians have been injured. In particular we call everyone to solidarity in tending to the families of those killed and wounded and those that remain traumatized body and soul.

Difficult and complicated times may await us. We must be prepared for economic sacrifices, which will demand from our part patience and perseverance. Let us learn to carry our daily Cross steadfastly and without complaint, even when we will find ourselves without that which we consider most indispensable. Let this be our fast – a fast that raises hope for a better future for Ukraine, which, after the winter, will come into its springtime and will yield its fruit.

To experience the Great Fast most profitably, we propose to all of our Faithful to continue their prayer and fasting for the Ukrainian people according to the intentions that we give in the supplement.

We call upon everyone to dedicate themselves to work and prayer, in fasting and charity. “May the God of peace himself sanctify you totally; and may your entire being - spirit and soul and body - be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

On behalf of the members of the Permanent Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church

+ SVIATOSLAV

Father and Head of the UGCC

Issued at Lviv-Briukhovychy 28 February 2014 A. D. Cheesefare Friday

The Vibrant Parish

A Place to Encounter the Living Christ

Please join us for an introduction and overview of the Pastoral letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav "The Vibrant Parish - a place to encounter the living Christ"

(Session 2)

Sunday

March 16, 2014

Topics:

- *Leadership*
- *Unity*
- *Missionary Spirit*

Location:

**St. Marys'
Ukrainian
Catholic Center
(hall)
3150 Ash Street
Vancouver, BC**



Welcoming & Lunch- 12:30 to 1:15pm
Session from 1:15 to 3:30 pm

Registration starts January 26, 2014

Early registration rates available until February 16, 2014

Last day to register is March 9, 2014

See registration forms for information

**For more information, please contact your parish priest
or see the eparchial website nweparchy.ca**

Sponsored by: the Office of Religious Education, Eparchy of New Westminster

Presenters: Most Rev. Ken Nowakowski, Bishop of the New Westminster Eparchy and Dr. Christina Hantel-Fraser, Ph.D., MTS, a specialist in organizational psychology and conflict management. *(Dr. Christina Hantel-Fraser is a professor emeritus at the Institute for Dispute Resolution at the University of Victoria. She taught conflict management and organizational psychology at universities in Canada, USA, Germany, Hungary, Greece and Ukraine. She has worked on different projects around the world, particularly in ones initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, Hungary, Indonesia as well as the UN in the Crimea.)*