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*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:
"Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world."*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

Неділя/Sunday: 8:30 am in English

10:30 am (sung) in Ukrainian

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 am and 8:30 am Liturgy in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: - 15 minutes before
and 15 minutes in the beginning of the Divine
Liturgy - Or by appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/

Eucharist for the sick - any time

Marriages - the arrangements with the priest
have to be made months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

оо. Василіяни/Basilian Fathers serving the

Parish: - Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

Administrator. Email: serh70@outlook.com

Father Marcos Zubyk, OSBM

Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

**Парафія Покрови Пресвятої
Богородиці** вітає всіх гостей,
приятелів та парафіян, які беруть
участь у цій Службі Божі.

**Неділя перед Богоявлінням.
Обрізання Господа нашого Ісуса
Христа. Святий Василій Великий.**

Марко 1: 1-8



**Sunday Before Theophany.
Circumcision of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Saint Basil the Great.**

Mark 1:1-8

**The Protection of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Parish** welcomes all
guests, friends, and Parishioners
participating in this Divine Liturgy.

НИНІ: Неділя, 1 січня: Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год. 8:30 і 10:30 рано у залі, під церквою.

- Середа, 4 січня: -10:00 рано – Похорон + Анни Андріяшин. Молимося за упокій душі померлої. Вічна Пам'ять!

5 січня, четвер: Навечір'я БОГОЯВЛІННЯ (піст)

7:00 вечора – Служба Божа й Водосвяття

6 січня, п'ятниця: БОГОЯВЛІННЯ – ЙОРДАН (Обов'язкове Свято)

10:30 ранку – Служба Божа й Водосвяття

7:00 вечора – Служба Божа

8 січня, неділя: НЕДІЛЯ ПО БОГОЯВЛІННЮ – ЙОРДАНУ

8:30 ранку – Служба Божа

10:30 ранку – Служба Божа, співана

12:00 дня – Парафіяльний Різдвяний обід. Запрошуємо всіх!

>> Конвертки з недільними пожертвами на 2017 рік знаходяться в притворі церкви. Просимо взяти їх додому. Ці особи, які не мають недільних конверток, але хотіли б їх мати, то просимо ласкаво залишити у Парафіяльній Канцелярії своє ім'я, адресу й телефонічне число.

>> Календарі. Ви можете найти календарі при вході до церкви. Просимо взяти один календар на родину.

>> Просимо найти Різдвяні Привітання і Листи від нашого Владика і наших ієрархів при вході до церкви. Ці Привітання і Листи є на українській і англійській мовах.

>> Батько з сином шукають за помешканням на короткий або довший час, у Ванкувері або околицях. Обставини замешкання узгодяться. За додатковою інформацією звертайтеся до канцелярії нашої парафії

>> SAINT MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA. COME AND SHARE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND INSPIRATION FOR 2017!

The Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to join Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC for an event to learn about the life and legacy of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Brian was born in Winnipeg and is a Ukrainian Catholic priest. He knew St. Theresa very well and was the postulator for the Cause for Canonization of St. Teresa. Fr. Brian will be sharing interesting insights into the process to have this amazing Catholic nun declared a Saint by Pope Francis. He will share Mother Teresa's message of "love in living action" – especially to the poor – beginning in one's own family, parish community, work, that is, where we are. Fr. Brian will also share some of his experiences as a member of the Missionaries of Charity Fathers. **VICTORIA: SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 1–3:30 PM** St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria (call Fr. Yuriy, 250–384–2292 for tickets & info)

VANCOUVER: SUNDAY JANUARY 15 AT 1–3:30 PM St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish 550 West–14th Avenue, Vancouver (call Deacon Mykhailo, 604–524–8824 for tickets & info) You can also purchase the tickets at our St. Mary's Parish Office.

KELOWNA MONDAY JANUARY 16 AT 6:30 – 9:00 PM Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna (call Fr. Andrzej, 250–860–7295 for tickets & info)

TODAY – January 1, 2017: Coffee and sweets available following the Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room downstairs. All guests and parishioners are invited.

– **Tuesday, Jan. 3**, at 9:30 AM – A Video Presentation downstairs in the church. Please come!

– **Wednesday, Jan. 4**, – 10:00 AM – Funeral Divine Liturgy for + Anne Andrijaszyn. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

January 5, Thursday: Eve of the Feast of THEOPHANY (*Day of Abstinence*)

7:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water

January 6, Friday: Feast of THEOPHANY (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

10:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water

7:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

January 8, Sunday: Sunday after THEOPHANY

8:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy, sung

12:00 noon – **Parish Christmas Dinner** – you are invited!

>> **Sunday donation envelopes for 2017** – Please pick them up in the church vestibule. If you wish to have donation envelopes, please leave your name, mailing address and phone number at the Parish Office.

>> **Calendars.** You can find calendars in the back of the church. Please, one calendar per family.

>> A father and a son are looking for place to live in Vancouver or on suburbs for a long or short period. The conditions will be arranged. For more info, please, call our Parish Office.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for January

Evangelization: Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Please find the **Christmas Greetings and Letters** from our Bishop and our Hierarchs in the back of the church. The Greetings and Letters are both in Ukrainian and English.

St. Basil the Great was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia in 330. He was one of ten children of St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia. Several of his brothers and sisters are honored among the saints. He attended school in Caesarea, as well as Constantinople and Athens, where he became acquainted with St. Gregory Nazianzen in 352. A little later, he opened a school of oratory in Caesarea and practiced law. Eventually he decided to become a monk and found a monastery in Pontus which he directed for five years. He wrote a famous monastic rule which has proved the most lasting of those in the East. After founding several other monasteries, he was ordained and, in 370, made bishop of Caesaria. In this post until his death in 379, he continued to be a man of vast learning and constant activity, genuine eloquence and immense charity. This earned for him the title of "Great" during his life and Doctor of the Church after his death. Basil was one of

the giants of the early Church. He was responsible for the victory of Nicene orthodoxy over Arianism in the Byzantine East, and the denunciation of Arianism at the Council of Constantinople in 381–82 was in large measure due to his efforts. Basil fought simony, aided the victims of drought and famine, strove for a better clergy, insisted on a rigid clerical discipline, fearlessly denounced evil wherever he detected it, and excommunicated those involved in the widespread prostitution traffic in Cappadocia. He was learned, accomplished in statesmanship, a man of great personal holiness, and one of the great orators of Christianity. His feast day is January 1.

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (January 1)

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God's Covenant with the holy Forefather Abraham and his descendants [Genesis 17:10–14, Leviticus 12:3].

After this ritual, the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos [Luke 1:31–33, 2:21]. The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics had taught.

In the New Testament, the ritual of circumcision gave way to the Mystery of Baptism, which it prefigured [Colossians 2:11–12]. Accounts of the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord continue in the Eastern Church right up through the fourth century. The Canon of the Feast was written by Saint Stephen of the Saint Sava Monastery. In addition to circumcision, which the Lord accepted as a sign of God's Covenant with mankind, He also received the Name Jesus [Savior] on the eighth day after His Nativity as an indication of His service, the work of the salvation of the world [Matthew 1:21; Mark 9:38–39, 16:17; Luke 10:17; Acts 3:6, 16; Philippians 2:9–10]. These two events -- the Lord's Circumcision and Naming -- remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God and "are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" [Colossians 2:11]. The very name "Christian" is a sign of mankind's entrance into a New Covenant with God.

Unbridled Affections (from "Imitation of Christ")

WHEN a man desires a thing too much, he at once becomes ill at ease. A proud and avaricious man never rests, whereas he who is poor and humble of heart lives in a world of peace. An unmortified man is quickly tempted and overcome in small, trifling evils; his spirit is weak, in a measure carnal and inclined to sensual things; he can hardly abstain from earthly desires. Hence it makes him sad to forego them; he is quick to anger if reproved. Yet if he satisfies his desires, remorse of conscience overwhelms him because he followed his passions and they did not lead to the peace he sought.

True peace of heart, then, is found in resisting passions, not in satisfying them. There is no peace in the carnal man, in the man given to vain attractions, but there is peace in the fervent and spiritual man.