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"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.

30-та Неділя після П'тдесятницьі

**Преподобні Павло Тебський
і Іван Кушник**

Лука 18:18-27



30th Sunday after Pentecost

**Venerable Paul of Thebes
and John the Hut-Dweller**

Luke 18:18-27

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

НИНІ: Неділя, 15 січня: Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год. 8:30 і 10:30 рано у залі, під церквою.

- **Понеділок, 16 січня,** о 7:00 вечора – Збори Парафіяльної ради у залі церквою.

- **Середа, 18 січня:** –9:30 рано – Третій Час і презентація “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” у класі, під церквою.

-**Неділя, 22 січня:** 12:00 дня – **Парафіяльний Різдвяний обід.**
Запрошуємо всіх! (Квитки для дорослих –15 доларів: для підлітків від 6 до 14 років – 8 доларів; молодші ніж 6 років – безплатно.)

>> **ЙОРДАНСЬКЕ БЛАГОСЛОВЕННЯ ДОМІВ** – Якщо Ви бажаєте, щоби отець прийшов поблагословити Вашу хату йорданською водою, будь-ласка, заповніть бланк паперу, який Ви можете найти при вході до церкви.

>>**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. Посимо взяти один календар на родину.

>> **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.

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)

Vibrant Parish Prayer: 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 forever and ever. Amen!

TODAY – January 15: Coffee and sweets available following the Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room downstairs. All guests and parishioners are invited.

–Bible Study – CANCELLED today!

–**Monday, Jan. 16**, at 7:00 PM – The Parish Council Meeting at the church basement.

–**Wednesday, Jan. 18**, at 9:30 AM – Third Hour. A Presentation “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” downstairs in the church. Please come!

–**Sunday, January 22**, at 12:00 noon – **Parish Christmas Dinner** – you are invited! Tickets for adults – \$15; for 6 to 14 years old –\$8; for 5 years old and younger – free.

>> **JORDAN HOME BLESSING** – If you would like one of the Fathers to visit your family & bless your home with Jordan water please fill out the Jordan Home Blessing **sign-up sheet** that you can find at the entrance to the church. *Or contact us by email to the Parish Office: office@stmarysbc.com or phone: 604-879-5830*

>> My family and I would like to thank you for all your prayers, liturgies and condolences for my mother **Anna Andrijaszyn**. Your support is greatly appreciated. She was a wonderful and loving mother and Baba. She will be dearly missed. Zenon Andrijaszyn.

>>**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.

>> **UCWLC MEETING: Sat., January 28,2017 9:30AM BOARDROOM** Our annual AGM will be held starting at 9:30 followed by our general monthly meeting. We have a full agenda so would like to see our full membership present. There will be no Moleben this month. Thank you, Marlayne, President"

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.

Our Holy Father Paul of Thebes

(<https://oca.org/saints/lives>) (*Commemorated on January 15*)

Saint Paul of Thebes was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. Left orphaned, he suffered many things from a greedy relative over his inheritance. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius (249–251), Saint Paul learned of his brother-in-law’s insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city and fled into the wilderness.

Settling into a mountain cave, Saint Paul dwelt there for ninety-one years, praying incessantly to God both day and night. He sustained himself on dates and

bread, which a raven brought him, and he clothed himself with palm leaves.

Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning Saint Paul. Saint Anthony thought that there was no other desert dweller such as he. Then God said to him, "Anthony, there is a servant of God more excellent than you, and you should go and see him."

Anthony went into the desert and came to Saint Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and Saint Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. Saint Paul disclosed to Saint Anthony that for sixty years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of Saint Paul's visit. The next morning, Saint Paul spoke to Anthony of his approaching death, and instructed him to bury him. He also asked Saint Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from Saint Athanasius. He did not really need a garment, but wished to depart from his body while Saint Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, Saint Anthony beheld the soul of Saint Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. Saint Anthony mourned for him, and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how he would bury the body, for he had not remembered to bring a shovel. Two lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws. Saint Anthony buried the holy Elder, and took his garment of palm leaves, then he returned to his own monastery. Saint Anthony kept this garb as a precious inheritance, and wore it only twice a year, on Pascha and Pentecost.

Saint Paul of Thebes died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. He did not establish a single monastery, but soon after his end there were many imitators of his life, and they filled the desert with monasteries. Saint Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

In the twelfth century Saint Paul's relics were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Peribleptos monastery of the Mother of God, on orders of the emperor Manuel (1143–1180). Later, they were taken to Venice, and finally to Hungary, at Ofa. Part of his head is in Rome.

Saint Paul of Thebes, whose Life was written by Saint Jerome, is not to be confused with Saint Paul the Simple (October 4).

Our Holy Father John (The Hut-Dweller)

He was born in Constantinople in the early part of the 5th century, of rich and eminent parents whose only child he was. Drawn by inclination to the spiritual life, the young John fled with a monk to a monastery in Asia Minor. He spent six years in this monastery in the greatest restraint, prayer and obedience to the superior. Then the devil attacked him with the temptation to leave the monastery and return to his parents, to live with them as a nobleman. He indeed returned to his parents' home, but dressed as a beggar. He saw his parents, but, not wishing to reveal himself to them as their son, remained as a beggar in their courtyard, living off the crumbs that the servants threw him and enduring much ridicule from all. He lived thus for three years, praying God that He would save the souls of his father and mother. When he fell ill and felt death approaching, he revealed himself to his parents. They recognised him by a precious Gospel-book which they had given him in childhood and which he had kept with him as his sole possession. And so this young man, albeit so rich, saved his soul and those of his parents, overcame the devil and entered into rest in the Lord in about the year 450."