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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.

4-та Неділя Посту

Віддання свята Благовіщення.

Собор Архангела Гавриїла

Марко 9: 17-31



Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Leave-taking of the Feast of Annun-
ciation. Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel*

Mark 9: 17-31

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

Songs at 10:00 Divine Liturgy: 1) **Opening:** on page 17 “Vladyko, otche”; 2) **at Communion:** page 22 “Pisniu slavy zapivaimo”; 3) **Closing:** page 116 “O Vasyliye Velykyi”

НИНІ: Неділя, 26 березня: після **10:00 ран. Служби Божої** - маємо **Бенкет** у Парафіяльному залі.

- **Вітаємо** о. Гавриїла, Сестер Служебниць, Парафіян і Гостей, що приєдналися до нас святкувати 400-літню річницю Василіян.

- **Вівторок, 28 березня,** о 7:00 год. вечора - Служба Передшеосвячених Дарів у каплиці.

- **Середа, 29 березня:** -9:30 рано - Третій Час і презентація “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” у класі, під церквою.

- **Середа, 29 березня:** - о 7:00 год. вечора - Хресна Дорога у каплиці.

-- **П'ятниця, 31 березня:** -7:00 вечора - **Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів ваших родин.

- **Субота, 1 квітня:** о 10:00 ранку - Акафіст до Пресвятої Богородиці (*див. нище*)

-- Претерпівий за нас страсті, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй нас!

Sunday Donation for March 19- \$1580.00

>> **400TH ANNIVERSARY.** St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish, together with the Basilian Fathers in Vancouver, cordially invites you to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Basilian Order of St. Josaphat. Our celebrations will be in the form of a Parish Mission to be held from March 24 – 26, 2017. The celebrations will culminate with a Solemn Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Parish on Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 am. (Only one Divine Liturgy on that Sunday.) A Banquet will follow in the Parish Auditorium. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

>> **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: OCTOBER 12-24, 2017.** Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr, Joe Ostopowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Myrna Arychuk at 604-617-7200

>> **Sunday donation envelopes for 2017** – Pease 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.

>> Bp. Ken wrote a letter (placed in our previous Bulletins) about the Lenten Collections for: Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv; Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv; Holy Resurrection Sobor in Kyiv; Andrew's Pence; Synod Administration Fund. (*There are separate two envelopes with the list of these Lenten Collections in the package of donation envelopes for 2017*)

>> **During Lent, UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS DO NOT:** 1. Attend dances; 2. Hold boisterous parties or 3. Eat meat on Fridays. Also, on the first day of Lent, on Monday, and on the Good Friday they abstain from meat and dairy products. **The period of the Great Fast** is a time of greater sacrifice, a time of reflecting on one's relationship with God, a time for deepening one's faith.

TODAY – March 26: – after 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy we have a Banquet in the Parish Auditorium.

- **Please welcome** Fr. Gabriel, the Sisters Servants and all Parishioners and Guests who have joined us to celebrate the Basilian 400 Anniversary.
- **Tuesday, Mar. 28**, at 7:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy in the chapel.
- **Wednesday, Mar. 29**, at 9:30 AM – Third Hour. A Presentation “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ” downstairs in the church. Please come!
- **Wednesday, Mar. 29**, at 7:00 PM – The Way of the Cross in the Chapel.
- **Friday, Mar. 31**, at 7:00 PM – Memorial **Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty**
- **Sat., April 1, 10:00 AM** – The Akathist Prayer to the Mother of God. (see below a little bit more explanation on Akathist Saturday)

-- Having suffered the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy, on us.

>> We express our **condolences** to Mrs. Stephanie Toporowski on passing of her son **Paul** in Kamloops. We pray for the repose of his soul.

>> We also express our **condolences** to Irene Halko on passing of her sister **Helen Russell**. We pray for the repose of her soul.

Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty for the deceased of individual family members will be celebrated **every Friday during Great Lent at 7 pm**. Arrange to have the deceased members of your family remembered during these Services. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please fill them out and place them in the Sunday collection plate, or give to Father, or bring to the Parish Office.

"**EASTER BAKE SALE and LUNCH** will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 11:00 am–2:00 pm. UCWLC will be having our Sale this year along with lunch. We will be starting our preparations shortly. We are asking our parishioners, male and female to come and help with the preparations. We need at least 15–22 people attending perogy making sessions, paska making, cabbage roll making.

The schedule for these events are:

Paska: Monday, March 27	9–9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Cabbage rolls: Wednesday, March 22	8:30 am – 11:00 am
Beets: Wednesday, March 29	8:30 am – 1:00 pm
Borsch: Thursday, April 6	8:30 am – 1:00 pm

We will be having pre-orders. All orders to be in by Monday, April 3. No orders will be accepted after that date. I will keep updates in the bulletin for any changes. Thank you for supporting our ladies and Parish. Marlayne, President UCWLC "

>>**DAFFODIL DASH – Sunday, April 30** beginning at 9am at Science World. Our church team will again be canvassing for the Canadian Cancer Society. We encourage you to come and join us on the 5km Walk. For more details, contact Barbara @604.732.3166

>>**DEACON MYKHAILO OZOROVYCH PRIESTLY ORDINATION:** It is with great joy the Eparchy of New Westminster invites you to the ordination of Deacon Mykhailo Ozorovych to the priesthood! On Saturday April 8th at 2:00 pm, Deacon Mykhailo will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ken during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. On Palm Sunday April 9th at 10:00 am, newly ordained Father Mykhailo will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster. The ordination and first Divine Liturgy banquet-reception will be held in the Cathedral hall immediately following the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy. Tickets for the Reception (on Palm Sunday) are only \$15.00 per person. Free for those under 15 years – but they still must obtain a (free) ticket – important to ensure sufficient food. For tickets, please contact Deacon Mykhailo at: 604.524.8824 or mykhailo.oz@gmail.com The deadline to obtain banquet tickets is Sunday 2 April.

>> **April Bible Seminar: The Acts of the Apostles (con't) and The Book of Revelation.** Would you like to hear scripture presented in a way that comes to life and has meaning in today's world? Then you will want to come and listen to the Catholic Bible Seminar given by Father Jim Nisbet, a renowned scriptural scholar and inspirational speaker from the RC Diocese of Monterey in California. It is being held at our Parish. DATE & TIME: April 28 (7-9 PM), and 9 AM to 5 PM April 29 & 30, 2017. WHERE: The Boardroom. FEE: 3 days: Married couples \$130, Adult \$70. By the day: Friday (\$20), Saturday (\$30) & Sunday (\$30). Students \$5 off each day. If you were not at last year's session, portions of the previous session will be played after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Watch the bulletin for details. For more information and to register visit <http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration> or pick up a form from the vestibule in the church. See Deacon Howard or Adrian for more details.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for March

Support for Persecuted Christians. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

AKATHIST SATURDAY. On the fifth Saturday of Lent, the Byzantine Catholic Churches have a special service in honour of the Mother of God, the Akathist. Akathist Saturday does not have any real relation to the Great Fast, but occurs at this time for historical reasons. The melody and profound content of this hymn incorporates the whole teaching of the Eastern Church concerning Mary. In the Akathist we meditate and pray about the privileges, role and graces of the Mother of God in our salvation. As we do so, we realize the power of her intercession and protection. It is difficult for our hearts to remain unmoved at the beauty and profound imagery of this prayer. It is the crown of all the services in honour of Mary in the Eastern Church.



Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster

Most Reverend Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Bishop Emeritus
Reverend Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM, Administrator of St. Mary's
Reverend Marcos Zubyk, OSBM, Assistant priest at St. Mary's
Reverend Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM, Local Superior of the Basilian Monastery
Parishioners and Friends of Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Vancouver

20 March 2017

Dear Bishop Severian, Reverend Fathers, Parishioners and Friends,

This year marks the 400 anniversary of a reform of monastic life that occurred in the lands of Belarus, Lithuania and Ukraine. In 1617 individual free-standing monasteries were organized into a federation of monasteries, all following the same monastic rule of St. Basil the Great. Fourteen years later this federation was officially established in the Catholic Church as a monastic order called "Ordo Sancti Basilii Magni" (OSBM). Later the Order added the name "of St. Josaphat" in honour of one of their early illustrious members, adopted as their patron saint. In addition, it is worthy to note that for the Basilian Fathers this will be the 80th anniversary year of their pastoral ministry among our Ukrainian Catholic faithful in British Columbia. Thanks to their tireless efforts with the help of the very dedicated parishioners we have the beautiful church of the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Vancouver in our Eparchy.

Bishop Jerome Chimy OSBM of blessed memory and Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn OSBM, the first two bishops of our own Eparchy came from the Basilian Fathers. The Basilians continue to provide pastoral care in our own Eparchy and to our Church in Ukraine and, indeed, throughout the world.

I am truly disappointed that I am unable to be present at today's celebration. Several months ago, the date of the *Ad Limina* visit in Rome for all the Bishops of Western and Northern Canada was announced, and I made this known to all of our clergy. Scheduled to take place usually every five years, this visit includes special meeting with the Holy Father, as well as meetings with various offices of the Holy See at the Vatican. As it is not possible for me to change my trip to Rome, through this letter, I wish to express my spiritual unity with you, and on behalf of the clergy, religious and faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster wish our Basilian Fathers in Vancouver God's bountiful material and spiritual blessings together with our sincere gratitude for their pastoral care of St. Mary's Parish and our sincerest congratulations to them and to all the members of the Basilian Order of St. Josaphat.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



+Ken

The Annunciation

The fact of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is related in Luke 1:26–38. The Evangelist tells us that in the sixth month after the conception of St. John the Baptist by Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, at Nazareth, a small town in the mountains of Galilee. Mary was of the house of David, and was espoused (i.e. married) to Joseph, of the same royal family. She had, however, not yet entered the household of her spouse, but was still in her mother's house, working, perhaps, over her dowry. (Bardenhewer, *Maria Verk.*, 69). And the angel having taken the figure and the form of man, came into the house and said to her: "Hail, full of grace (to whom is given grace, favoured one), the Lord is with thee." Mary having heard the greeting words did not speak; she was troubled in spirit, since she knew not the angel, nor the cause of his coming, nor the meaning of the salutation. And the angel continued and said: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end." The Virgin understood that there was question of the coming Redeemer. But, why should she be elected from amongst women for the splendid dignity of being the mother of the Messiah, having vowed her virginity to God? (St. Augustine). Therefore, not doubting the word of God like Zachary, but filled with fear and astonishment, she said: "How shall this be done, because I know not man?"

The angel to remove Mary's anxiety and to assure her that her virginity would be spared, answered: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." In token of the truth of his word he made known to her the conception of St. John, the miraculous pregnancy of her relative now old and sterile: "And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth; she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: because no word shall be impossible with God." Mary may not yet have fully understood the meaning of the heavenly message and how the maternity might be reconciled with her vow of virginity, but clinging to the first words of the angel and trusting to the Omnipotence of God she said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

Since 1889 Holzmann and many Protestant writers have tried to show that the verses Luke 1:34–35, containing the message of conception through the Holy Ghost are interpolated. Usener derives the origin of the "myth" from the heathen hero worship; but Harnack tries to prove that it is of Judaic origin (Isaiah 7:14, Behold a Virgin shall conceive, etc.). Bardenhewer, however, has fully established the authenticity of the text (p. 13). St. Luke may have taken his knowledge of the event from an older account, written in Aramaic or

Hebrew. The words: "Blessed art thou among women" (v. 28), are spurious and taken from verse 42, the account of the Visitation. Cardinal Cajetan wanted to understand the words: "because I know not man", not of the future, but only of the past: up to this hour I do not know man. This manifest error, which contradicts the words of the text, has been universally rejected by all Catholic authors. The opinion that Joseph at the time of the Annunciation was an aged widower and Mary twelve or fifteen years of age, is founded only upon apocryphal documents. The local tradition of Nazareth pretends that the angel met Mary and greeted her at the fountain, and when she fled from him in fear, he followed her into the house and there continued his message. (Buhl, Geogr. v. Palaest., 1896.) The year and day of the Annunciation cannot be determined as long as new material does not throw more light on the subject. The present date of the feast (25 March) depends upon the date of the older feast of Christmas.

The Annunciation is the beginning of Jesus in His human nature. Through His mother He is a member of the human race. If the virginity of Mary before, during, and after the conception of her Divine Son was always considered part of the deposit of faith, this was done only on account of the historical facts and testimonials. The Incarnation of the Son of God did not in itself necessitate this exception from the laws of nature. Only reasons of expediency are given for it, chiefly, the end of the Incarnation. About to found a new generation of the children of God, The Redeemer does not arrive in the way of earthly generations: the power of the Holy Spirit enters the chaste womb of the Virgin, forming the humanity of Christ. Many holy fathers (Sts. Jerome, Cyril, Ephrem, Augustine) say that the consent of Mary was essential to the redemption. It was the will of God, St. Thomas says (Summa III:30), that the redemption of mankind should depend upon the consent of the Virgin Mary. This does not mean that God in His plans was bound by the will of a creature, and that man would not have been redeemed, if Mary had not consented. It only means that the consent of Mary was foreseen from all eternity, and therefore was received as essential into the design of God.

(<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01541c.htm>)

BASILIAN ORDER'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

"This anniversary is a special time for all members of the Order of St. Basil the Great of St. Josaphat. (It's) the 400th anniversary of the founding of our order in Ukraine," said Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM, pastor at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Vancouver.

It was in 1617 when the future saint, Bishop Josaphat Kuncevic, together with Metropolitan Joseph Veliamin Rutsky, made substantial reforms to the monastic life of that time, said Father Pidskalny.

Together, the two clerics organized five independent monasteries, combining them into a single monastic order under one general superior. The

Order of St. Basil the Great of St. Josaphat was formed, though the name is commonly shortened to read the Basilian Fathers.

“We are always reminded to be ever thankful for the spiritual treasures that have been bestowed upon each of us as members of the Order of St. Basil the Great,” wrote Father Genesio Viomar, OSBM, the order’s present general superior, via email to The B.C. Catholic.

“This celebration is to be a spiritual renewal for each member, to go forward in faith and trust in the Lord as did the members of those first monasteries that joined to form one order.”

The Basilians’ 400th celebration coincides with two other anniversaries in the Ukrainian Catholic Church: the 380th anniversary of the passing of Metropolitan Rutsky, and the 150th anniversary of the canonization of St. Josaphat.

St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church will host a celebration in honour of the anniversaries March 24–26. A three–day Lenten mission will be led by Father Gabriel Haber, OSBM, the provincial superior of the order.

“This anniversary is for us a time of reflection on what St. Josaphat and Metropolitan Rutsky were able to accomplish, bringing unity to our order,” said Father Pidskalny. “It is to be a time of personal introspection ... each of us being once again grateful for our monastic vocation.”

Father Pidskalny also took the moment to thank God for calling him to Vancouver “to serve him first and foremost as a member of the order. Two of my uncles were also members of the order. Both of them also served in Vancouver at St. Mary’s Parish. I have also had the privilege of serving St. Mary’s as pastor, and I am so grateful to be able to celebrate this anniversary here in Vancouver.”

“Our order has had a long and beautiful history of working together with the parishioners of St. Mary’s,” he said. “We look forward to many more years of working together.”

The celebrations will begin with a moleben, or prayer for the welfare of the living, to St. Josaphat March 24 at 7 p.m. On March 25 attendees can venerate St. Josaphat’s relics at 7 p.m. Celebrations will conclude March 26 with Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m., followed by a banquet at St. Mary’s Ukrainian Centre.

https://risu.org.ua/en/index/monitoring/society_digest/66320/