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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.

5-та Неділя Посту

*Преподобна Марія Єгипетська.
Преподобний Тит, чудотворець*

Марко 10: 32-45



Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Venerable Mary of Egypt. Venerable
Titus the Wonderworker*

Mark 10: 32-45

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

Songs at 10:30 Divine Liturgy: 1) **Opening:** on page 234 “V strasi i pokori”; 2) **at Communion:** page 156 “Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste”; 3) **Closing:** page 144 “Preterpivyi”

НИНІ: Неділя, 2 квітня: - Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано. - о 12:30 год. - Біблійні студії у класі під церквою.

- **Вівторок, 4 квітня,** о 7:00 год. вечора - Служба Передшеосвячених Дарів у каплиці.

- **Середа, 5 квітня:** - о 7:00 год. вечора - Хресна Дорога у каплиці.

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

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

Sunday Donation for March 26– \$1,415.00

>>Будь-ласка, візьміть конвертки з Великоднем порядком при вході до церкви. Ті конвертки, які залишаться, ми вишлемо Вам поштою.

>> **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

>> Please, pick up **envelopes with the Easter Schedule** at the entrance to the church. The envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed out.

>>**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.

>> **PYSANKA WORKSHOP** on Palm Sunday, at 1–4p, on the second floor of the gym (3140 Ash). For adults, children (those aged 7 or younger require adult accompaniment). All supplies provided. \$10 for adults, children 18 and under, \$3. (Please note there are no elevators.) **SPACE IS LIMITED** so registration by contacting Susan, 604 733 3756, or sylazaruk@gmail.com by April 5.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for April

Young People. That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

TODAY – April 2: – Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

-- Today at 12:30 PM – Bible Study in one of the classrooms in the church basement. Please, come.

– **Tuesday, April 4**, at 7:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy in the chapel.

– **Wednesday, April 5**, at 7:00 PM – The Way of the Cross in the Chapel.

– **Friday, April 7**, at 7:00 PM – Memorial **Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty**

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

"**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:

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 "

>>**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.

St. Mary of Egypt

We are tempted to think of the saints as perfect people, who never did anything wrong, Since we are not like that, we might decide that we cannot become saints ourselves. This is, as I have just called it, a temptation, a deceit of the devil, the father of lies. There is no sinner who cannot repent, and become a great saint. To encourage us, on the fifth (and last) Sunday of Lent, the Church remembers Saint Mary of the Desert, Mary of Egypt as she is also called.

Mary of Egypt was a successful prostitute, and joined a pilgrimage boat to Palestine only in search of new customers! She had been baptized as a child, but she was not at all interested in the Faith. Then, however, in Jerusalem, God's grace moved Mary to repentance, and she went out into the desert beyond the Jordan, where she led an eremitical life for many years. Shortly before she died, she met Saint Zosimas, of the monastery of Saint Sabbas, near Jerusalem; it was Saint Zosimas who gave her Holy Communion before she died, and who learned her history. Later another of the monks of Saint Sabbas became Patriarch Sophronius of Jerusalem; he wrote the life of Saint Mary. Because of her connection with the monastery of Saint Sabbas, the annual commemoration of Saint Mary of the Desert is an important one in all the Churches of the Byzantine tradition.

From one aspect, there is nothing extraordinary about Saint Mary of the Desert; in every generation there have been sinners who repented and became saints. The eremitical vocation is less common, but hermits have never been lacking in the Church. Such people do not seek publicity or notoriety; during her lifetime Saint Mary would certainly not have wanted any attention. God chose to reveal this particular saint to the Church, so that we should know that we may never despair over our sins; the possibility of repentance is always open to us.

Also, of course, it is not without significance that the last of the major saints remembered on the Sundays of Great Lent is a woman. After singing the praises of the Mother of God, we at once sing the praises of Saint Mary of the Desert. This brings to mind the recent words of Saint John Paul II:

"I would also like to mention the splendid witness of nuns in the Christian East. This witness has offered an example of giving full value in the Church to what is specifically feminine, even breaking through the mentality of the time. During recent persecutions, especially in Eastern European countries, when many male monasteries were forcibly closed, female monasticism kept the torch of the monastic life burning. The nun's charism, with its own specific characteristics, is a visible sign of that motherhood of God to which Sacred Scripture often refers."

Saint Hippolytus of Rome teaches: After His Resurrection, it was the women who were the first to see Him. Just as the first sin was introduced into the world by a woman, so it was also women who first announced life to the world. Accordingly they hear the sacred word 'Women, rejoice' so that the primal sorrow might be swallowed up in the joy of the Resurrection."

(Bishop Basil Losten)