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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 in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: 15 minutes before

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. Василяни/Basilian Fathers serving the

Parish:- Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

Administrator Email: serh70@outlook.com

Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

**Квітна Неділя. Благовіщення
Пресвятої Богородиці.**



**Palm Sunday. Feast of the
Annunciation.**

Hebrews 2:11-18

John 12:1-18

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

**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:** “Osanna”; 2) **at Communion:** page 172 “Plyve narod”; 3) **Closing:** “Osanna” and page 172 “Plyve narod”

НИНІ: Неділя, 25 березня: - Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

- **Вівторок, 27 березня,** о 7:00 год. вечора - Служба Передшеосвячених Дарів у каплиці.

- **Середа, 28 березня:** - о 7:00 год. вечора - **Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів наших родин.

TODAY: Sunday, March 25: Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room.

- **Tuesday, March 27,** at 7:00 PM - *Presanctified Liturgy* in chapel.

- **Wednesday, March 28,** at 7:00 PM - Memorial **Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty** in church.

>> Please find Letters from our Bishops at the entrance of our church.

Maintenance Work for the Exterior of the Church

Dear Parishioners and Friends. Last Fall our parish did extensive maintenance work on the church exterior, at an overall cost that will surpass \$300,000.00. There is still some work to be done in the Spring.

St. Mary's Parish is asking for your assistance in funding this project. All donations are tax-deductible. “*Convenience Envelopes*” can be found in the front entrance of the church.

To date our parish has received \$47,238.00 towards our renovation and maintenance project. We are very grateful for your generosity in helping us defray the costs of this undertaking. May the Lord bless you for your kindness. Thank You!

- **Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 AM - Eternal Memory!** Funeral Divine Liturgy and Panachyda in church for the late Sophia Trylowsky. We extend condolences to her husband Bohdan and Family.

>> **His Beatitude Sviatoslav**, the Head of our Church, wants us to pray every night, at 9:00 PM. The prayers are on the cards that you have received today. Those prayers start almost all our services and they even repeat at some services. When people pray at that time, they unite themselves with other members of our Church. It is understandable that it might not work out always to do it, but people should make sincere efforts. The prayers on the cards are in Ukrainian and English and there are also the icon of Jesus and Mary on the cards.

Sunday Donations March 18, 2018 - \$1,840.00



Порядок Страсних і Великодніх Богослужень - 2018

28 березня: Страстна середа

- 7:00 веч. - Служба Божа, Сорокоусти, сповідь

29 березня: Страстний четвер

- 7:00 веч. - Страсна Утреня й читання 12 Євангелій, сповідь

30 березня: Велика п'ятниця: (Сьогодні зберігаємо піст без м'ясних і молочних страв)

- 11:00 рано - Вечірня з Виставленням Плащаниці, сповідь
- 7:00 веч. - Єрусалимська Утреня, сповідь

31 березня: Велика субота

- 10:00 рано - Служба Божа, Свячення Пасок, сповідь
- 2:00 попол. - Свячення Пасок, сповідь
- 4:00 попол. - Свячення Пасок, сповідь
- 7:00 веч. - Надгробне, Свячення Пасок, сповідь

1 квітня: Великдень

- **7:00 рано - Воскресна Утреня, Торжественна Служба Божа Мировання та Свячення Пасок**
- 10:30 рано - Служба Божа, Мировання та Свячення Пасок

2 квітня: Світлий понеділок

- 9:30 рано - Воскресна Утреня й Служба Божа

3 квітня: Світлий вівторок

- 9:30 рано - Воскресна Утреня й Служба Божа

8 квітня: Томина неділя

- 8:30 рано - Служба Божа
- 10:30 рано - Служба Божа
- 12:00 по обіді - Спільне свячене в Парафіяльному залі. Заохочуємо всіх Парафіян взяти участь, як одна родина, у цій події. (Ціна квитка: - 15 доларів для дорослих; 10 доларів для студентів; віком 12 років і нижче – безплатно)

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for April

Universal: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matter

That economists may have the courage to reject an economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths



SCHEDULE OF PASSION AND EASTER SERVICES - 2018

March 28: Passion (Holy) Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy, Sorokousty, Confessions

March 29: Passion (Holy) Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. - Passion Matins - Reading of the 12 Gospels, Confessions

March 30: Great (Good) Friday - Today is a strict fast day - (*No meat and dairy dishes*)

- 11:00 a.m. - Vespers with placement of the Holy Shroud, Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. - Jerusalem Matins, Confessions

March 31: Great (Holy) Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, Blessing of Paschal Food, Confessions
- 2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Paschal Food, Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. - Blessing of Paschal Food, Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. - Sepulcher Service, Blessing of Paschal Food, Confessions

April 1: Sunday - Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

- 7:00 a.m. - Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Myrovannia - Anointing with Holy Oil, Blessing of Paschal Food
- 10:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, Anointing with Holy Oil, Blessing of Paschal Food

April 2: Easter Monday

- 9:30 a.m. - Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

April 3: Easter Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. - Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

April 8: THOMAS Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
- 10:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
- 12:00 p.m. - "Sviachene" Parish Easter Dinner in the Parish Hall. We encourage all Parishioners to participate as one family in this event. (Ticket: - adults - \$15; students - \$10; age 12 and under – free)

>>Fr. Jim Nisbet Catholic Bible Seminar

Hear Biblical scholar and inspirational speaker Fr. Jim Nisbet in person at our Parish on April 27, 28 & 29, 2018, presenting the First Book of Samuel. For more information and registration, pick up a copy of the seminar flyer in the church vestibule or go on line at:

[<http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration>]

or ask Deacon Howard or Adrian.

**PASTORAL LETTER
OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV
TO YOUTH ON PALM SUNDAY**

Here I am, for you called me.

1 Sam 3:5

Beloved in Christ Youth in Ukraine
and abroad!

Palm Sunday, the day of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, is traditionally in our Church an occasion to reach out to you with a special greeting and prayer. I value this occasion most highly, for I recognize that speaking to all of our youth—to all social groups, countries and cultures, uniting myself to you and constituting one great church family, is my privilege and responsibility.

Throughout this year, our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world is seeking to listen to our youth most attentively, in order to have an opportunity to speak to the whole Catholic Church in their name. In fact, in October, representatives of the Universal Church from many countries and continents will gather in Rome for a Papal Synod dedicated to the theme: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." In the context of this general focus on young people in the world today, I call on you—carefree schoolchildren and overworked students; to you—happy and often tired parents of schoolchildren and students; to you—caring grandmothers and grandfathers; to you, who have come to church today; and to all of you who you are open to hear me out.

Explaining why the Church is focusing on young people and what this

Synod means, Pope Francis said: "The aim [of the Church] is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society."

Encounter is at the heart of Christ's life and teaching on earth. Carefully reading the New Testament, we see a whole "rosary" of encounters, a network of people and relations, a constant search of people for God and God's movement towards man.

The evangelists describe the earthly journey of Jesus Christ as a tireless movement towards Jerusalem, completed this very day, this festive day. The teaching of Christ, His works and gestures often are rejected by His contemporaries. Healing on the Sabbath? Speaking to publicans? Sharing a meal with sinners? Calling himself Son of God and remitting sins? All this seemed to represent a greater and greater challenge.

The majestic entry into Jerusalem became a challenge for all: for society, which grew accustomed to its role as a lawless, voiceless colony under the rule of the Roman emperor; for the religious establishment of Scribes and Pharisees, who claimed for themselves the right to speak on God's behalf, even as they drifted hopelessly far away from His Spirit; for the authorities, who accepted their marionette-like status and fell into corruption; for the people, who got used to living in fear. They were lost in the face of this crisis, in the face of this "challenge," whose name was Christ,

and for whom the youth today sing “Hosanna” and proclaimed the King of Israel. Therefore, there was no solution other than that of turning away from Him, destroying Him, eliminating the threat to the status quo. They would not be deterred even by the fact that Christ was the One of whom the Law and prophets spoke.

During the entry of Jesus into the city, it was the youth that accept the challenge—recognize Christ as God, as the Messiah, who brings freedom, opens the door to a living encounter with the Lord God. This challenge becomes for the youth a vocation—to new relations with God—a vocation to Love, to an authentic and full Life.

Beloved young Ukrainians, are you ready today in your circumstances to respond to the challenge of a new life, a new future? Search for your creative response to what kind of a Christian you want to be in today’s world. Through His entry into Jerusalem, Christ does not merely throw out a challenge—He calls upon each of us to follow Him. As it was two thousand years ago, the youth of today are called to respond to this appeal, and not merely to observe.

Allow me in the name of the Church to throw out to you a challenge—to be with God more frequently, to dedicate to Him more time and attention, to pray privately for longer periods, to delve more deeply into the Sacred Scriptures. Reflecting on the teachings of Christ, you will also hear much about action: He Himself was constantly on the move—between towns and people, and He calls on His followers, especially us, to an active faith and love of God and neighbor.

To be a Christian is action. It signifies following Christ, responding to His fundamental calling, share in His life, death, and resurrection. For the path of our Savior is the life story of every person of faith. “Take up your cross and follow me,” —Christ calls out to His disciples of all time. The world today frequently sees in these words only humility and suffering to be rejected, whereas it is unable to recognize power and victory in this appeal. Human nature has within it an aspiration for victory—to win, be it is children’s play or in serious projects at an adult age. The Cross of our Lord is a symbol of the most majestic, most important victory in the history of mankind—the victory over sin and death. Jesus Christ calls on us to share the joy of such a victory.

Every person should ask themselves a basic question: how do I know to what it is that God is calling me? What am I to do in life to be happy? How do I apply the talents, abilities, and interests given to me? How do I put together the mosaic of feelings and sensibilities which the Lord has given me? What should I be? A doctor? A musician? A businessman? What should I do? Do missionary work at the ends of the earth? Defend my country armed with weapons? Be a volunteer in the East? How can I change my country? How do I make the world a better place? How do I live an authentic life? These and other questions too numerous to count should be answered by the youth of today in Ukraine and the world over, a world ever-changing, more fleeting, with countless global possibilities, dangers, and problems. The world demands expecting answers, while God calls—He

is the challenge that grants us our personal life vocation.

Christ calls but each person should discern this call, understand their role, fulfill their specific life purpose. Christ invites but a person's response is always personal.

Your vocation is also your response, Beloved Youth, to God's call. Failing to find this response is to waste a life, to live not your life, to plan a life but never taste its fulfillment. Christ appeals to each one of us with these words: "I came that [you] may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). This, the primary calling, which the Lord God directs to us, is the vocation to a fullness of life, while its realization is an individual's response.

The task of the entire community of the Church—parents, teachings, mentors and educators—is to help a young person find his or her own response to God's calling, to discover in oneself their God-given talents, to discern one's vocation, written in the soul.

Discerning a vocation requires its discovery, interpretation, and choice. Without choice, that is, action, even the greatest vocation, the boldest dream, the brightest life is not possible. And choice requires courage—to respond to a call, to not fear deep waters, unpassable mountains or unknown

paths, that is, difficulties, misunderstandings, and obstacles. This particularly applies to a unique vocation, which the world today drowns out, to the priestly or monastic state, as well as to the vocation to be a good father or mother.

Beloved girls and boys, have courage to respond to the challenge—to fulfill your God-given vocation! Dare to respond to the calling of Christ! Be yourselves! When you will understand, open up and develop your vocation, do not be afraid to stand on this path. Take responsibility upon yourselves! It is not by chance that the word "response" has the same root as "responsibility": one cannot be quietly and inactively responsible. Trust in God, who first has trusted in you, has first loved you.

Today Christ solemnly enters into Jerusalem to fulfill His vocation to die for us so that we might have eternal life. In searching for your response, your vocation, allow Him to be close to you! The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, on Akathist Saturday, March 24, 2018 A.D.

Daffodil Dash

St. Mary's Parish is again participating in the *Daffodil Dash* a fundraiser by the *BC Cancer Society*. We have a registered team and would love to have you support us on the leisurely 5km walk on **Sunday, April 29 at 9:30 AM**, near Science World. We hope you will be able to support us with your donation as well.

For more details, please contact Barbara by email: bjballhorn@gmail or phone: 604.323.4115.

Easter 2018 Pastoral Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

The famous Church Father, St. John Chrysostom (the “Golden-mouthed”), a great speaker and Archbishop of Constantinople (397-405), delivered an Easter homily which in the Byzantine Churches we customarily read on Easter morning.

This homily, an application of the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Mt. 20:1-16), is filled with joy and hope. St. John announces “Let every pious and God-loving soul enjoy this splendid and luminous feast...” He invites all to celebrate Easter, those who kept the Lenten Fast from the very beginning, as well as those who for whatever reason or excuse hardly participated in the Fast at all: “Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast you all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.” He reminds us, Dear Friends, that God’s love for us is boundless, and that our Lord’s sacrifice on the Holy Cross is for everyone, not just a privileged few.

The great Saint continues and talks about the significance of the feast: “Let no one fear death, for the Saviour’s death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it.” It is, indeed, for this reason that in the Byzantine Church we sing: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death.” Having encountered Christ, Hell is described as abolished, mocked, slain, overthrown, bound in chains: “It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.”

And finally, quoting St. Paul, “O death, where is your victory. O death, where is your sting” (1 Cor 15:55), in a final crescendo, over and over, he repeats the customary Easter greeting “Christ is risen!”, explaining ever deeper the fullness of our salvation: “you [death] are overthrown... the demons are fallen... the angels rejoice... life reigns... and not one dead remains in the grave.”

Few have been able to capture the joy of Easter better than St. John Chrysostom. As we celebrate this Feast of all feasts, may our Risen Lord bless you with a renewed FAITH in the Resurrection, and above all with the great JOY that comes from LIFE in Him!

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ!

Ken (Nowakowski)
Bishop of New Westminster