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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 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

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Parish:- Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

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Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

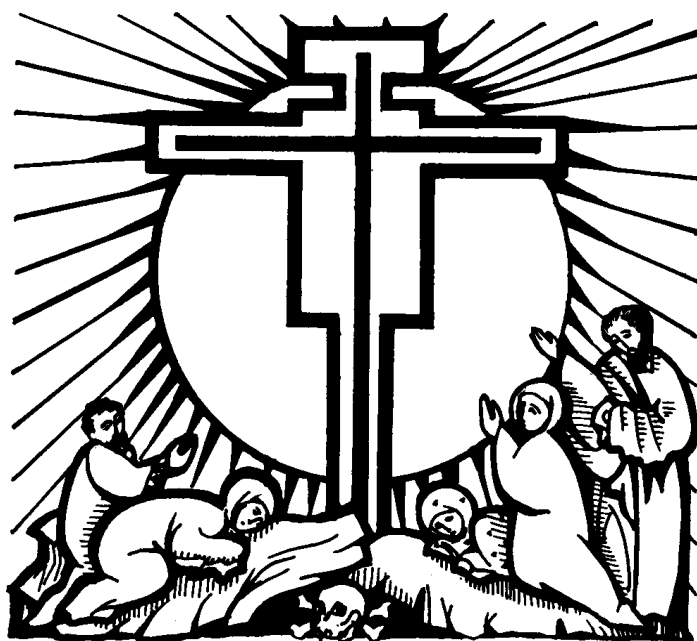
Bishop-Emeritus

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

Третя Неділя Посту -

Хрестопоклінна

Преп. Герасима, що в Йордані (475)



**Third Sunday of Lent – Veneration
of the Holy Cross**

Ven. Gerasimus of the Jordan (475)

Hebrews 4:14–5:6

Mark 8:34–9:1

**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:** page 234 “V strasi is pokori”; 2) **at Communion:** page 154 “Pid Khrest Tviy stayu”; 3) **Closing:** “Khrestu Tvoyemu”

“Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святе воскресіння Твоє славим.”

НИНІ: Неділя, 4 березня: - Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано. 10:00 ранку - Третій Час - Молитва

Нині, о 1:00 по обіді - Збори Української суспільної служби у Бордрум. Всі можуть взяти участь.

- **Вівторок, 6 березня,** о 7:00 год. вечора – Служба Передшеосвячених Дарів у каплиці.

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

- **П'ятниця, 9 березня:** – о 7:00 вечора – **Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів наших родин.

>> Конверти з **квітанціями пожертв для податків** за 2017 рік є при вході у церкву.

>> **Великий піст** — це час покути і застанови над нашим відношенням до Бога і ближнього. У пості потрібно уникати забав і танців. Українці католики повинні стримуватися від м'яса кожної п'ятниці посту. У перший день посту, у понеділок, як також, у Велику п'ятницю потрібно стримуватися від м'ясних і молочних страв.

НЕДІЛЯ ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННА

*"Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святее
Воскресення Твоє славимо"* (Тропар утрени).

Святий Великий піст — це час особливого внутрішнього й зовнішнього вмертвіння і покути. Оскільки ця духовна боротьба триває довгий час, то звичайно буває так, що перші дні чи тижні посту ми практикуємо його ревно й мужньо, але відтак помалу фізично й душевно вичерпуємося, ослаблюємося і знеохочуємося. Свята Церква, знаючи про немічність і нестійкість людської природи, ставить посеред посту перед нашими очима надзвичайно могутню спонуку до витривалості духовної боротьби, якою є святий хрест.

У третю неділю посту, у середпістя, свята Церква для збадьорення і підкріплення нашого духа наказує по-особливому почитати святий Господній хрест. Звідси й назва цієї неділі — Хрестопоклонна.

Святий хрест має пригадати безконечну Божу любов до нас, Христові страждання задля нас і наш обов'язок мужньо нести свій хрест щоденного життя. До всіх нас звертається Ісус Христос: "Коли хто хоче йти за мною, нехай себе зречеться, візьме щодня на себе хрест свій і йде за мною... Хто не несе хреста свого і не йде слідом за мною — не може бути моїм учнем" (Лк. 9, 23 і 14, 27).

ДУХОВНЕ ЗНАЧЕННЯ ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННОЇ НЕДІЛІ

Хрестопоклонна неділя пригадує нам сильну зброю, що її має кожний християнин у боротьбі з ворогами за своє спасення, тією зброєю є святий хрест. І якраз цієї неділі хрест виступає перед нами як знамено сили, знамено спасення та знамено перемоги і тріумфу.

Синаксар — духовна наука на утрені цієї неділі — добре пояснює нам причини почитання святого хреста в Хрестопоклонну неділю. Тут читаємо таке: "Цієї неділі, третьої в пості, святкуємо почитання чесного й животворного хреста з наступної причини:

Тому що 40-денним постом якимось і ми розпинаємося, занапащені пристрастями стаємося огірчені, і знеможені, то ставиться перед нами чесний і животворний хрест, щоб він нас відсвіжив, покріпив, пригадав нам страсті Господа нашого Ісуса Христа та нас потішив... Подібно, як ті, що, відбуваючи довгу й тяжку дорогу, чуються змучені, і коли знайдуть дерево багате в тінисте листя, трохи там відпочивають і, наче відмолодившись, ідуть у дальшу путь, так і сьогодні, в часі посту й посеред прикрої дороги й подвигу, святі Отці посадили життєдайний хрест, щоб дав нам відпочинок і прохолоду та щоб нас, утомлених, зробив мужніми й легкими до дальшого труду... Або, коли надходить цар, то найперше несуть перед ним його знамена й берло, а відтак він сам приходить, тішиться і радіє, а з ним радіють його піддані, так і Господь наш Ісус Христос, який бажає показати нам свою перемогу над смертю і славне явління у дні Воскресення, посилає наперед своє берло, царське знамено — животворний хрест, що наповнює нас радістю і прохолодою та приготовляє нас, скільки це можливо, прийняти і самого Царя та славити світлого Переможця... Тому що хрест зветься деревом життя і є тим деревом, що було посаджене серед едемського раю. Святі Отці посадили хресне дерево посеред 40-ці, пригадуючи нам і про лакітство Адама, і про його зцілення цим деревом, бо, живлячись ним, уже більше не вмираємо, але ще дужче оживляємося... ". (З книги "Пізнай Свій Обряд" о. Юліяна Катрія, ЧСВВ)

Sunday Donations February 25, 2018– \$1,612.00

Presentations after Sorokousty Services

Following the 7:00 PM Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty Service on March 9 we will have fellowship, light food and a short presentation. Please check the Archdiocese of Vancouver website calendar, under "news and events," for this notice. All are most welcome to attend.

“To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy resurrection.”

TODAY: Sunday, March 4: Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room. 10:00 AM – Third Hour Prayer

>> Sunday, March 4, at 1:00 PM – Ukrainian Social Services Meeting in the Boardroom. All parishioners are welcome to take part.

– **Tuesday, March 6,** at 7:00 PM – *Presanctified Liturgy* in chapel.

– **Wednesday, March 7,** at 7:00 PM – *Way of the Cross* in chapel.

– **Friday, March 9,** at 7:00 PM – Memorial **Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty** in church.

–Sun., Mar. 11, at 10:00 AM– Sixth Hour Prayer

>> **Saturday, March, 17:** UCWLC monthly meeting. 9:30 AM Moleben with meeting to follow. Please try to make the meeting.

>> The **income tax receipts** for the 2017 donations are found in the church vestibule. Please take yours home.

Dates for Preparation of Food for Easter Sale

Help is greatly needed in preparing the food. If you have any time to come and help, much appreciated, **ladies and gentlemen** welcome!

BREAD

Monday, March 5 & 12 Paska 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday, March 16 Paska 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

CABBAGE ROLLS

Wednesday, March 7 Make cabbage rolls 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday, March 8 Package cabbage rolls 8:30 AM – Noon

BEETS

Wednesday, March 21 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

>> **During Great Lent** we will celebrate:

- Divine Liturgy and the Sorokousty Service (praying for our deceased family members and friends) on Fridays at 7:00 PM in church.
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in chapel.
- Presanctified Liturgy on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in chapel.

You can submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

Please make it a point to attend as many of the services as you are able to.

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 \$45,537.00 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!

EASTER BAKE SALE

This year, members of our UCWLC will do the annual Easter Bake Sale with PRE-ORDER sales only.

There will be NO SALE or lunch on Saturday March 24. There will only be order pickups on that day from 10:00 AM to Noon.

Order forms are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Office and on line at St. Mary's website www.stmarysbc.com for printing.

Forms are to be completed and returned to the Parish Office, 550 West 14th Avenue, no later than March 14, 2018. All orders must be accompanied with full payment.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 14, 2018

To ensure you are not disappointed, please submit your orders as soon as possible. Our UCWLC will endeavor to have enough baking prepared to satisfy all submitted and prepaid orders.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

>>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 flier in the church foyer or go on line at:

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

or ask Deacon Howard or Adrian.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father for MARCH

Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Venerable Gerasimus of the Jordan (*Commemorated on Mar. 4*)

Saint Gerasimus was a native of Lycia (Asia Minor). From his early years he was distinguished for his piety. Having received monastic tonsure, he withdrew into the desert of the Thebaid (in Egypt). Thereafter, in about the year 450, the monk arrived in Palestine and settled at the Jordan, where he founded a monastery.

For a certain while Saint Gerasimus was tempted by the heresy of Eutyches and Dioscorus, which acknowledged only the divine nature in Jesus Christ, but not His human nature (i.e. the Monophysite heresy). Saint Euthymius the Great (January 20) helped him to return to the true Faith.

Saint Gerasimus established a strict monastic Rule. He spent five days of the week in solitude, occupying himself with handicrafts and prayer. On these days the wilderness dwellers did not eat cooked food, nor did they kindle a fire, but ate only dry bread, roots and water.

On Saturday and Sunday all gathered at the monastery for Divine Liturgy and to partake of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. In the afternoon, taking a supply of bread, tubers, water and an armload of date-palm branches for weaving baskets, the

desert-dwellers returned to their own cells. Each had only old clothes and a mat, upon which he slept. When they left their cells, the door was never locked, so that anyone could enter and rest, or take whatever he needed.

Saint Gerasimus himself attained a high level of asceticism. During Great Lent he ate nothing until the very day of the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ, when he received the Holy Mysteries. Going out into the desert for all of Great Lent, Saint Gerasimus took with him his beloved disciple Saint Cyriacus (September 29), whom Saint Euthymius had sent to him.

When Saint Euthymius the Great died, Saint Gerasimus saw how angels carried the soul of the departed up to Heaven. Taking Cyriacus with him, the monk immediately set off to the monastery of Saint Euthymius and consigned his body to the earth.

Saint Gerasimus died peacefully, mourned by his brethren and disciples. Before his death, a lion had aided Saint Gerasimus in his tasks, and upon the death of the Elder it died at his grave and was buried nearby. Therefore the lion is depicted on icons of the saint, at his feet.

[<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/03/04/100649-venerable-gerasimus-of-the-jordan>]

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Sunday

Not only the Third Sunday of Great Lent, but the week that follows, are devoted to welcoming the Precious Cross of Christ. This adoration of the

Cross does not have a penitential character, but rather the opposite: “through the Cross joy has come to the whole world.” Having reached the midpoint of Lent we take refreshment, as though at a spiritual oasis, in the

(cont'd "Veneration of the Holy Cross)
shade of the Cross, which is the banner and emblem of Christ's victory. The Cross is a sign of our joy in Christ's triumph. The liturgical texts express this joy; all the hymns in praise of the Cross have a victorious note to them.

For us Christians, the Cross of Christ is our boast! Saint Paul said, "God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ." To show our pride in the Cross we bring out the Cross into the church for veneration and we adorn the precious Cross with flowers. Thus we express our faith that what might have seemed to be the "dead wood" of the cross became the bearer of Life. Dry wood is highly inflammable, yet in the Kondak we sing that:

"... no longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden, for in a strange and glorious way, the Wood of the Cross has put out its flames, and My Saviour, You have stood on the Cross and called out to those in hell: 'enter again into Paradise.'"

The precious Cross remains in the nave of the church for veneration throughout the week, until Friday. Most of us are not able to come to church each day, but of course we can all pray at home. So during this week, as we pray at home be sure to kiss the cross and pray at least "To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!" Thus we keep the joy of the Cross throughout the week, and we strengthen the link between the family and the church.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not

merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24). [https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/03/11/14-3rd-sunday-of-great-lent-veneration-of-the-cross]

Variety of Temptations (from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, some have to bear serious temptations when they resolve to turn to Me. Others have to fight great temptations towards the end of a good life. There are some who are bothered by temptations throughout most of their lifetime.

2. Some persons are tempted lightly, in accordance with My wisdom and justice. I have consideration for the condition and merits of each man, and I plan all things for the salvation of those who love My law.

3. Some persons are spared from serious temptations and they are often overcome by light ones in their daily life. I permit this, so that these people may be humbled in their own eyes. Being aware of their weakness, they will not presume on their own strength and fall into serious sin.

4. When you experience temptations, do not fear nor despair. Pray for My help and then do what you can to remove the temptation. Remember the inspired words, "God is faithful and will not permit you to be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation He will also give you a way out, that you may be able to bear it."

(cont'd **Variety of Temptations**)

THINK: May I never become so self-centered as to think that I am the only one who suffers temptations. There is no more pitiful sight than to meet someone who feels that he has greater trials than everyone else. Every man has his cross and some people have to bear far more than I ever could. And yet, this is not a Christian motive for patience and perseverance in time of trial and temptation. The true follower of Christ has higher reasons for fighting temptation. His reasons are supernatural. He wishes to avoid hell, or a longer Purgatory than he now has. He desires to make reparation for past sins by his present efforts. He wants to please God by overcoming his faults or increasing his virtues. He seeks to help the holy souls in Purgatory. He is striving to obtain a particular favor for himself or some other person on earth. He may even be working to insure or increase his glory in Heaven. Finally, he may have the highest motive of all to give God an unselfish proof of love, by simply embracing his trials because they are a part of God's all-wise plan.

PRAY: My Jesus, let me do my best to live my daily life in loyalty to You, my King. I do not want to complain nor pity myself. I desire, with Your help, to face each task or trial and to handle it as You desire. Life's daily temptations can make me a real saint. I will not look for trouble, Lord, but I will do my best to face each hour's duties and trials for You. May I work, rest, play and suffer as You desire of me. Amen.

Temptations Prove Man's Worth (from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, temptations are often very profitable to you, distressing and troublesome though

they be. They help to lessen your foolish pride by showing you your weaknesses. Without temptations you could deceive yourself into a dangerous self-confidence. They teach you many things which can help you come closer to Me in your daily life. They can purify your soul by forcing you to resist evil and practice virtue. Troubles, afflictions and opposition bring you opportunities for heavenly merit.

2. Temptations prove the real worth of your virtues. Often you do not really know yourself until you have faced various temptations. They make your virtues shine out, and they help you to see what spiritual gain you have made. Anyone can act virtuously when things are going as he desires. The man who keeps his patience in time of adversity, can rightly hope for a lasting reward from Me.

THINK: Were I never tempted, I might never know my real self. I cannot be sure of my own sincerity and motives until I have proved them by action. Anyone can talk about a good life, but the only real proof of goodness is living a good life. I would hate to find out too late that I am completely unworthy of God's gifts. My temptations give me a chance to prove how truly I mean it when I say that I want to please God in all things.

PRAY: Father of all truth and goodness, let me be loyal to Your holy Will. Your way is the best and only way to live. Grant me grace to see my many faults and to overcome them for Your sake. In all temptations, I want to prefer to die rather than offend You by sin. Amen.