

St. Mary's Newsletter

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Divine Liturgies

Sundays: 8:30am English
10:30am Ukrainian
Weekdays: 7:30am (Chapel)
Holy Days: 10:30am / 7pm

Father Serafym Grygoruk OSBM
Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM
Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus
Severian Yakymyshyn OSBM

The Sign of the Cross

Make the Sign of the Cross by touching your Head, then your Heart, then your RIGHT Shoulder and then your Left Shoulder. Then make a bow. (Generally always make a bow when crossing yourselves.)

The entire gesture is called a "Reverence". You touch the Right Shoulder first in order to symbolize Christ, Who sits at the Right Hand of God. You make the Sign of the Cross with the right hand held like...



The first three fingers together (Symbolizing the Oneness of the 3 Persons of the All-Holy Trinity. The remaining two fingers are tucked down into the palm. (Representing the 2 Natures of the Christ [Divine and Human].) The placing of these 2 fingers down into the palm symbolizes the descent of the Word into our world. (The Holy Incarnation)



Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

Gifts and Treasures

As individuals and as a parish each of us is called upon to ensure that the religious, educational and charitable efforts in our parish may continue. These vital efforts can only continue with your support, you can enable our parish to reach out to build the Kingdom of Christ. Life challenges us to share our gifts and our talents with the entire community. Putting ourselves at the service of others and not holding back is how we live our faith.

At the back of the church is a volunteer sheet. Check your areas of interest. Return the form to the parish office or drop it in the collection box. We will contact you shortly.

Parish Contacts

Lorraine Waslen - St Mary's Past President
Yaropolk Zhelizko 2nd Vice President
Natalia Hajduk – 5th member
Sonja Wheelhouse – St Mary's Choir
Gerry Ukrainetz -Parish Property Maintenance
Henrietta Ukrainetz – Recreation Centre
Marlayne Andrijaszyn - UCWL President
Orest Kernycky - webpage/facebook/ newsletter
Logan Tacoma – Bookings Manger Hall
Adrian Kopystynski – Knights of Columbus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Easter Dinner
Sunday April 8 - 12 noon
3150 Ash St Ukrainian Centre
Everyone welcome \$15

Skai Band (USA Canada Tour)
Friday April 27 - 7pm-10pm
Ukrainian Community Society of
Ivan Franco
5311 Frances Rd Richmond BC

Fr. Jim Nisbet Bible Seminar **April 27, 28 & 29**
3150 Ash St. Boardroom
<http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration>

AUUC 90TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
Thursday, June 28, 7- 9:30 PM
North Van Centennial Theatre
Association of United Ukrainian Canadians

BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival
Saturday May 5- Mission BC
9am – 6:30 pm
<http://bcucf.ca> info/tickets

Daffodil Dash Cancer Fundraiser
Sunday April 29 9:30am
Contact bjbalhorn@gmail.com
604-323-4115

Ukrainian Bazaar and Food
Saturday December 1, 2018
11am- 4 pm Auditorium
Food, prize draws, auction,

All events take place at St Mary's Parish
Unless otherwise noted. 550 w 14th Van BC
Deadline to display events is 25th of the month.

A Visit to the Past

Father Theodosius Dobko OSBM first organized our choir in 1940, with 15 singers. The first Divine Liturgy was sung by the choir on January 6, 1941 and the first concert appearance was during a Shevchenko Concert on March 23, 1941. It was difficult for Father Dobko to continue as Choir Director once he entered the Canadian Armed Forces as Chaplain for the Ukrainian Catholic soldiers, so at different times Mr. P.Kozak, Mr. J. Bonzal, Mr. J. Kowaliw or Mr. J. Stashuk assisted.



Father Dobko and the first choir

In 1949 under the direction of Father Boniface Sloboda OSBM membership grew to 70 singers. Father Boniface extended the horizons of the choir to venture beyond the parish. The choir became well known throughout the Lower Mainland, appearing at Folk Festivals, Churches and on the CBC radio. During this time they choir made its first recording of 16 church and folk songs.



Father Boniface and the choir



Michael Pukesh



Bill Smigel

When Father Boniface left in November 1953 (he returned again in 1965 -1974) the choir progressed under the directorship of Michael Pukesh.

In the fall of 1964 William Smigel became the 8th choir director.



Our choir obtained many awards and prizes over the years. There have been 4 albums produced from festive Ukrainian

Christmas carols Easter church hymns to traditional folk songs. The choir travelled throughout the province and into the USA. In 1988 the choir was part of a 600 voice choir which sang the responses to the Divine Liturgy in St Peter's Basilica.....

The choir had the honor of welcoming Pope John Paul II at Abbotsford in September 1984 and Major Archbishop Sviatoslav in 2012.



When Bill Smigel passed away in 2016 Eugene Tokar, Rick Ruta and Sonya Wheelhouse became the Choir leaders.

Eugene Tokar Rick Ruta Sonya Wheelhouse

You can hear their joyous and wonderful voices along with all of the choir members each and every Sunday.

Like to have your own copy of some of the recordings? Please visit our bookstore downstairs in the church or email us.

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