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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/at  
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

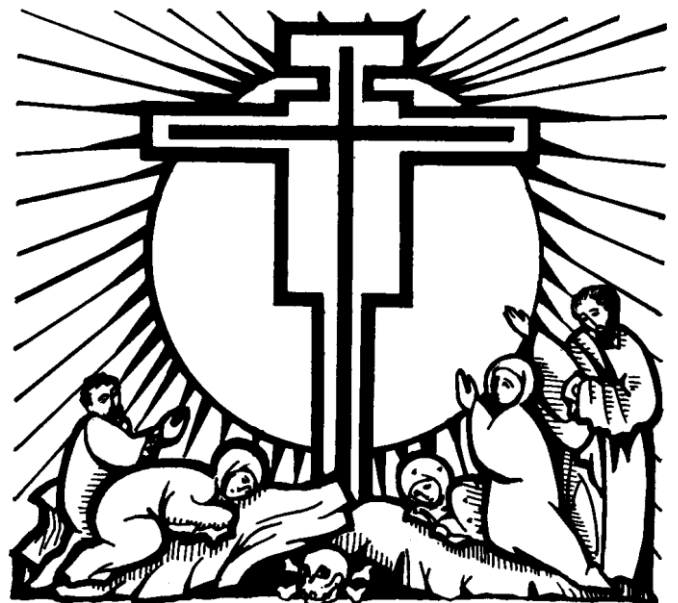
**Funerals** -by arrangement

**оо. 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*

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

**Третя неділя посту - Хрестопоклінна.**  
Передсвяття Благовіщення.  
Преподобний Захарія



**Third Sunday of Lent – Veneration of  
the Cross.** Prefeast of the Annunciation.  
Venerable Zacharius.

Hebrew 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:** on page 4 “Vytai nam, khreste”; 2) **at Communion:** page 156 “Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste”; 3) **Closing:** page 4 “Vytai nam, khreste”

**НИНІ: Неділя, 24 березня** - Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

**Понеділок, 25 березня, 10:30 ран.** – Служба Божа. Свято Благовіщення.

**Цього тижня ми відмінили Передшеосвячену Літургію і Хресну Дорогу із-за Парафіяльних місій.**

### **Парафіяльні місії**

Місіонер: о. Іван Сембрат, ЧСВВ

**Четвер, 28 березня, о 7:00 веч.** – Акафіст Страстям Христовим і Місійна проповідь.

**П'ятниця, 29 березня:** о 7:00 вечора - Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти і Місійна проповідь.

**Субота, 30 березня, о 10:30 ран.** - Служба Божа і Місійна проповідь

**Неділя, 31 березня:** Місійна проповідь на двох Службах Божих. Підчас місій буде нагода для Святої тайни сповіді.

Sunday Donations: March 17, 2019: \$1,240.00

### **Parish Maintenance Fund**

Donations for our Maintenance Fund for 2019: \$1,452.00

Maintenance and repairs to our church and parish complex are ongoing. Please continue to help our parish build up its *Maintenance Fund* to offset these costs. All donations are tax-deductible. “*Convenience Envelopes*” can be found in the front entrance of the church and *Parish Maintenance Fund* envelopes are included in your envelope packet. We are very grateful for your generosity. Thank You!

### **UCWLC Easter Baking**

We have scheduled some dates for baking:

**Paska:** Monday, March 25. Time: 9:30 AM

**Beets/Borsch:** Thursday, March 28. Time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed for both events. If you are able to come to help on any of the days, much appreciated. Thank you. Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

**TODAY: Sunday, March 24:** Coffee and sweets available following the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies.

**Monday, March 25,** at 10:30 AM – Divine Liturgy. The Feast of the Annunciation

>>>**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA.** Bp. Ken wrote the Letter (see below). Please, pick up the envelopes today for the collection on March 31, as well, pick up the explanation materials that go with the envelope. **Please make your cheque payable to your local parish (St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church). Your local parish will issue you an income tax receipt.**

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**No Pre-Sanctified Liturgy or Stations of the Cross this week because of the Parish Mission.**

### **Parish Mission**

**Missionary: Rev. John Sembrat, OSBM**

**Thursday, March 28: 7:00 PM:** Acatist to the Passion of Christ & Mission Homily

**Friday, March 29: 7:00 PM:** Divine Liturgy, Sorokousty & Mission Homily

**Saturday, March 30: 10:30 AM:** Divine Liturgy & Mission Homily

**Sunday, March 31:** Mission Homily at both morning Divine Liturgies

There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession at each Lenten Service during the Parish Mission.

### **UCWLC EASTER BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**10:00 AM - NOON**

After much consideration, the Ladies League has decided that the Easter Bake Sale will continue. All sales will be by "PRE-ORDER ONLY." There will be NO SALES on the day of pickup.

The pre-sale order forms will be available at the back of the church, in the church office and on-line. Return your completed order form either to the church office or place it in the Sunday offering basket with "**EASTER ORDER**" on the front.

Food sales will include: **Babka, Paska, Sausage, Beets-with-Horseradish, and Borsch.**

The orders need to be placed no later than **April 8**. Any orders placed after that date will have no guarantee.

Dates for baking will be announced in the parish bulletin.

We thank you for your support, and with God's blessings everyone will have their food to have blessed for Easter Sunday.

Thank you,

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President



**Chancery Office  
Eparchy of New Westminster**

To the Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster

10 March 2019

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have now completed our first week of the Great Fast. Our Lenten journey towards the celebration of Easter-Pascha has begun -- a blessed time of increased prayer, fasting and works of charity.

There are so many different forms of prayer: petition, praise, intercession, thanksgiving. But Lent is a special time to stand before our Heavenly Father as we are, acutely aware of our own sinfulness and inadequacy, yet mindful of His grace. This prayer of contrition, to judge oneself before the Lord, is, in fact, one of the meanings derived from the Hebrew word for prayer, *tefillah*. Whether together in community during liturgical prayer or privately in the depths of our heart, let us ask our Lord to heal us and to restore our relationship with Him.

Through the practice of Lenten Fasting we can curb and take charge of the desires of the flesh. We know that food is a gift and that is why we say a prayer of blessing before meals. But hunger is a gift as well, especially when we willfully deny ourselves nourishment or some pleasure. I remember when I was a young boy; my Mom would endlessly warn me not to eat candy or chocolate before supper because I would ruin my appetite. Sadly, more often than not, I did not heed her good advice, and would sneak a chocolate or a candy and then just as she warned, I didn't feel like eating the wonderful meal that she had prepared for the family. During Lent our physical hunger is a sign of spiritual hunger. Our empty stomach is an image of us emptying our hearts of self-centeredness, so that we can be filled by God. When we fast or abstain from certain foods, when we deny ourselves certain activities, we are not only preparing our bodily appetites for the Easter feast, but we are also preparing our spirit for the celebration of life everlasting, which He has already prepared for us.

The third element of our Lenten spiritual journey consists in almsgiving or performing acts of charity, the sharing of our time, talents or treasure with those in

need wherever they may be--in our own family, our community and neighborhood, or in distant lands. Almsgiving helps us move beyond ourselves and focus on those who are less fortunate, our sisters and brothers in need. Jesus told us that whatever we do to the least among us, we do it unto Him.

I want to encourage you, Dear Sisters and Brothers, to take advantage of this special time of prayer, of fasting, of almsgiving, and invite us all, as members of the Eparchy of New Westminster, to common action. Each year during the Great Fast I have encouraged all to come together as one Eparchial family and support a particular cause. In past years we have supported Caritas Ukraine, the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, etc. This year I would like to ask you to make a donation to CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA. Founded in 1908, Catholic Missions in Canada, at the time called "The Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada," has come to the aid of isolated missions across our country where a lack of resources makes it impossible to maintain a Catholic presence without outside financial help. In fact, Catholic Missions in Canada came to the financial aid of the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, who arrived in Canada in 1912. Since that time our Ukrainian Catholic Church has benefited greatly from its financial support. Catholic Missions in Canada has been and continues to be one of our greatest benefactors. Without their help our Eparchy would have a very difficult time providing pastoral ministry to our faithful in British Columbia. Many of our parishes struggle to meet their financial obligations, perhaps to cover costs of property insurance or other running costs, Missions In Canada helps us make up these shortfalls. We receive funding from Catholic Missions in Canada for our annual Eparchial summer Camp, Camp Saint Volodymyr. They have supported the education and formation of some of our Eparchial Clergy. In fact, I am personally indebted to Catholic Missions in Canada. They supported my formation to the priesthood when I was a seminarian!

If I have succeeded in convincing you to make a generous donation this Lent to Catholic Missions in Canada, you can use the special envelopes that will be provided to you. For donations of \$20.00 or more you will also receive a charitable donation receipt. Our Eparchial collection will take place on Sunday 31 March. However, if you are not able to be in church that Sunday, you can use the envelope earlier or even later. All funds collected in the parishes will be forwarded to the Eparchial Chancery Offices and then sent to Catholic Missions in Canada as our Eparchial donation. We will report back to you, so that you can know how much we've collected this year.

Together as an Eparchial Family, let us make this Great Fast a special journey of prayer, fasting and generosity, ever mindful of the blessings of Pascha that await us!

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+Ken

### **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/2019/03/31/14-3rd-sunday-of-great-lent-veneration-of-the-cross>]

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#### **I. WHERE SIN ABOUNDED, GRACE ABOUNDED ALL THE MORE**

(from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The reality of sin

386 Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names would be futile. To try to understand what sin is, one must first recognize the profound relation of man to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity's rejection of God and opposition to him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history.

387 Only the light of divine Revelation clarifies the reality of sin and particularly of the sin committed at mankind's origins. Without the knowledge Revelation gives of God we cannot recognize sin clearly and are tempted to explain it as merely a

developmental flaw, a psychological weakness, a mistake, or the necessary consequence of an inadequate social structure, etc. Only in the knowledge of God's plan for man can we grasp that sin is an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and loving one another.

Original sin - an essential truth of the faith

388 With the progress of Revelation, the reality of sin is also illuminated. Although to some extent the People of God in the Old Testament had tried to understand the pathos of the human condition in the light of the history of the fall narrated in Genesis, they could not grasp this story's ultimate meaning, which is revealed only in the light of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. [261] We must know Christ as the source of grace in order to know Adam as the source of sin. the Spirit-Paraclete, sent by the risen Christ, came to "convict the world concerning sin", [262] by revealing him who is its Redeemer.

389 The doctrine of original sin is, so to speak, the "reverse side" of the Good News that Jesus is the Saviour of all men, that all need salvation and that salvation is offered to all through Christ. the Church, which has the mind of Christ, [263] knows very well that we cannot tamper with the revelation of original sin without undermining the mystery of Christ.

How to read the account of the fall

390 The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the

history of man. [264] Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents. [265]

## II. THE FALL OF THE ANGELS

391 Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy. [266] Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil". [267] The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing." [268]

392 Scripture speaks of a sin of these angels. [269] This "fall" consists in the free choice of these created spirits, who radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign. We find a reflection of that rebellion in the tempter's words to our first parents: "You will be like God." [270] The devil "has sinned from the beginning"; he is "a liar and the father of lies". [271]

393 It is the irrevocable character of their choice, and not a defect in the infinite divine mercy, that makes the angels' sin unforgivable. "There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death." [272]

394 Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls "a murderer from the beginning", who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from his Father. [273] "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." [274] In its consequences the gravest of these works was the

mendacious seduction that led man to disobey God.

395 The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries - of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature - to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him." [275]

FOOTNOTES: #261 Cf. Rom 5:12-21. #262 Jn 16:8. #263 Cf. I Cor 2:16. #264 Cf. GS 13 # 1. #265 Cf. Council of Trent: DS 1513; Pius XII: DS 3897; Paul VI: AAS 58 (1966), 654. #266 Cf. Gen 3:1-5; Wis 2:24. #267 Cf Jn 8:44; Rev 12:9. #268 Lateran Council IV (1215): DS 800. #269 Cf. 2 Pt 2:4. #270 Gen 3:5. #271 I Jn 3:8; Jn 8:44. #272 St. John Damascene, Defide orth. 2, 4: PG 94, 877. #273 Jn 8:44; cf. Mt 4:1-11. #274 I Jn 3:8. #275 Rom 8:28.

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### **The Honest Admissions of One's Defects** (from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, let my infinite wisdom teach you what is best for you in your daily conduct on earth. Think of your sins with great displeasure and sorrow. Never consider yourself big because of your good works. The



simple truth is that you are a sinner. Too often your actions are controlled by emotions or feelings rather than intelligence and grace.

2. If I leave you to yourself, you tend to what is wrong and fall into sin. You are easily overcome by selfishness. Your self-control falls apart in a short time. You are much weaker than you think. You have little reason to take pride in yourself and many reasons for humbling yourself.

3. Fear nothing so much as your disorderly tendencies and your sins. Run from them more than from anything else. They should displease you more than any other trouble. Be afraid of My judgment and fear the anger of the Almighty. Do not presume to criticize the works of the Most High. Look to your faults. Consider the wrong you have done and the good you have neglected.

4. Be angry with yourself, and do not let pride control you in anything. Foolish heart, what have you to complain about? Can you not accept the trials which come to you, when you have so often offended Me and deserved hell? My love has spared you. Still, you must be honest with yourself. Face the truth about yourself and be patient with your defects and limitations.

THINK:

God loves an honest man. Why should it be so hard to admit what I am? If I hide the truth from myself, how can I ever become pleasing to God? I need not become depressed and discouraged as I look at my many faults. All that God expects of me is that I begin today to

fight against them. Being a sinner is not the worst thing. The worst thing is to remain a sinner. God loves the repentant sinner, that is, one who detests his sins and makes an honest effort to be rid of his faults.

PRAY:

Dear merciful God, at last I understand. I will no longer become paralyzed with sadness or discouragement, over my faults. I shall do what You desire of me. I will prove my genuine sorrow for my sins by fighting against them in my daily life. Show me which fault displeases You most, and I will at once begin a campaign against it. I may never get rid of it, Lord, but at least I can keep on trying each day. I cannot offer You much in my life, but this honest daily effort against my main faults I can offer as a proof that I am truly sorry for offending You. Amen.

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### **Venerable Zachariah the Recluse**

Commemorated on [March 24](#)

Saint Zachariah the Recluse of Egypt because of his concern for the poor and homeless was called "to the outcast." In the printed MENAION he is known as "our Monastic Father Zachariah," and so he has been identified erroneously with Saint Zachariah the Monk.

[<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/03/24/100877-venerable-zachariah-the-recluse>]