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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.

**2-а НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ.**  
Святитель Теофілакт, еп. Нікомидії



**2nd SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT.**

St. Theophylactus, Bishop-confessor

Hebrews Hebrew 1:10-2:3

Mark 2:1-12

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

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

Нині, о 10:00 год. ран. – Час Третій (Молитва)

### **Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

**Opening:** page 158: “Stradal’na Maty”

**Communion:** page 172: “Plyve narod”

**After Liturgy:** page 144: “Preterpivyi”

**Вівторок, 10 березня:** о 7:00 год. вечора - Служба Передшеосвячених Дарів у каплиці.

**Середа, 11 березня:** о 7:00 год. вечора - Хресна Дорога у каплиці.

**П'ятниця, 13 березня:** о 7:00 вечора - **Заупокійна Служба Божа і Сорокоусти** за померлих членів наших родин.

### **Parish Lenten Mission**

**Missionary: Fr. Ireneus Prystajeky, OSBM**

(Pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, Ottawa, ON)

**Saturday, March 14:** 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy & Mission Homily

**Sunday, March 15:** Mission Homily at both 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies

**Monday, March 16:** 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy & Mission Homily

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession at each Divine Liturgy

### **How to fast?**

By the decision of the synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, the minimum requirements for fasting are as follows:

a) Refrain from the consumption of meat on all the Fridays of the year, with the exception of “Zahalnytsja” (Fast-free days) and the Feasts of our Lord, as well as Marian Feasts, which fall on Fridays.

b) Refrain from the consumption of the meat and dairy dishes on the First Day of Great Lent and Good Friday.

c) Refrain from the consumption of meat dishes (dairy dishes are allowed), according to the local customs, during the following days; Eves of the Nativity and Theophany of our Lord, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

### **Who is exempt and not obliged to fast?**

Children under the age of 14, and people 60 years and older.

### **Not obliged to fast:**

The physically and psychologically sick; pregnant women, or women with small children; those who are dependent on others, for example those who lives in another's household and depend on food from others, or the poor who live on the charity of others; those who are engaged in hard manual labour; those who are immediately recovering from serious illness.

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

**Today: 9:40 AM** - Catechism Class for Children with Susan Lazaruk in the classroom under the church.

Today: at 10:00 AM – Third Hour (Prayer)

**Tuesday, March 10:** 7:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy in chapel.

**Wednesday, March 11:** 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

**Friday, March 13:** 7:00 PM - Memorial **Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty** in church.

The **income tax receipts** for the 2019 donations are found in the church vestibule. Please take a moment to find your envelope and take it home. Please make sure that it is your envelope you have taken, and not someone else's.

### Prayers for Recovery

On March 4 Fr. Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM (former pastor) suffered a brain aneurysm. He is currently recuperating in hospital in Edmonton. We kindly ask that you keep Fr. Josaphat in your prayers.

Popular Scripture Scholar Brings Bible Texts To Life

**Fr. Jim Nisbet**, the renowned Bible scholar and international speaker from San Luis Obispo, California, will present in PERSON the *First Book of Kings* at our Parish Centre on March 20 to 22. Fr. Nisbet presentations on the Second Book of Samuel last year was well attended, and included a Mini Lenten Retreat. A scripture study such as this one, helps us to focus on repentance and reflection during the season of Lent. Consider attend one day or all three – Cost for the full three days is \$75 (single) or \$140 (married couples). Day rates are available. To register, please speak with Deacon Howard, Adrian or go to [biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration](http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration), where registration is available through Eventbrite.

### **UCWLC EASTER BAKE SALE**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020. At 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

The Ladies League will be having an Easter Bake Sale. 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 **March 22.** Any orders placed after that date will have no guarantee. 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

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March**

**Catholics in China:** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

### **DAFFODIL DASH**

Our parish is once again participating in the annual Canadian Cancer fundraiser being held: **Sunday, April 26, 2020**

• **Time: 9:00 AM. Location: Concord Community Garden (near Science World)**

We would encourage you to join our team and/or support us by making a donation to the **St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church** team on-line by going to the link: ([www.cancer.ca/daffodildash/vancouver](http://www.cancer.ca/daffodildash/vancouver)) and coming out to participate in the 5km walk. For further info contact B. Ballhorn at 604.879.5830.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR** August 16 - 23, 2020, Kelowna BC

Start planning your summer holidays now! If you are between the ages of 7-15 this is a summer must do! Come join us to celebrate our 37th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Registration for campers and counsellors will begin in April. Bus transportation available from New Westminster. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know.

For more information please contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or [jennsawka@hotmail.com](mailto:jennsawka@hotmail.com).

**The Ukrainian Hour**, Sundays 3:00 pm and again on Mondays at 10:00 pm (SK time)– with host Colette Karapita (nee Ukrainetz). Listen at: • <https://www.therock985.ca>

• radio player Canada app (free): CJJC FM. //// March Programs include the Sundays of The Great Fast, as well as Lenten Liturgical Music.

### **Parish Maintenance Fund**

Donations for our Maintenance Fund for 2020: \$632.00.

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!

## **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020**

**“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)** Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

### **1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion**

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (*Christus Vivit*, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness. In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*. “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his

mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

### **2. The urgency of conversion**

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (*Gal* 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos* 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

### **3. God’s passionate will to dialogue**

## **with his children**

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. *2 Cor 5:21*), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. *Mt 5:43-48*).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (*Acts 17:21*). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

### **4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself**

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the

unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, *Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students*, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. *Mt 5:13-14*).

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Francis

## Daily Renewal of Intention

(from "My Daily Bread")

CHRIST: MY CHILD, progress in virtue depends on My grace and your own determination. My grace is always at your disposal. It is your determination that wavers and changes. Your intention would be more firm if you obtained more grace to help you. By prayer and sacrifice, and with an increased use of My sacraments, seek more grace. Then you would find your will stronger to follow your intention throughout the day.

2. It is not always enough to make good intentions in the morning. You must also recall and renew them during the day. Examine how faithfully you are following your intention, and seek to improve yourself in this effort. When you break your resolution, begin again. This is far better than abandoning your good intention altogether. Anyone can make good resolutions, but keeping them and renewing them is the work of a real man.

3. If you are afraid to start again or are discouraged by failure, it is because you do not understand what goes on in your daily life. Without Me you can do nothing. Put your trust in My help, Then confidently do your best to follow your resolutions. If you fail, renew your intention at once and begin again. I will judge you more by your efforts than by your failures. It is your natural pride that makes you afraid to begin, or discourages you when you fail. Pride wants immediate success.

4. Be honest, and you will be humble. Make a sincere effort, but do not be surprised at your weakness and unexpected failures. Beg for My grace, and go on trying. Leave all else in My hands. He who keeps trying to please Me will never be abandoned by Me.

THINK:

Am I brave enough to renew my intentions and good resolutions each day, and to make an honest effort to follow them? God's help will not fail me. My old faults will slowly disappear as I advance in the practice of the opposite virtues. Thus, if I have a fault of laziness, I can best conquer it by seeking more opportunities to perform good deeds. And so will it be with my other faults.

PRAY:

Lord, let me do whatever is necessary to fight my faults and to advance in the opposite virtues. If I need to avoid some person or place, if I have to take some particular step, let me do so without any foolish delay. It is for Your glory and for my own greater good. Lord, now I begin, and shall keep on beginning again and again because I desire to please You. Amen.

## **Saint Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia**

(Commemorated on March 8)

[<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/03/08/100698-saint-theophylactus-bishop-of-nicomedia>]

Saint Theophylactus lived at Constantinople in the eighth century during the time of the Iconoclast heresy. After the death of the iconoclast emperor Leo IV the Khazar (775-780), Emperor Constantine VI (780-797) ascended the throne. At the same time, the holy Patriarch Paul (August 30), not having the strength to continue guiding the flock in the face of iconoclasm, voluntarily resigned his office (784). Saint Tarasius (February 25) was chosen in his place. At that time, he was an eminent imperial counselor. Under the supervision of the new Patriarch the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) was convened to condemn the Iconoclast heresy. A relatively peaceful time began for the Church, and monasteries again began to fill with monks.

Saint Theophylactus, a gifted disciple of Saint Tarasius, with the blessing of the Patriarch, went to a monastery on the coast of the Black Sea with Saint Michael (May 23). The zealous ascetics by their God-pleasing labors and intense prayer were granted the gift of wonderworking by God. During a drought, when the workers in the field were weakened by thirst, the saints prayed and an empty vessel became filled with enough water to last the entire day.

After several years in the monastery, they were both consecrated as bishops by Patriarch Tarasius. Saint Michael was made Bishop of Synada, and Saint

Theophylactus was made Bishop of Nicomedia.

Heading the Church of Nicomedia, Saint Theophylactus cared for the flock entrusted to him. He built churches, hospices, homes for wanderers, he generously distributed alms, was the guardian of orphans, widows and the sick, and personally attended those afflicted with leprosy, not hesitating to wash their wounds.

When the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820) came to the imperial throne, the terrible heresy burst forth with renewed strength.

But the iconoclast emperor was not able to influence Saint Nicephorus (June 2), the successor of Patriarch Tarasius, who with the other bishops vainly urged Leo not to destroy the peace of the Church. Saint Theophylactus was present at the negotiations of the emperor with the Patriarch. Denouncing the heretics, Saint Theophylactus predicted a speedy death for Leo the Armenian. For his bold prophecy the saint was sent into exile to the fortress Strobil (in Asia Minor). He languished for thirty years until his death, which took place around the year 845.

After the restoration of icon-veneration in the year 847 under the empress Saint Theodora (February 11) and her son Michael, the holy relics of Saint Theophylactus were returned to Nicomedia.