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Покров Пресвятої Богородиці

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Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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*The No. 1 priority for ... the church is evangelization:
"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

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 must be made at least 6 months before the marriage*

Funerals - *by arrangement*

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish:

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

*Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop-Emeritus*

24-а Неділя після П'ятидесятниці



24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 2:14-22
Luke 8:41-56

НИНІ: Неділя, 15 листопада: Вітаємо! Парафія Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та парафіян, які беруть участь у цій Службі Божі.

Щира подяка всім волонтерам, що допомагають у неділю, на Службі Божі, і на протязі тижня, на особливих Службах Божих. Задяки їхній посвяті і бажанню допомогти ми можемо вітати вас на наших літургічних богослуженнях.

Майте на увазі, будь-ласка, що необхідно записатися на недільну Божественну літургію у п'ятницю, до 2:00 год. по обіді.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



Join us
on the Spiritual Journey
to Bethlehem

THURSDAY NIGHTS
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 PM

NOVEMBER 19
PRE-NATIVITY FAST IN THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY
(FR. RICHARD SOO, SJ)

NOVEMBER 26
LITURGICAL PREPARATION TO THE NATIVITY
(FR. ANDRZEJ WASYLINKO)

DECEMBER 3
CONTEMPLATING THE ICONS OF THE NATIVITY & THEOPHANY
(SR. PATRICIA LACEY, SSMI AND FR. ANDRII CHORNENKYI)

WELCOMING & OPENING PRAYER BY MOST REV. BISHOP DAVID (MOTIUK)

NO REGISTRATION FEE, JUST EMAIL TO: pgparish@yahoo.com AND RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK

TODAY: Sunday, November 15: Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all guests, friends, and Parishioners participating in this Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, November 21: Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple. It is not a holy day of obligation. There will be no 10:30 AM Liturgy on that day.

Facemasks to be worn in Church

On October 26, 2020 our Provincial Health Officer issued the following statement: *“In light of the increased risks with the respiratory season, the expectation is that people will wear masks in all indoor public spaces. As part of this, businesses are asked to review their COVID-19 safety plans with this in mind. If you are in a high-traffic area or among many people outside of your household while at work, a mask will help to protect you and those around you.”*

In light of this expectation placed upon all of us by our Provincial Health Officer, St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church is highly recommending that **facemasks be worn in church at all times** while attending Divine Liturgy.

Reports for Parish AGM

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020 after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy (unless COVID-19 restrictions will make it impossible for this meeting to take place). More information will be forthcoming.

Note: At the end of Liturgy please lower your kneeler. This will indicate where sanitization is required.

Thank you for your most generous donations and continued support. May Our Lord bless and reward you!

A sincere Thank You to all of our volunteers to who help at the Sunday morning Divine Liturgies or special Liturgies during the week. It is because of their dedication and willingness to help that we are able to welcome you to our Liturgical Services.

Please be reminded that the deadline for registering for Sunday morning Divine Liturgies is Friday 2:00 PM.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

O holy Angel of Christ, in homage I come to you, my holy guardian, who, since my baptism, have been assigned to me to protect my body and soul. I beseech your powerful intercession. Be my defender, and aid me against my enemies. Through your intercession, make me worthy to be a partaker of the kingdom of God with all the saints forever. Amen.

PYLYPIVKA (PRE-CHRISTMAS FAST)

Ukrainian Catholics refer to the pre-Christmas fast period as Pylypivka or St. Philip's Fast, as it always begins on the day after the feast of St. Philip the Apostle, November 15. It ends on December 24th. This fast once had very strict rules. Today, the Church encourages us to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. We are also required to practice the spirit of sacrifice, penance, especially charity.

To prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we fast, we pray more and we increase our acts of love and compassion. It is important to approach the fasting with the right attitude. It does not make sense to abstain from meat on Friday only to go out to a huge seafood dinner. It is essential that an inner fast accompany the outer fast.

Fasting involves not just food, but the entire being. Our mouths should fast from off-color, offensive or hurtful words. Our eyes should fast from things they shouldn't see, perhaps movies, television programs or internet websites that do not promote Christian values. Our ears should fast from listening to things they shouldn't, like gossip and music that goes against moral integrity. Our minds should fast from thoughts that aren't compatible with our life as Christians.

Some of the things we can do during this Christmas fast are the following:

1) Read and Reflect: Set time aside each day to spend in prayer and reading connected with Christmas and its meaning. This can include readings from the Old Testament, especially from the prophets, who foretold the coming of the Messiah.

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-4

Baruch 3:35-4:4

Isaiah 7:10-16

Isaiah 8:1-4, 9-10

Genesis 1:1-13

Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18

Micah 4:6-7

Isaiah 11:1-10

Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45

Isaiah 9:6-7

New Testament:

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 2:13-23

Luke 2:1-20

Galatians 3:23-29

Hebrews 1:1-12

Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Hebrews 2:11-18

2) Things to do as a family:

a) Go to church together (or gather together for a live-streamed Divine Liturgy).

b) Discuss the Sunday readings and sermon.

c) Make a special effort to look at each other in a positive way.

d) Sacrifice something you like to eat or do.

e) Reach out to someone who could use your attention and help

f) Gather together for prayer daily.

g) Perform random acts of kindness anonymously.

h) In all places, times, and situations, bring the light of Christ. Ask yourself what Jesus would do, and do it!

Let us approach this time of preparation in the hope that is time allows us to experience a new awareness of His presence. We should strive to rid ourselves of the thoughts and passions that distract us as our hearts, minds, and voices sing "God is with us".