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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*

**23-а Неділя після П'ятидесятниці  
Празник Архистратига Михаїла**



**23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Feast of St. Michael the Archangel**

Ephesians 2:4-10  
Luke 8:26-39

**НИНІ: Неділя, 8 листопада: Вітаємо!** Парафія Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці вітає всіх гостей, приятелів та парафіян, які беруть участь у цій Службі Божі.

**10:30 ранку: Поминальна Служба Божа і Панахида** відслужаться за тих, які втратили своє життя на службі своїй країні. Дякуємо за ваші щедри пожертви. Нехай наш Господь благословить і нагородить вас!

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.

### **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.

### **Prayer on Remembrance Day**

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You said, "No greater love can one have than when one gives up his life for his friends." You, Yourself have given us the supreme example of such all-sacrificing love. We, therefore, implore You: Look upon those who laid down their lives defending our country; upon those who have perished in prisons or in exile; upon those resting here or in foreign lands; upon those remembered or forgotten; and upon those in graves known or unknown.

Unite their bloody sacrifice with Your sacrifice on Golgotha. Grant that their sacrifice may not be in vain; but that the earth, generously bedewed with the blood of our heroes, may bring forth fragrant flowers of brotherly love, and that the sun of freedom and well-being may shine upon our nation.

Number them, O Lord, among Your faithful servants and followers; for they worthily passed through the thorny path of life, and by their heroic death, gave supreme testimony to the truth and holiness of Your greatest and only commandment of love. Do not, then, despise their sacrifice; but accept it as You accepted the sacrifice of the righteous Abel, and for the sake of their sacrifice, or rather for the sake of Your great mercy and love for mankind, forgive them all their sins and transgressions, voluntary and involuntary. Grant to their souls rest and peace in the place of Your glory, where the spirits of the just may behold the unspeakable beauty of Your face, delight in heavenly joy, and glorify You forever and ever. Amen.

**TODAY: Sunday, November 8: Welcome!** The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all guests, friends, and Parishioners participating in this Divine Liturgy.

**10:30 AM:** In honour of Remembrance Day a **Memorial Divine Liturgy and Panachyda** will be celebrated in memory of all those who lost their lives in the service of their country.

### **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. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 13.

**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 St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **Feast of St. Michael the Archangel**

“All heavenly Powers, holy Angels and Archangels, pray to God for us sinners.”  
(Great Compline)

Our Liturgical Year is like a beautiful mosaic made up of the feast of our Lord, the Mother of God, and an immense throng of Martyrs and Saints. The center of this splendid mosaic is our Lord Jesus Christ, as God and as Man. Day and night, His Pilgrim Church on earth and in heaven, the Church in glory, that is - the very great choir of Angels and Saints - everlasting choir of glory; they are the messengers and servants of God. The Angels also fulfill a great role in the redemption of the human race.

Our Holy Church, conscious of the great significance of the Angels for the glory of God and our salvation, has provided a special place for the veneration of the Angels in the mosaic of the Liturgical Year. Here, first place is given to the feast of the Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel and the rest of the Angelic Powers. To encourage greater devotion to the Angels, it seems appropriate to say a few words here about their cult, the purpose of this feast, and its spiritual significance for us.

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## **The Veneration of the Holy Angels**

Before the Lord God created man, He created the holy Angels who are invisible, immortal, perfect beings and pure spirits, possessing a keen intellect and free will. Their number is immeasurably great, as we know from the vision granted to the prophet Daniel who saw the throne of God where “thousands upon thousands were ministering Him, and myriads upon myriads attended Him.” (7,10)

In the Book of Revelation St. John the Theologian says; “In my vision I heard the sound of an immense number of Angels gathered round the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, thousands and tens of thousands.” (5,11-12) Christ himself in the Gospel speaks of legions of Angels. (Matthew 26, 53)

Ever since the time of Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite (5th century), it has been customary to divide the Angels into three orders, each composed of three choirs, giving a total of nine angelic choirs; the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones; Dominations, Virtues and Powers; Principalities, Archangels and Angels.

The Lord God, after creating the Angels put them to a test and a great number of the Angels rebelled against Him. St. John the Theologian speaks of a war in heaven (Book of Revelation 12, 7). At the head of the good Angels stood the Archangel Michael who overcame Lucifer and his angels. Hence, in the veneration of the Angels, the holy Church gives first place to St. Michael.

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