



**Українська Католицька Парафія
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Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Parish**

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*“Today the Virgin stands before us in the temple,
And together with the choirs of saints prays to God for us.”*

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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

10:00 AM

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 AM in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: 15 minutes before
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

Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM - Assistant Pastor

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM
Bishop-Emeritus

**М'ясопущна Неділя
Попразденство Стрітєння**



**Meat-Fare Sunday
Post-Feast of the Presentation**

1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

TODAY: Sunday, February 7: Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes all parishioners, guests, friends who join us via our recorded Sunday Divine Liturgies, as we offer praise and thanksgiving to Our Lord for all blessings and graces received.

Blessed candles (Feast of Presentation) are available at the Parish Office.

Holy Water for the Feast of Theophany: Jars of holy water are available at the Parish Office.

Public Health Orders - Province of British Columbia

On February 5, 2021 our Provincial Health Officer extended the Covid-19 restrictions indefinitely. These restrictions will remain in place until further notice. Places of worship will continue to remain closed.

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church will remain closed until further notice.

Note: During this time when the church remains closed, the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be pre-recorded on Saturday evening and posted on our parish website on Sunday morning.

Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners and friends for your most generous donations and continued support. Please do not forget our parish and all its financial obligations during this time. May Our Lord bless and reward you!

Please note that Parishioners are being targeted by scams. Parishioners are being scammed through emails. The scammers pretend to be priests who are asking them to purchase music gift cards in various denominations for "a friend who is going through cancer treatments." Other emails are also asking to "do them a favor." It is happening across British Columbia and even across Canada. If you have received such an email then please know it is not coming from the priests at St. Mary's. Delete the email and do not respond.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February 2021

Violence against women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Tropars and Readings for Meat-Fare Sunday Post-Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Resurrection Tropar, tone 3:

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Tropar of the Feast, tone 1:

Hail, O Woman full of grace, Virgin and Mother of God: from you has arisen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who stand in darkness. And you, just Elder Simeon, rejoice, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, our Resurrection.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kondak of Meat-Fare Sunday, tone 1:

O God, when you shall come down upon earth in your glory, every creature shall tremble before you. A river of fire shall flow before your judgment seat, the books shall be opened and all secrets revealed. On that day, O Just Judge, deliver me from the eternal fire and make me worthy to stand at your right.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of the Feast, tone 1:

By your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb, and you blessed the hands of Simeon. Today you have come to save us, O Christ God. Reconcile those who are at war and strengthen our leaders in every good deed, O one and only true lover of mankind.

Prokimen, tone 3: Great is our Lord and mighty in strength, and His wisdom is without measure.

verse: Praise the Lord for He is good. Sing to our God for He is loving; to Him our praise is due.

A Reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians (8:8 - 9:2)

Brethren. Food does not bring us any closer to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and we are no better off if we do.

Don't cause problems for someone with a weak conscience, just because you have the right to eat anything. You know all this, and so it doesn't bother you to eat in the temple of an idol. But suppose a person with a weak conscience sees you and decides to eat food that has been offered to idols. Then what you know has destroyed someone Christ died for. When you sin by hurting a follower with a weak conscience, you sin against Christ. So if I hurt one of the Lord's followers by what I eat, I will never eat meat as long as I live.

I am free. I am an apostle. I have seen the Lord Jesus and have led you to have faith in him. Others think that I am not an apostle, but you are proof that I am an apostle to you.

Alleluia (3)

verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.

A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46)

The Lord said: When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was

a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me.

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?"

The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Then the king will say to those on his left, "Get away from me! You are under God's curse. Go into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry, but you did not give me anything to eat, and I was thirsty, but you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me, and I was naked, but you did not give me any clothes to wear. I was sick and in jail, but you did not take care of me."

Then the people will ask, "Lord, when did we fail to help you when you were hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in jail?"

The king will say to them, "Whenever you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me."

Then Jesus said, "Those people will be punished forever. But the ones who pleased God will have eternal life."

Instead of "It is truly right":

O Virgin Mother of God, Hope of Christians, watch over those who have placed their hope in you.

We, the faithful, see the figure of Christ in the shadow and the letter of the law which says: Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord. Therefore, we extol the firstborn of the eternal Father and the Virgin Mother.

Communion Verse:

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia. (3)

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation.

I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You.

Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.