



**Українська Католицька Парафія
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці
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 English

10:30 AM Ukrainian (live-streamed)

**12-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
Празник Успіння Божої Матері**

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 AM

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 AM in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions:

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



**12th Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of the Dormition
of the Mother of God**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 19:16-26

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

You are invited for coffee and fellowship the Fellowship Room after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

TODAY: Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. Blessing of flowers at both morning Divine Liturgies.

Tuesday, August 17: 11:00 AM: Funeral Divine Liturgy and Panachyda in church for the late Shirley Lawryshyn. Condolences to the Family.

Monday, August 23: 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting in the Fellowship Room. All committee chairpersons are encouraged to be present for this meeting. It's been a long time and there is much to discuss.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 332: "Богородице Діво" "Bohorodytse Divo"

Communion: page 374: "Пренебесна, пречудесна" "Prenebesna, prechudesna"

Closing: page 344: "Левадов, долинов" "Levadov, dolynov"

Divine Liturgy Intentions

If you would like to request a Divine Liturgy, please contact the parish office to book a date. If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to "Basilian Fathers." The suggested offering for a Divine Liturgy is \$10.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation then please contact the Parish Office by phone at 604.879.5830 or email: office@stmarysbc.com to make an appointment.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August 2021

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Blessing of Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

According to an old custom, flowers and medicinal herbs are blessed after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Dormition. According to traditional belief, after Mary's assumption, her tomb was filled with a "heavenly fragrance" and flowers. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healing and extraordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrims at Mary's tomb.

Dormition of the Mother of God – August 15

The following article is taken from the Eparchy of Edmonton website:

<https://eeparchy.com/2021/08/10/dormition-of-the-holy-mother-of-god-aug-15-activities-for-the-family/>

Adapted from: The Apocryphal Works on the Assumption of Mary <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0832.htm>

THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary lived in the house of St. John the Apostle for many years. One day, she went up to the Mount of Olives to pray, as she often did. There on the mount from which her Son had ascended into Heaven, she prayed to our Heavenly Father and to her Son. As always, she remembered the many great achievements of her Son, and tears of joy and thankfulness filled her eyes. While she was praying, an angel of the Lord appeared to her. He told her not to be afraid, saying that in three days she would be in Paradise with her son Jesus.

As the angel spoke to her, he handed her a branch from Paradise to be carried before her funeral procession. This was a date palm branch which shone with a heavenly radiance. "This will be carried before your holy body on the way to the burial place in Gethsemane," the angel said before disappearing. The Blessed Mother, filled with great joy, fell on her knees and thanked God for His great and heavenly mercy.

Before telling anyone about the angel's visit, Mary went again to the Mount of Olives to pray. As she prayed and did her prostrations, a great miracle occurred. Each time she bent to pray, the olive trees bent down in reverence to God and to the Mother of our Lord, who had lived a godly life, ministering to the poor and the sick and spending many hours in prayer each day.

Mary returned to the house of St. John and began preparations for her funeral. She lit candles in the house and invited John and all her friends and relatives, so that she could tell them about her departure from this world into the Kingdom of Heaven. They all wept at the news that their gentle, kind, and helpful friend, the Theotokos, would be leaving them. She asked that she be buried in Gethsemane, overlooking the Mount of Olives, where her parents and Joseph were also buried. (Today one finds a beautiful church built upon the site of the four tombs, and a Divine Liturgy is held each day on her tomb.)

While the most pure Virgin was making her last arrangements, a cloud descended about the house. At God's command, angels brought all the disciples, except for St. Thomas, from wherever they were preaching around the world, to be present at the burial of the Theotokos. Nothing is impossible to God.

St. John welcomed them, telling them that the Theotokos would soon die. Their hearts were filled with sorrow, and they too wept at this sad news. But the Holy Mother Mary said to them, "Do not weep and do not sadden the happiest day of my

life. I am not leaving you. I will always be with you in spirit, praying for you and helping you in your difficult journeys."

Then the angelic cloud also brought Paul with his disciples St. Dionysios the Areopagite, Hierotheos, and Timothy. St. Paul fell at the feet of the Holy Virgin and praised and blessed her.

The Virgin Mary called each of the apostles to her, praising their work and blessing them. She then lay upon her bed and prepared to depart. All the apostles and friends gathered about the bed holding lighted candles. Then the most Holy Mother surrendered her soul into the hands of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, without pain or suffering. It was as though she had fallen into a sweet sleep. At once a wonderful angelic singing filled the air with the greeting of the angel Gabriel: "Rejoice, full of grace; the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." (Luke 2:28)

A radiant light covered Mary's face, and a wonderful sweet aroma came from her body, filling the room with its fragrance. All the faithful in the room kissed and venerated her holy body with great respect.

The funeral began with St. John carrying the palm branch and Peter carrying the censer leading the way. The apostles and a large crowd, all carrying lighted candles and singing sacred songs, followed the holy body of Theotokos. Healing power went out to all those who were afflicted. The sick became well, the blind regained their sight, the ears of the deaf were opened, the crippled walked, and devils were driven out. Every kind of disease disappeared when those afflicted touched the bier of the Most Holy Mother.

As the funeral procession moved toward Gethsemane, those who did not believe in Jesus tried unsuccessfully to break up the procession. Athonius, one of the Jewish priests, came near the bier and attempted to push her body off. Jesus could not permit anyone to treat His Holy Mother in this manner, so He sent His angel to cut off Athonius' hands with a sword. Athonius fell to the ground in terrible pain, crying out for help. Peter approached him, saying, "Do you believe that this is the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God?" Athonius replied, "Yes, now I do believe. Please ask God to forgive me and to heal my hands." Peter prayed, picked up Athonius' hands and placed them back as they had been, totally healed and without pain. Athonius followed the crowd, singing and praising the Mother of Jesus. Later he was baptized and tried to bring many converts to the Christian faith.

When the funeral procession reached Gethsemane, which was not far from John's house, they laid the body of Mary to rest, rolling a large stone over the entrance to the tomb.