



**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

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

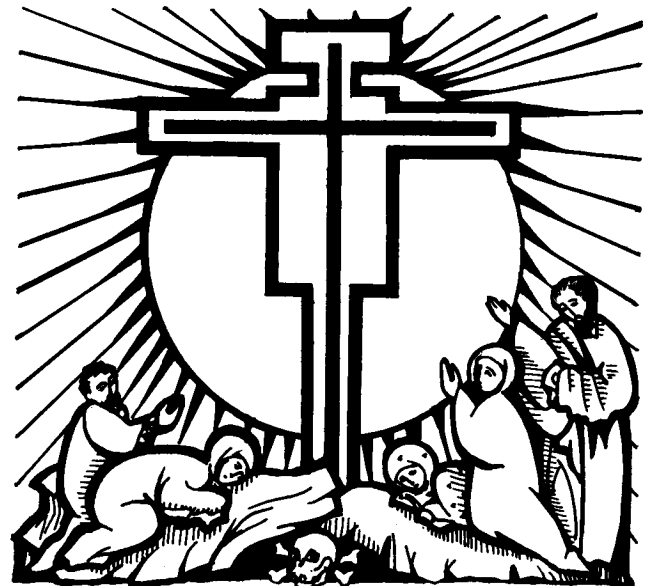
Marriages - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish:

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Неділя по Воздвиженні



Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross

Galatians 2:16-20

Mark 8:34 – 9:1

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

In accordance with the Provincial Health Order of August 25, 2021 masks are required in all public indoor settings for people born in 2009 or earlier (12+). Therefore, masks must be worn while in Church for worship or downstairs in the Fellowship Room.

Coffee and sweets in the Fellowship Room following the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Thank you to all who helped with Bishop Severian's Funeral preparations. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 4: "Витай нам, хресте" "Vytai nam, khreste"

Communion: page 258: "Тіло Христове" "Tilo Khrystove"

Closing: page 4: "Витай нам, хресте" "Vytai nam, khreste"

Parish Praznyk/Feast Day

Our Parish Praznyk, will be celebrated on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

On this day we will remember in prayer (at both Divine Liturgies) all of our deceased parishioners and those funerals that were celebrated at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church from the time all churches were first shut down due to Covid-19 in March 2020. A Panachyda for all of our deceased will also be celebrated after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

Please join us in prayer as we remember and pray for our deceased.

A Parish Praznyk Dinner will be held in the parish auditorium following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Please see the separate notice in the bulletin for details regarding this dinner.

Ukrainian Classes for Adults

Ukrainian Classes for adults are now available online by Zoom. Classes are held Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Semester begins September 27 and runs for 10 weeks. Native Ukrainian teachers. Three levels - Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced. Tuition: \$200, includes materials. For more details, info@ukrainianclasses.com or Susan at 604.733.3756 or ukrainianclasses.com. All are welcome!

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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2021

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



**Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
Parish Praznyk / Feast Day
Sunday, October 3, 2021**

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner - 100 person limit

To attend the Parish Dinner please contact the Parish Office
Phone: 604.879.5830
Email: office@stmarysbc.com

Cut-off date for attendance: September 29, 2021

Adults: \$25
Children 7-12: \$15
Children 6 & under: no charge

No walk-ins will be accepted

Pay at the door

Covid-19 Protocols in place

The Sign of the Cross

The symbol of Christian faith has ever been and always will be the Cross, for it is the sign of our redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to earth to suffer for us and was crucified upon the Cross. When we wish to show that something is dedicated to Christ, we mark it with a Cross. When we join the three fingers of our right hand together,

it is as if we want to say: *“I believe in God, One in the Trinity; in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; not in one person, but Three Persons; not in three gods, but One God.”* When we bend the other two fingers of our right hand down to the palm it is as if we were saying: *“I believe that our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is at the same time Real God and Real man - the God-man - came down to earth for our salvation.”*

As we make the sign of the Cross, we say the following prayer: *“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen”*. Doing so, we clearly indicate that we belong to God and serve Him alone.

God is always near us, because He is everywhere. He always sees us, just as He sees everything. But during prayer, we are especially close to God: we stand before Him, speak to Him and He listens to us. Because of this, while praying, we sign ourselves with the Cross more often, especially before and after each prayer. We also make the Cross upon ourselves when we enter church, approach a sacred object or kiss an icon, and many times during church services. We should make the sign of the Cross in the morning to obtain God’s blessing on the day; in the evening to ask for His protection during the night; at all the important moments of our life: when in danger, in sorrow, in joy; before all important undertakings that they may turn out well; at mealtime to invoke God’s blessing and to give Him thanks.

We must never make the sign of the Cross hurriedly and carelessly. To those who cross themselves in a hurry, without due deliberation, or who simply wave their hand fanning their breast, St John Chrysostom says: *“the demons rejoice in this frantic waving.”* On the other hand, the Cross traced correctly, with faith and reverence, dispels demons, calms sinful passions, attracts Divine Grace and gives us the strength to do good. We must never be ashamed of the sign of the Cross lest Christ be ashamed of us.

We are assured by Christians of all ages, but especially by those of the first centuries, that we have at our command a very powerful weapon: the sign of the Cross. Therefore, it is much to be regretted that we do not make better use of it in our times. Never did the world array before the children of God enemies so numerous or as insidious as at the present time. They assail us on every side, not only with sword and fire, but with false philosophies, with pride of intellect, with religious indifference, with materialism, with commodity. It is more difficult for us to combat these enemies for a lifetime, than it was for early Christians to gain a martyr’s glory in a momentary struggle in the amphitheater. If, for the first Christians, trained in the school of apostles and their immediate successors, the frequent use of the sign of the Cross was so necessary, is it not also indispensable to us? Let us then follow the pious custom of our fathers in the Faith and make the sign of the Cross more frequently.

<https://sspp.ca/our-faith/liturgical-year/stationary-feasts/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross/>

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