



**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**

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

**22-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа**



**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 16:19-31

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

**Father Christopher Kushpit, OSBM has decided to return to Ukraine for personal reasons. We ask Our Lord to bless him and our Blessed Mother to keep him under Her Mantle of Protection.**

**НИНІ: Неділя, 24 жовтня:** Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

**10:00 ранку:** Вервиця в церкві.

**Понеділок, 25 жовтня:** о 7:00 вечора - Вервиця у каплиці.

**Середа, 27 жовтня:** о 7:00 вечора - Вервиця у каплиці.

**П'ятниця, 29 жовтня:** о 7:00 вечора - Вервиця у каплиці.

### **Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 234: "В страсі і покорі" "V strasi i pokori"

Communion: page 346: "Марія, Діво благословенна" "Mariye, Divo blahoslovenna"

Closing: page 270: "Наче повний голосу дзвону" "Nache povnyi holos dzvonu"

**TODAY: Sunday, October 24:** Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

**10:00 am:** Rosary.

**Monday, October 25:** 7:00 pm: Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Wednesday, October 27:** 7:00 pm: Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Friday, October 29:** 7:00 pm: Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Eternal Memory!** Sincerest condolences are extended to the Family of the late Ambrose Mykytiuk. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, October 29 at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Church. Please keep the late Ambrose Mykytiuk and his Family in your prayers. **Вічная Пам'ять!**

### **Reports for Parish AGM**

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2021. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 12.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2021**

**Missionary disciples:** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

### **The Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of Your mercy.

## **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.

## **Свята Вервиця**

Місяць жовтень в Католицькій Церкві відрізняється від інших місяців року тим, що в цей час наші священики і богопосвячені особи, а також і численні вірні з великою побожністю щоденно моляться вервицю.

Вервиця - це молитовні роздуми над радісними, скорботними, славними та світлими таємницями життя Ісуса Христа і Марії. Заглиблюючись у ці таємниці, ми роздумуємо над власним життям. Роздуми над цими таємницями є водночас роздумами над Євангелієм.

Вервиця це не лише молитва; вона чудовий засіб освячення і духовного поступу, одна з найкращих шкіл добродетелі і життя християнського. Без сумніву, не можна наполегливо розважати таємниці життя Ісуса і Марії та не втілити у життя те, що з них будемо черпати. Як сказав Пій XII: "Душа почувается затишніше, коли йде дорогою, вказаною Ісусом і Його Матір'ю." Марія наближається до нас, бере за руку і вчить жити так, як Вона Сама жила на землі коло Свого Сина. Ось у чому наука Вервиці та таємниці її успіху: вона "вводить нас в живий контакт з Ісусом через Серце Його Матері" (Іван Павло II).

Через серце Матері Божої лине молитва на Святій Вервиці - пісня любові, таїнств життя Ісуса Христа і Марії, джерело освячення, духовного збагачення християнського життя.

<http://ugcc.if.ua/novyny/5314-shcho-take-vervytsia-ta-iaka-ii-istoriia.html>

## **Feast of St. Demetrios (Demetrius) - October 26**

Saint Demetrios suffered in Thessalonica during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families of the province of Macedonia and was widely admired not only because of his noble ancestry and grace of bearing, but also for virtue, wisdom and goodness of heart surpassing that of his elders.

The military expertise of Saint Demetrios led Galerius, as Caesar of the Eastern Empire, to appoint him commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. But for all this, Demetrios remained ever aware of the underlying realities of life. Since faith in Christ had touched his heart, all the glory of this world meant nothing to him, and there was nothing he preferred to teaching and preaching the word of God.

Despite the persecution directed against Christians by the Emperor, Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. His words convinced them because they saw in the righteousness, peace and brotherly love that marked his life an illustration of the truth of which he spoke.

The Emperor Maximian had just won a series of brilliant victories over the Scythians and was on his way back to Rome when he halted at Thessalonica to receive the acclamations of the populace and to offer sacrifices in thanksgiving to the idols. A number of pagans, envious of the success of the Saint, took advantage of the Emperor's presence in the city to denounce Demetrios as a Christian. Maximian's astonishment gave way to violent indignation when he was told that Demetrios' was making use of his official position to spread the faith. Demetrios was summoned and confined in a cell, located in the basement of nearby baths.

Maximian arranged for games and gladiatorial combats to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaios, a Vandal by origin. Such was this man's strength and skill in single combat that no one could withstand him.

There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the baths where Demetrios was imprisoned and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy, and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaios. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the barbarian.

Rather than yield to the sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. He had heard Nestor calling upon the God of Demetrios and, supposing the Saint had used some kind of witchcraft, Maximian ordered his soldiers to go and thrust Demetrios through with their lances, without trial, in the depths of his prison cell. There were some Christians, including Demetrios' servant Lupus, present at his martyrdom, and when the soldiers had gone, they reverently buried the Saint's body.

It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myron with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Time and again, during sixteen hundred years, Saint Demetrios has given proof of his benevolent care for the city of Thessalonica and its inhabitants. He has defended them from the attacks of barbarians, he has preserved them from plague and famine, healed the sick and comforted the afflicted.

Adapted from *The Synaxarion: The Lives of the Saints of the Orthodox Church, Vol. 1*, compiled by Hieromonk Makarios of Simonos Petra and translated from the French by Christopher Hookway (Chalkidike, Greece: Holy Convent of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 1998) pp. 481-483.

<https://www.goarch.org/-/feast-of-the-holy-and-glorious-great-martyr-saint-demetrios-the-myrrh-streamer>