



**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 (Mon-Sat)

7:30 am in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions

9:40 - 10:15 am Sunday morning

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 Різдві
Собор Пресвятої Богородиці



Sunday after Christmas
Synaxis of the Mother of God

Galatians 1:11-19

Matthew 2:13-23

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

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 28: “Бог Предвiчний” “Boh predvichnyi”

Communion: page 102: “Спи, Ісусе, спи” “Spy, Isuse, Spy”

Opening: page 94: “Свята ніч” “Sviata nich”

In accordance with the Provincial Health Order of December 21, 2021 that states: “no organized indoor social events and gatherings of any size” the Parish Christmas Dinner that was scheduled to be held on January 16, 2022 has been CANCELLED. In addition, NO COFFEE after the Sunday Divine Liturgies. The Provincial Health Order is extended to January 18, 2022.

2022 Parish Calendars can be found in the church vestibule. Please take one calendar per family.

The 2022 Almanac “Svitlo” is available in the Bookstore at a cost of \$20/copy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Sunday from 9:40 - 10:15 am (between Liturgies) or by appointment during the week.

Please Note: Have you just moved into our parish? Are you registered in our parish? Registration forms are available in the parish office for those who wish to become parishioners. For parishioners who have moved or changed their phone number, help us to update our records by informing the parish office.

Thank You

Thank you to those individuals who helped set up the Christmas tree and Nativity Scene in church before Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness during this Christmas Season. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all parishioners and friends for your most generous donations and continued support. May Our Lord bless and reward you!

Christmas Candle/ Рiздвяна Свiчка

Since 2012 the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. Our fundraising program, “**Christmas Candle/Рiздвяна Свiчка**” is part of a larger global appeal sponsored by Caritas Ukraine. The appeal is once again taking place for the month of December and we encourage everyone to remember these children during our Christmas season with a donation.

Donations can be made at any Ukrainian Catholic Parish in BC or mailed and payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster and clearly marked with “Christmas Candle Project” on the envelope and cheque. For more information, please contact Dana Koren Lupynis, Natalia Lupynis or Emelia Lupynis at nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook at [Caritas “Christmas Candle/Рiздвяна свiчка” Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.](#)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2021

Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Year End Contributions

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations throughout the year. For any donations that you want included on your 2021 tax receipt **ALL contributions must be in the parish office and cheques dated no later than December 31, 2021.**

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.

Порядок Різдв'яних Богослужень - 2021-2022

Понеділок, 27 грудня: Первомученика й Архидиякона Стефана

10:00 ранку - Служба Божа

П'ятниця, 31 грудня: Навечір'я Нового Року

10:00 ранку - Благодарна Служба Божа і Набоженство

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Субота, 1 січня: Обрізання Господа і Спаса Нашого Ісуса Христа

Святого Отця Василя Великого й Новий Рік

10:30 ранку - Служба Божа

Середа, 5 січня: Навечір'я Богоявління (піст-не дозволено їсти м'ясних страв)

10:00 ранку - Служба Божа й Водосвяття

Четвер, 6 січня: Богоявління - Йордан (обов'язкове свято)

10:00 ранку - Служба Божа й Водосвяття

Schedule of Christmas Services - 2021-2022

Monday, December 27: Feast of Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 31: New Year's Eve

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving; Thanksgiving Hymn and Blessing

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Saturday, January 1: Feast of Circumcision of our Lord;

Feast of St. Basil the Great; New Year's Day

10:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 5: Eve of Jordan (Day of abstinence from meat products)

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy and Blessing of water

Thursday, January 6: Feast of Jordan (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy and Blessing of water

“The Persian Magi clearly recognized the heavenly King born on earth. Led by a bright star, they arrived at Bethlehem bearing choice gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh; and falling down, they adored Him: for they saw the Eternal One, lying as a child, in the cave. By the will of the Father, the Word became flesh. The Virgin gave birth to the Incarnate God. The star proclaims and the Magi adore; the shepherds are amazed and all creation rejoices.” (Vespers for the Nativity of Our Lord)

Our world has spent the last month or so preparing for Christmas. There has been a lot of online shopping, store hopping and tree decorating. Yesterday we celebrated the birth of Our Lord and will continue to celebrate and sing Carols for the next few weeks. So now, let’s try to answer a question: What is the meaning of the Christmas season?

If you asked 10 people on the street this question, you’d get 10 different answers. Some would say, *“Peace on earth, good will to men.”* Others might answer, *“It’s about being with family and those you love.”* While there is a lot of truth in both of these answers, they miss the main point: Jesus.

In reading Scripture we find the real meaning of this festive and holy season. In Jesus, our greatest human need is exposed; and in Jesus, God’s greatest deed is disclosed. Jesus came for us. He was born in a stable for us. He died for us, and He rose from the dead for us.

If we can start living our lives in light of this key truth, then we can celebrate Christmas in our lives and have Christmas in our hearts all year round. Start living today with a new awareness of what Jesus did for all of us by coming into this world.

Though we continue to celebrate Christmas with this pandemic circling around us, we still celebrate the central meaning of Christmas: that *“Christ is Born.”* Allow His light to shine in and through us, to others. Surrender the fears and doubts of what tomorrow might bring and trust that God will guide us.

On behalf of the Basilian Fathers and our Parish Council I wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas, and a happy and healthy new year. *“Emmanuel.”* May His name be on our lips and His Spirit live in our hearts - in the new year and always.

Христос Родився! Славимо Його!

Christ is Born! Let us Praise Him!

Fr. Joseph

