



**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

**28-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа**  
Преподобного Сави Освященного



**28th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Venerable Sabas the Sanctified

Colossians 1:12-18

Luke 14:16-24

**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 December 1, 2021, the following restrictions apply to in-person worship services in the Province of British Columbia:

- Masks are required but can be temporarily removed for ceremonial eating and drinking, and by officiants, readers or for singing a solo where physical distancing is observed.
- Social distancing is required.
- If all participants are vaccinated as determined by the worship service leader, there are no capacity restrictions on worship services and choirs.
- If participants are not all vaccinated, worship services and choirs are limited to 50% seated capacity.

Given these two options the Eparchy of New Westminster is implementing the second option which includes both vaccinated and unvaccinated, but the services must be limited to 50% of seated capacity. Therefore, St. Mary's Parish will not be checking vaccine status for in-person worship services at this time.

**Today: Sunday, December 5: Parish Annual General Meeting** will be held in the parish auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Registration for the meeting has ended. No registrations at the door. Covid-19 rules apply to in-person gatherings.

- Masks required.
- Proof of vaccination will be required to enter the auditorium.

**Today:** The UCWLC will be having a **Bake Sale** in the hall following 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and before the AGM begins. There will be no perogies or cabbage rolls! Icon cards will also be on sale. Thank you for your support.

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

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

Communion: page 244: "Витай між нами" "Vytaï mizh namy"

Closing: page 24: "О хто, хто Миколая" "O khto, khto Mykolaya"

### **A Very Important Request**

**For the health and safety of all, please do not come downstairs for coffee following the Divine Liturgy if you have not been fully vaccinated.** Covid-19 is a very real and deadly virus that we must all take precautions against. We have a number of immunocompromised parishioners. Please respect and honour everyone by helping us fight against this deadly virus and to protect everyone. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Sundays from 9:40 - 10:15 am (between Liturgies). The Sacrament will also be available by appointment during the week.

**Christmas Cards:** Our Bookstore has an assortment of Ukrainian, English and Bilingual (Ukrainian and English) Christmas cards for purchase.

### **Please Note**

Have you just moved into our parish? Are you registered in our parish? For new parishioners, please let us know who you are so that we can welcome you! Registration forms are available in the parish office. For parishioners who have moved or changed their phone number, help us to update our records by informing the parish office.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 your cheques dated no later than December 31, 2021.**

### **Christmas Candle/ Різдвяна Свічка**

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/Різдвяна Свічка**" 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](mailto:nweparchy.christmascandle@gmail.com) and follow us on Facebook at [Caritas "Christmas Candle/Різдвяна свічка" Campaign, sponsored by NWEparchy.](#)

### **A Prayer to St Nicholas - December 6**

Blessed Saint Nicholas, we honour you for your acts of kindness, goodwill and charity to those on the margins of life.

Inspire us with your desire for justice and joy for all people; help us learn from you what faith and action means, and make us aware of those around us.

Give us the same sense of joy you had in your ministry. And when we remember you may we also remember the Lord you loved and followed, both in times of tribulation, famine, persecution and humiliation, as well as in times of joy and peace.

**Taken from: [stnicholascentre.org](http://stnicholascentre.org)**

## **Saint Sabas the Sanctified - December 5**

Born in Cappadocia in 439AD, Sabas is one of the most highly regarded patriarchs among the monks of Palestine, and is considered one of the founders of Eastern monasticism.

After an unhappy childhood in which he was abused and ran away several times, Sabas finally sought refuge in a monastery. While family members tried to persuade him to return home, the young boy felt drawn to monastic life. Although the youngest monk in the house, he excelled in virtue.

At age 18 he traveled to Jerusalem, seeking to learn more about living in solitude. Soon he asked to be accepted as a disciple of a well-known local solitary, though initially he was regarded as too young to live completely as a hermit. Initially, Sabas lived in a monastery, where he worked during the day and spent much of the night in prayer. At the age of 30 he was given permission to spend five days each week in a nearby remote cave, engaging in prayer and manual labor in the form of weaving baskets. Following the death of his mentor, Saint Euthymius, Sabas moved farther into the desert near Jericho. There he lived for several years in a cave near the brook Cedron. A rope was his means of access. Wild herbs among the rocks were his food. Occasionally men brought him other food and items, while he had to go a distance for his water.

Some of these men came to him desiring to join him in his solitude. At first he refused. But not long after relenting, his followers swelled to more than 150, all of them living in individual huts grouped around a church, called a "laura."

The bishop persuaded a reluctant Sabas, then in his early 50s, to prepare for the priesthood so that he could better serve his monastic community in leadership. While functioning as abbot among a large community of monks, he felt ever called to live the life of a hermit. Throughout each year-consistently in Lent - he left his monks for long periods of time, often to their distress. A group of 60 men left the monastery, settling at a nearby ruined facility. When Sabas learned of the difficulties they were facing, he generously gave them supplies and assisted in the repair of their church.

Over the years Sabas traveled throughout Palestine, preaching the true faith and successfully bringing back many to the Church. At the age of 91, in response to a plea from the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Sabas undertook a journey to Constantinople in conjunction with the Samaritan revolt and its violent repression. He fell ill and soon after his return, died at the monastery at Mar Saba in 532AD. Today the monastery is still inhabited by monks of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and Saint Sabas is regarded as one of the most noteworthy figures of early monasticism.

### **Reflection**

Few of us share Sabas' yearning for a cave in the desert, but most of us sometimes resent the demands others place on our time. Saint Sabas understands that. When at last he gained the solitude for which he yearned, a community immediately began to gather around him, and he was forced into a leadership role. He stands as a model of patient generosity for anyone whose time and energy are required by others - that is, for all of us. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-sabas>