



**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 Мироносиць

Перше Святе Причастя



Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

First Holy Communion

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43 - 16:8

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

Today: Our Parish is celebrating **First Holy Communion** at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. We offer congratulations and prayers to **Ryan Andrew Richards** as he receives his First Holy Communion. We pray for him and his family, that Our Lord bless them on this most special and holy occasion. Thank you to Susan Lazaruk for the First Communion preparations and lessons.

Before the Final Blessing at today's Divine Liturgies, we will offer the prayer for Ukraine that is found in the bulletin, together with an "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and "Glory be".

The Parish Easter Dinner will be held in our auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy for those who purchased their tickets ahead of time. No walk-ins at the door.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Stephanie Toporowski who celebrates her 90th birthday today, May 1st. May Our Lord grant her many more years. Многая Літа!

Tuesday, May 3: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

Thursday, May 5: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

Saturday, May 7: Cemetery Services at Gardens of Gethsemane Cemetery begin at 11:00 am. The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time between 11:00 am & 12:30 pm.

Sunday, May 8: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: pg 184: Сей день; Sei den'

Communion: pg 258: Тіло Христове; Tilo Chrystove

Closing: pg 200: Христос Воскрес! Радість з неба; Khrystos voskres! Radist' z neba

Moleben to the Blessed Mother

Moleben to the Blessed Mother will be celebrated during the month of May. We will celebrate Moleben on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the residence chapel, and at 10:00 am in church on Sundays. Please join us for this most beautiful service in honour of Our Lady. **Note: No Moleben on Sunday, May 1.**

UCWLC News

UCWLC meeting for May has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 7/22 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. Please try to attend this meeting as we have a few important matters to discuss.

Also, on that day, we will be supporting the Young Adult group in their perogy *Support for Ukraine Fundraiser* with a bake sale. I am asking that all of us do some baking to support the worthy cause they are doing.

We are asking parishoners to please bring baking for the fundraiser on Saturday, May 7 to the hall before 10:00 am. It would be much appreciated. Please package, label and price the baking.

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

Prayer for Ukraine

O God of love, we pray for the people of Ukraine,
the frail and the elderly,
the women and children who are left alone,
grieving families with loved ones who have fallen,
and the multitudes who have lost everything.

O God of peace, how we long that violence will cease,
that the machines of war,
will be transformed into implements of peace.
Be with the leaders of this world,
that their decisions will be keenly oriented
towards a just and lasting peace.

O God of compassion, open our hearts,
to care for the refugees who may come to our shores
and the needy stranger in our midst.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2022

For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Our Ladies League (UCWLC) is supporting and collecting donations in the church vestibule (on behalf of our Parish) in **Aid to Ukraine**. All funds will be forwarded to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). An "Aid to Ukraine Thermometer" poster is displayed (in the church vestibule and in the Fellowship Room) to indicate how much our Church has already contributed. Donations will be ongoing for the next while.

Support Ukraine Fundraiser

Saturday, May 7, 2022

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre
3150 Ash Street, Vancouver

Frozen Homemade Perogies

Homemade Baking - Coffee - Crafts - T-shirts

All profits go toward humanitarian help in Ukraine

Parking available

For more information: Matthew @ 604.868.0468

Please donate to **“Aid for Ukraine”**. All donations collected in our parish will be forwarded to *Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada* (CNEWA Canada) that collaborates closely with local churches and *Caritas Ukraine*. They supply aid by accessing and delivering food, shelter, medical supplies and providing spiritual and psychological support for those in need, including refugees fleeing their homes to other parts of Ukraine.

Please make cheques payable to St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, with memo ‘Aid for Ukraine’. Tax receipts will be issued.

Online donations to *CNEWA Canada*: <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

Or, one may send a cheque directly to: CNEWA Canada

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Body and Blood of Christ

The Eucharist is a sacrament. That means it is a symbol of a greater reality - something that makes real (remembers) what it signifies. In his encyclical letter, *“Redeemer of Humanity,”* Pope John Paul II says the Eucharist “is at one and the same time a Sacrifice-Sacrament, a Communion-Sacrament, and a Presence-Sacrament”. What does he mean by that statement?

Sacrifice-Sacrament: St. Paul said, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). The Eucharist is the way Jesus has given us to be seated at table with him; to celebrate the Last Supper, Jesus' death on the cross, and his glorious Resurrection from the dead. As Pope John Paul II puts it in his encyclical, “The Church never ceases to relive Christ's death on the cross and his Resurrection”.

Communion-Sacrament: We also enter into communion with God and with one another through the Eucharist. St. John Chrysostom (c 347-407) once said in a homily, “What is the bread actually? The Body of Christ. What do communicants become? The Body of Christ.”

Presence-Sacrament: Jesus is truly present to us under the sacramental forms of bread and wine we find in the Eucharist. St. Ignatius of Antioch (c 35-107) said, “the Eucharist is the self-same body of our Saviour Jesus Christ which suffered for our sins, and which the Father in his goodness afterwards raised up again” (Letter to the Smyrnaeans, #7).

We are indeed fortunate to take part in this Sacrifice-Sacrament, Communion-Sacrament, and Presence-Sacrament.