



**Українська Католицька Парафія
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**Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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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 Отців
Нікейського Собору**



**Sunday of the
Nicean Fathers**

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
John 17:1-13

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

Today: No coffee and sweets after the 8:30 am Divine Liturgy; just after the 10:30 am Liturgy.

10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

National UCWLC Day. The last Sunday of May is dedicated to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. We greet all the members of our UCWLC on this day and pray for their intentions.

A Panachyda for all the deceased members of the UCWLC, Vancouver Branch will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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".

Tuesday, May 31: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

Sunday, June 5: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in church.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

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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.

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.

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.

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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Prayer of Intercession to Mary, Queen of Hope

‘O Mary, my Mother, I kneel before you with a heavy heart. The burden of my sins oppresses me. The knowledge of my weakness discourages me. I am beset by fear and temptation of every sort. Yet I am so attached to the things of this world that instead of longing for Heaven I am filled with dread at the thought of death.

O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me in my distress. You are all-powerful with your Divine Son. He can refuse no request of your Immaculate Heart. Show yourself a true Mother to me by being my advocate before His throne. O Refuge of Sinners and Hope of Hopeless, to whom shall I turn if not you?

Obtain for me, then, O Mother of Hope, the grace of true sorrow for my sins, the gift of perfect resignation to God’s Holy Will, and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus.

But above all I pray, O dearest Mother, that through your most powerful intercession, my heart may be filled with Holy Hope, so that in life’s darkest hour I may never fail to trust in God my Saviour, but by walking in the way of His commandments I may merit to be united with Him, and with you in the eternal joys of Heaven. Amen.’

Prayer to the Archangels

O Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector. I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News. I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel. I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, and lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels and archangels, pray for us. Amen.

Fathers of the Nicene Council

On this Sunday the Church commemorates the Fathers (Bishops) of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea. Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies (false teachings) arose. One of these heresies was Arianism.

Arius was a priest of Alexandria. He falsely taught that the Saviour is not consubstantial (the same essence) with the Father, but is only a created being. In the year 325 AD, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea (present day Iznik, Turkey) to counter this false teaching. The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Creed proposed by followers of Arius. Instead, they affirmed the Creed (Symbol of Faith) that we are familiar with. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text the word “consubstantial,” which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ’s divine nature. The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the Bishops who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Nicene Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith.

