



**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

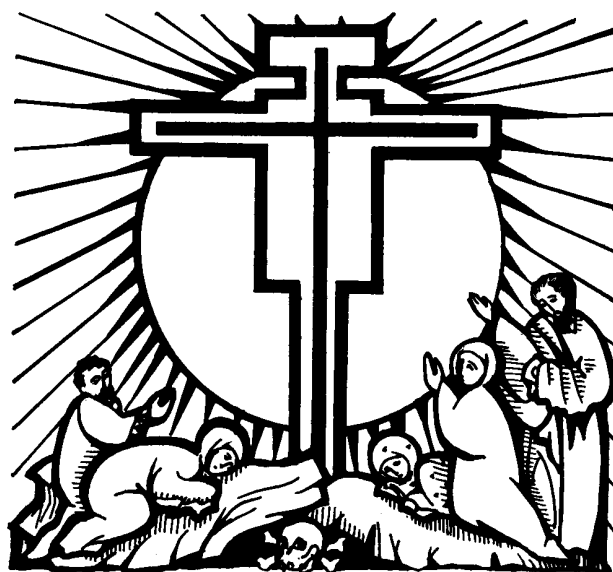
Marriages - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**Неділя по
Воздвиженні Чесного Хреста**



**Sunday after
Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Galatians 2:16-20

Mark 8:34 - 9:1

Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes everyone to our Divine Liturgy. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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".

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Tickets for our Parish Praznyk Dinner (Sunday, October 2) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 238: Увійди, єрею; Uviydy, yereyu

Communion: page 8: Хресту Твоєму, Владико; Khrestu Tvoyemu, Vlydyko

Closing: page 4: Вітай нам, хресте; Vytai nam, khreste

UCWLC Meeting

Saturday September 24 at 10:00 am. Ladies, please try to attend as we have a full agenda. Also, the Young Adults are doing their "Perogy Fundraiser." They are asking for help. Following the meeting, if able, please come to the hall and help with the production of perogies. A couple of hours help would be helpful. Thank you.

Parish Praznyk/Feast Day

Our Parish Praznyk will be celebrated on Sunday, October 2, 2022

This year is the 40th anniversary of the opening of our present church. We give thanks to Our Lord for the blessings our parish has received. We also pray that He continue to bless our parish and all our parishioners. May we all work together for His greater glory.

On this day we remember in prayer (at both Divine Liturgies) all of our parishioners and their families. We pray for their health and well-being. We also remember all our deceased parishioners. A Panachyda will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please join us in prayer.

A Parish Praznyk Dinner will be held in the parish auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2022

For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Reflections from the Vespers Service

"By its elevation the cross is like an appeal to the whole creation. We adore the blessed passion of Christ our God Who was suspended on it. By this cross, Christ destroyed the one who had destroyed us. In His great goodness He brought us back to life after we had been dead. In His mercy He clothed us with beauty and made us worthy of heaven. Therefore, we exalt His name with great rejoicing and glorify His infinite condescension."

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.

Parish Praznyk/Feast Day Dinner

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner - 100 person limit

Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - Following the Divine Liturgies on September 18 & 25

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: September 29, 2022

Adults: \$30 / Children 7-12: \$15 / Children 6 & under: no charge

No walk-ins at the door

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*.

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.

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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Pope Benedict XVI - Reflection on the Holy Cross

“Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.’ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:13-17)

“Being Christian”, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, “is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event”. The Gospel for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter into a relationship of love with everyone. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the Cross.

Lifting up our gaze to God expresses a very important truth: we are invited to enter back into relationship with Him. We need to stop turning in on ourselves, uselessly nurturing a sense of guilt and forgetting that “in whatever our hearts condemn, God is greater than our hearts.” (1 John 3:20) Let us lift up our eyes toward the stars (remember Abraham and the promise of many descendants), knowing how to cast every worry onto God.

Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against Him. A choice is made before every action, for the actions of a Christian are none other than the testimony of how “God has love us so much that he gave His only Son, Jesus”.

We adore you,
Lord Jesus Christ,
here, and in all your churches
throughout the whole world,
and we bless you,
for by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.
(Saint Francis of Assisi)