



**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 Святих Праотців
Попразденство Непорочного Зачаття



Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers
Post-Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Colossians 3:4-11
Luke 14:16-24

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

Today: A collection basket, MONETARY ONLY, will be held for the Vancouver Food Bank at both Divine Liturgies. Monies raised will be added to the monetary donation that will be made to the Vancouver Food Bank by our Ukrainian Catholic Women's League for Christmas help. Together we can help make a difference.

If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the special envelope "Vancouver Food Bank Donation". Make cheques payable to "St. Mary's Parish" and indicate in the memo portion that it is for the "Vancouver Food Bank." May Our Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity.

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

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 332: Богородице Діво; Bohorodytse Divo

Communion: page 344: Левадов, долинов; Levadov, dolynov

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

St. Philip's Fast - Pilipiwka

St. Philip's Fast is a time to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and into our hearts. On each Sunday of the Fast in our Ukrainian Catholic Church we celebrate a different figure who has helped to show us the way.

(Sunday, December 11) This week we commemorate the ancestors of our faith; the great men and women of the Bible who kept the promise of the Messiah alive through the ages; the prophets, and we especially admire the Prophet Daniel and the faith and courage of the three children who went into the fiery furnace. They teach us to be courageous in our faith.

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

Christmas Cards

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

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the downstairs classroom. New students, family and friends are welcome. For more information, please call Emily at 778.888.3057.

Year End Contributions

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations throughout the year. For any donations that you want included on your 2022 tax receipt **ALL contributions must be in the parish office and your cheques dated no later than December 31, 2022.**

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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 December 18, January 1 & 8

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: January 11, 2023

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

No walk-ins at the door

Holodomor: Voices of Survivors

Ariadna Ochrymovych's award-winning film **Holodomor: Voices of Survivors** will be broadcast on Omni BC and Alberta, Sunday December 11 at 5:30 pm. All the survivors are Canadians, from across Canada. Awards from Chicago, Yorkton, Paris, Poland, Odesa (2022), Toronto, and Great Lakes festivals. English voice-over and narration with Luba Goy & Franko Diakowsky. Cinematographer Markian Radomskyj. Great archival footage, Soviet posters and compelling interviews and images. Music By Myroslav Skoryk.

Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we entreat You to hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church of Kyivan Rus' for her afflicted children abiding in the land of Ukraine. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war.

O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that your beloved children of the land of Ukraine, may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.

Молитва за Україну

Господи Ісусе Христе, Боже наш, благаємо Тебе вислухати щиру молитву Твоєї улюбленої Церкви Київської Русі за її засмучених дітей, які потерпають в Україні. Звільни Твій наражений на небезпеку народ від несправедливого агресора, нападу чужинців і терору війни.

Добросердний Господи, джерело нашого миру, умиротвори серця немилосердних і наверни тих, хто пропагує ворожнечу до примирення, щоб Твої улюблені діти української землі могли проживати у такому спокої, справедливості і свободі, які завжди панують у Твоєму Царстві, де Ти царюєш зі своїм споконвічним Отцем і Твоїм благим і животворящим Духом нині, повсякчас і на віки віків. Амінь.

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
233 Main Street, Box 80
Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers

Throughout the history of the Old Testament, there were those who ignored both the Law and the Prophets, who did not prepare and were not ready for the coming of the Messiah. That was also true at the time of the Saviour’s birth when the wicked Herod tried to kill him.

On this Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers we commemorate those men and women who did prepare, all those in the Old Testament who foretold or prefigured the coming of Christ.

The first coming of Our Lord at His Incarnation did not simply occur one day as a random event, but was the fulfillment of God’s plan to bring us into His divine life, which took many generations to fulfill. No one was forced to get ready for Him, and today we honour those who accepted the invitation to prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

The following hymns are sung at the services of the day:

“Today we commemorate the ancestors of Christ. Sing with fervor a hymn of praise to Christ the Saviour Who exalted them among all nations. He is the Lord Who does wondrous deeds because He is powerful and mighty. From them He brought forth a holy scepter, the immaculate maiden of God and Virgin Mary. From her, Christ our God came forth to give life and eternal salvation for all.”

“Come, let us faithfully celebrate the annual memory of the Fathers who preceded the Law: Abraham and all those with him. Let us worthily venerate the tribe of Judah. With Daniel let us exalt, as a symbol of the Trinity, the youths who extinguished the flame in the furnace. Let us carefully heed the sayings of the Prophets. With Isaiah, let us cry out in a loud voice: Behold, the Virgin shall be with child and give birth to a Son, and they shall call Him Emmanuel, a name which means: God is with us.”

“The great Sun, the Creator, hastens today to Bethlehem to be born of the Immaculate Virgin, and to enlighten the children of Adam. For this reason, the glorious memory of the Fore-Fathers announces this miracle.”

The holy Fore-Fathers, men and women, together with all their descendants, prepared for the coming of the Messiah. They chose life. They found it in God's Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is Life itself, God's incarnate Word. This is a celebration of Life in God's Word. We want to use this season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and reconciliation to become more like them.