



**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 перед Богоявлінням
Свято Обрізання, Св. Василя, Новий Рік



St. Basil the Great

Sunday before Theophany
Feast of Circumcision, St. Basil, New Year

2 Timothy 4:5-8
Mark 1:1-8

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

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

Christmas Carols at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 54: Возвеселімся всі разом нині; Today we gather in celebration

Communion: page 72: Небо і земля; Heaven and Earth

Closing: page 68: На небі зірка; In the Darkness, a Star

Tickets for our Parish Christmas Dinner (Sunday, January 15) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

The delivery of our church donation envelopes for 2023 has been delayed due to shipping difficulties that have arisen because of inclement weather in Ontario.

Thank You

I sincerely wish to thank all parishioners and friends for your offerings of Divine Liturgies for my husband John's health during his illness, and also now for the repose of his soul. Thank you also for your expressions of condolence, your kind words of support and prayers. Your friendship and support have helped me in this most difficult time. May God bless you all!

With gratitude, Irene Sliziak and Family

Thank you to all parishioners for your generosity at Christmas time. May Our Lord bless you abundantly.

Vigil Candles

Please note, that as of January 1, 2023 the offering for the large vigil candle has been increased from \$4 to \$5. The offering for the small votive candle remains the same.

Thursday, January 5: Eve of Theophany (Day of abstinence from meat products)

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy and Blessing of water

Friday, January 6: Feast of Theophany - Jordan (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy and Blessing of water

Holy Water for the Feast of Theophany

Once again, we ask that parishioners not bring their own jars/containers for the water that will be blessed on the Feast of Theophany. Rather, the Parish will provide these jars. Jars of holy water will be available in the church vestibule as of January 6.

Home Blessings: If you wish to have your home blessed please contact the parish office.

2023 Parish Calendars can be found in the church vestibule. Please take one calendar per family.

The **2023 Almanac "Svitlo"** is available in the Bookstore at a cost of \$20/copy.

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 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

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

Next class: January 23rd. 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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2023

For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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 щирю 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

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Feast of the Circumcision and Naming of Our Lord - January 1

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God’s Covenant with the holy Forefather Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 17:10-14, Leviticus 12:3).

After this ritual, the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to Mary, the Mother of God (Luke 1:31-33, 2:21). The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics had taught.

In the New Testament, the ritual of circumcision gave way to the Mystery of Baptism, which it prefigured (Colossians 2:11-12). Accounts of the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord continue in the Eastern Church right up through the fourth century.

In addition to circumcision, which the Lord accepted as a sign of God’s Covenant with humanity, He also received the name Jesus (Saviour) on the eighth day after His Nativity as an indication of His service, the work of the salvation of the world (Matthew 1:21; Mark 9:38-39, 16:17; Luke 10:17; Acts 3:6, 16; Philippians 2:9-10).

These two events - the Lord’s Circumcision and Naming - remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God and “are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ” (Colossians 2:11). The very name “Christian” is a sign of humanity’s entrance into a New Covenant with God.

