



**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

Неділя Закхея

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



Zacchaeus Sunday

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

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.

Today. Our Young Adult group will be selling frozen pyrohy (perogies) in the Fellowship Room following both Divine Liturgies.

Eternal Rest! Sincerest condolences are extended to the Family of the late Kathleen Bachewich. Please keep the deceased and her family in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Christmas Carols at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 88: По всьому світі стала новина; Po vsiomu sviti stala novyna

Communion: page 98: Спас наш народився; Spas nash narodyvsia

Closing: page 54: Возвеселімся всі разом нині; Vozveselimsia vsi razom nyini

The 2023 Parish donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

2023 Parish Calendars can be found in the church vestibule.

Monday, February 6: 7:00 pm: Parish Bazaar Meeting in the Fellowship Room for all who are interested in participating and holding a Parish Bazaar in 2023. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

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.

Ukrainian Language Lessons

Ukrainian language lessons are being offered online, starting January 23, 2023. All levels welcome: beginners, intermediate and advanced. For more information, please call Susan at 604.733.3756.

Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish - Surrey

Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish is relocating to a new home in Surrey. Copies of an article written by Bruce Hitchen is found in the church vestibule. This article illustrates the difficulties that Holy Cross Parish has encountered over the last 2 - 3 years, and the challenges it faces in the future.

“Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day”

Copies of the book *“Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day”* by Chris Stefanick are found in the church vestibule. You are welcome to take one copy per family. They have been generously donated by a parishioner.

Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith.

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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Sunday of Zacchaeus

Fr. Joseph Kapusnak

The Sunday of Zacchaeus reminds us that we will soon be entering the time of Great Lent which in turn prepares us for the passion and death of Jesus through which our salvation is secured and promised in the Holy Resurrection.

Before we enter the Great Forty Days, we already get a glimpse of the Feast of feasts - Pascha as we hear the words of our Lord to Zacchaeus: *"Today salvation has come to this house."* Salvation is not just a word but rather a person - the Person of Jesus Christ. Isn't it a feeling of joy for us to realize that Jesus comes to be the guest of one of us? Zacchaeus, a public swindler, welcomed Him with great joy. And yet, today's holy gospel account tells us that when Jesus was asked to stay with Zacchaeus, everyone began to murmur, because He was entering the house of a known sinner, a publican - a puppet tax collector for the Roman occupation forces in Israel.

Isn't it a pity that we seem to be kinder to people in their times of adversity than in their times of joy? The twins of envy and jealousy hidden within us try to prevent us from rejoicing in the good fortunes of neighbors. We ourselves have received many blessings, but often we would deny the same to others. We see this same attitude on the part of the Pharisees and Scribes as described in the holy gospels.

The gospel lessons of the pre-Great Fast Sundays give us the guidelines to complete the Great Fast journey successfully. The desire to see Jesus is one of the key attitudes that we must take along on our journey to Pascha. Obviously, the desire of Zacchaeus to see the Lord was so great that he gave no thought to the people around him as they tried to prevent him in his quest. Desire is our lesson for this first pre-Great Fast Sunday. This is the first step toward repentance.

The next four Sundays of the pre-Great Fast season will also give us lessons and attitudes as conveyed through the epistles and gospels which will help us along the way. Envy and jealousy are not the vehicles of travel for us. But rejoicing in the Lord for the abundance of His blessings is an excellent means to reach the goal. Jesus' words directed towards Zacchaeus are meant for all of us: *"Today salvation has come to this house."* Let us prepare to accept Christ as our salvation in the days to come.

For Quieter Moments

"Prayer is in its essence the union of the soul with God. Its effects and fruits are: a pure soul, collection of inner forces, reconciliation with God, tears, forgiveness of sins, a bridge which leads us above and over temptation, a wall of protection against sorrows. It is the work of angels, a food for all spiritual beings, the joy of eternity, a divine action, a source of virtues, a treasury of graces; it is spiritual progress, the food of the soul, revelation, the exclusion of faintheartedness, a prop for our confidence, a comfort in grief."

St. John Climacus