



**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 після Богоявлення



Sunday after Theophany

Ephesians 4:7-13

Matthew 4:12-17

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 34: Бог ся рождає; Boh sia rozhdaye

Communion: page 52: Во Вифліємі нині новина; Vo Veyfleyemi nyni novyna

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

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

Holy Water for the Feast of Theophany

Jars of holy water are available in the church vestibule. Please take one per family.

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

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

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 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.

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.

Please Note: Have you just moved into our parish? Are you registered in our parish? Registration forms are available in the parish office for those who wish to become parishioners. For parishioners who have moved or changed their phone number, help us to update our records by informing the parish office.

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.

Part-Time Cook Position (Richmond, B.C.)

Do you like to cook? Would you like some part-time hours? We have a job for you!

The *Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko* is looking for a part-time cook to prepare larger quantities of food such as perogies, cabbage rolls, and borscht.

This position requires someone with some cooking experience, strong organizational skills, good communication skills to coordinate our kitchen volunteers, and an ability to lift heavier items such as large roasters, 11 kilo bags of potatoes, etc.

Hours are mostly weekday mornings approximately 15 - 20 hours per week. Starting pay is \$18 per hour. Living in Richmond and having a vehicle to pick up supplies is an asset. Training will be provided.

For all interested applicants, please email your resume to info@ivanfranko.ca by January 15, 2023.

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 Твоїї 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.

Blessing with Holy Water

Why do we use water to bless ourselves when we enter Church and to bless our homes, cars, places of business, etc.? We know that we need to use water for baptisms, but how did the Church start using separate, blessed holy water for these other things? After all, in the earliest times of the Church baptisms took place in rivers, streams, and lakes, so they didn't have large containers full of holy water in their churches. In fact, since Christianity was illegal, they didn't even have churches in most places.

The Church probably used holy water from the earliest days since water was used in Jewish homes for purification, and the earliest Christians were mostly Jews. However, the earliest recorded use of holy water is from the fourth century. It's a blessing of water to protect from disease, evil spirits, and all sickness or ailments. As soon as Christianity was legalized, churches began keeping the water from baptisms for people to use throughout the year. In the seventh century we begin to have records of churches keeping water at the entrance of the Church for people to bless themselves with or to take home with them.

Today, we use holy water for basically the same reasons. We bless ourselves, our homes, and our religious articles with holy water to ask God to purify them, to protect them from demonic influence, and to bestow His grace on them. When we bless ourselves with holy water whenever we enter Church, we are doing at least two things. First, we are reminding ourselves of our baptism, through which we first entered the Church and became children of God. Second, we are asking God to purify us of sin and fill us with His grace. We recognize that we are entering a holy place and ask God to make us worthy to enter his house.

Holy Water is a sacramental, not a sacrament. Sacraments, like baptism, work in and of themselves because of the power that God has given them. Sacramentals require the faith of the person using them to have an effect. If we just bless ourselves with holy water without really thinking about it, but just because that's what we always do, then it's not having much of an effect. So, every time you enter a Church and bless yourself with the holy water, ask God to stir up the graces of baptism in your soul, to forgive your sins, and to fill you with His lifegiving grace.

