



**Українська Католицька Парафія  
Покров Пресвятої Богородиці**

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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

**П'ята Неділя Великого Посту  
Віддання Празника Благовіщення**



**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent  
Leave-Taking of the Annunciation**

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 10:32-45

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

Претерпівий, за нас страсти, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй, помилуй, помилуй нас! (Після відпусту)

Having suffered the passion for us, O Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us. (After Divine Liturgy)

### **Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 162: Хрест на плечі; Khrest na plechi

Communion: page 170: Чоловіче добрий; Choloviche dobryi

Closing: page 144: Претерпівий; Preterpivyi

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

**Wednesday, March 29:** 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

**Friday, March 31:** 7:00 pm - Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty in church.

**Sunday, April 16:** Three young parishioners will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Our Parish Easter Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2023.** Tickets for the Easter Dinner will be available today after both Divine Liturgies.

### **Message from the Archbishop's Office Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg**

Following upon an initial medical procedure last December, Metropolitan Lawrence will undergo major surgery for a treatable condition on Monday, March 27. He will subsequently require time to recuperate and rest before returning to his pastoral duties. Please remember him in your prayers.

### **UCWLC Easter Bake Sale - Parishioners Only**

Our Ladies League, along with the Young Adults, will have a sale on Saturday, April 1st in the parish auditorium. This year we will be taking pre-orders. We are only making paska, with borsch, beets and perogies being made available.

The bread will be made, baked and picked up on Saturday April 1 with pickup starting at 4:00 pm. **Pre-order forms are available in the church vestibule, with last day for orders to be handed in by Wednesday March 29th.** Thank you for your support!

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

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

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.

## **Parish Easter Dinner**

**Sunday, April 16, 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 March 26 and April 2

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: April 13, 2023

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

No walk-ins at the door

## **Great Lent Offering - Eparchial Collection**

This year Bishop David kindly asks that our Great Lenten collection focus on humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine. Each packet of parish donation envelopes contains an envelope entitled, "*Great Lent Offering - Eparchial Collection.*" (green border). **Please do not use this envelope if making a Lenten offering.** Instead, consider making a donation to "*Aid for Ukraine*" using the envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

## **Prayer for Ukraine**

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Softening the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that your beloved children of Ukraine may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom. Lord, hear us, and have mercy.

## **Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

### **Reflection from the Lenten Triodion - Vespers**

With fervor, let us begin the sixth week of the holy Fast; O faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise to the Lord in preparation for the feast of Palms. For He comes in glory and the power of His divinity; He draws near to Jerusalem to vanquish death. Therefore, let us prepare symbols of victory, the palms of our virtues, that we may cry: Hosanna to the Creator of the world.

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Шостий тиждень боговгодного посту охоче починаючи, принесім, вірні, передсвяткову пісню квітної неділі Господеві, що в славі йде в Єрусалим, щоб силою Божества умертвити смерть. Тому побожно зготуймо йому знамена перемоги - вітки чеснот, співаючи Творцеві всіх: Осанна!

## **Reflections on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)**

The feast of the Annunciation was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary - even in the midst of her very ordinary life - is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.

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