



**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)

7:00 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

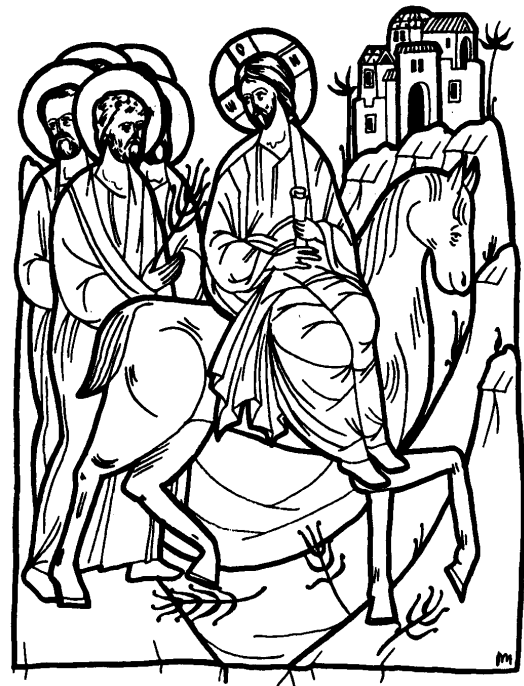
Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Teoktyst Mishchuk, OSBM - Assistant

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

Квітня Неділя



Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

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

A warm welcome to Fr. Teoktyst Mishchuk, OSBM (о. Теоктист Міщук, ЧСВВ) and Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM (о. Йосафат Олійник, ЧСВВ) who have come to Vancouver to study English and to assist at St. Mary's Parish. They look forward to serving in our parish and getting to know all the parishioners.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 172: Пливе народ; Plyve narod

Communion: page 156: Поклоняюся, мій Христе; Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste

Closing: page 172: Пливе народ; Plyve narod

Мирування і роздача лози після кожної Служби Божої.

Розклад Страсних і Великодних Відправ знаходяться в притворі церкви.

Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of willows after each Divine Liturgy.

The schedule of Passion and Resurrection Services is in the church vestibule.

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

The **Easter Pastoral letter** from the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada is in the church vestibule.

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.

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

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

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Парадаси / Graveside Services

Saturday, April 15: Ocean View Cemetery - 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 22: Forest Lawn Cemetery - 1:00 pm

Sunday, April 23: Forest Lawn Cemetery - 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 29: Gardens of Gethsemani - 12:00 Noon

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.

Softens 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.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem before His passion. Jesus Christ, after raising Lazarus, (Jn. 11:1-44) was finally recognized by the Jewish people as their Messiah.

When He arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, they greeted Him with a triumphant welcome. With Jesus' riding on a donkey the people began to spread their cloaks and strewed "branches from the trees" (Mt. 21:8) on the road in front of Him. Others took "branches of palms" (Jn. 12:13) in their hands and, cheering, cried out: "Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mt. 21:9).

As Jesus was entering the city, surrounded by the excited crowds, the Scribes and the Pharisees became alarmed and decided to stop Him at any cost. But the people kept acclaiming Him as their Messiah, saying: "This is the Prophet, Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!" (Mt. 21:10).

Palm Sunday was celebrated with particular solemnity since the first centuries of Christianity. In the Byzantine Rite it is considered to be one of the twelve Major Feasts of the liturgical year. On this Sunday, pussy willows - loza (instead of palm branches) are blessed and distributed to the faithful.

The loza, pussy willow branches, have an additional significance of showing life early in the spring, symbolizing the hope of the Resurrection. They are gathered and then

blessed at the church service. After the service, parishioners gently tap each other with the willows, in imitation of the scourging of Christ while repeating:

*“The willow hits, not I;
A week from now it will be Easter.”*

*“Лоза б'є, не я б'ю,
від нині за тиждень буде Великдень.”*

The tapping with the willow also signifies the wishes for health, happiness and wealth.

After Easter, the willow should be entwined on a cross or placed above an icon to serve as a sign of salvation and a pledge of protection and blessing during the coming year. Tradition has it that the blessed willows could be burned and the ashes scattered on the fields to ensure a good crop.

Holy Week

Christ's suffering, death and resurrection begins on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, the Saturday of Lazarus' resurrection, which is symbolic of Christ's death and Resurrection.

Holy Week services in the Byzantine rite are lengthy, contemplative and deeply penitential as we relive the mystery of our redemption. The Lenten structure and tone of the liturgies stress the importance of repentance and the need of vigilance in prayer.

Following supper on Passion (Holy) Thursday through to Easter morning no meat, eggs or dairy products are eaten.

Good Friday

During the service on Good Friday, a procession is made around the church three times. The Holy Shroud is carried by four persons each holding one of its four corners. This solemn procession is not only symbolic of Jesus' funeral procession but it is also the Son of God, the Immortal One, proceeding through the darkness of Hades and preannouncing the joy of the Resurrection.

Following the procession, the Holy Shroud is placed in the symbolic tomb in front of the altar. Beautiful flowers and candles adorn the tomb. During this time, the Troparion “The Noble Joseph” is sung.

Behind the tomb stands a large, plain cross. The faithful approach the shroud on their knees and make three prostrations and kiss the five wounds of Christ. The shroud remains exposed for veneration until the Matins of the Resurrection on Easter morning. It is then carried into the sanctuary and placed upon the holy altar. It is kept on the altar for forty days until the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus, symbolizing the forty days He remained on earth following His Resurrection.

Good Friday not only commemorates the death and burial of Jesus but also His descent into Hades. In this descent, Jesus, Who is the Life, encounters and destroys death. The Good Friday Service is truly one of the most moving spiritual experiences of the Church Year.