



**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

Before both Sunday Divine Liturgies

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

**Неділя перед
Воздвиженням Чесного Хреста**

**Попразденство
Празника Різдва Богородиці**



**Sunday before
Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Post-Feast of the Nativity of the BVM

Galatians 6:11-18

John 3:13-17

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.

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 234: В страсі і покорі; V strasi I pokori

Communion: page 246: Вірую, Господи; Viruyu, Hospody

Closing: page 364: О спомагай нас; O spomahai nas

Tickets for our Parish Praznyk Dinner (Sunday, October 1) will be available in the church vestibule today following both Divine Liturgies.

Wednesday, September 13: 10:00 am: Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Thursday, September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Non-obligatory holy day. **Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am in chapel.**

Saturday, September 16: 10:00 am: The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League will hold a meeting in the Fellowship Room. Ladies, please join us for our first meeting after the summer break.

Sunday, September 17: A **Parish Picnic** will be held after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please keep this date in mind.

Monday, September 25: 7:00 pm: "Christmas Fair" meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Parish Praznyk/Feast Day - Sunday, October 1, 2023

We give thanks to Our Lord for the blessings our parish has received.

On this day we remember in prayer (at both Divine Liturgies) all of our parishioners and their families. We pray for their health and well-being. We also remember all our deceased parishioners. A Panachyda will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please join us in prayer.

A Parish Praznyk Dinner will be held in the parish auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Parish Praznyk/Feast Day Dinner

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner - Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - Following the Divine Liturgies on September 3, 10, 17, 24

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: September 28, 2023

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

No walk-ins at the door

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club will meet on Monday evenings at St. Mary's, beginning Monday, September 11. Classes are 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.

St. Mary's Event Update

It has been a few years since our Parish has held a Bazaar. This year, a group of interested parishioners got together and are organizing a "UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR" not a Bazaar.

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will be having crafts, baked goods, preserves, frozen perogies, take-out food, concession. There will be "NO RUMMAGE SALES".

We are asking you to make a few more jars of jam and pickles for our sales. Any kind of fruit jam/jellies, and any kind of pickles, beets (pickled) are accepted. Any sauces/antipastos cannot be accepted.

Also, if there are any crafters in our parish that would like to display their crafts, tables are available: \$30 for one table; \$50 for two tables. Please contact Marlayne at 604.274.3164 for more information.

We will be updating information in the fall and also asking for volunteer help to make this a fun day for our people and surrounding neighbours.

Thank you!

Fair Committee: Michael Myckatyn, Pat Sorochuk, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

Preparing for the Christmas Fair

In preparation for the Christmas Fair, the young adults will be organizing a few pyrohy (perogie) making sessions in the next few months. If you are free on the dates below we would love for you to join us. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com

September 16th - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

September 19th - 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

September 20th - 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

September 23rd - 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

October 21st - 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

October 28th - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Готуючись до Різдв'яного базару, молодь організує декілька днів щоб ліпити вареників у наступні декілька місяців. Якщо ви вільні у ці дати, ми запрошуємо вас доєднатися до ліпки вареників. З будь яких питань, звертайтеся за імейлом: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com

16 Вересень - 8:00 - 17:00

19 Вересень - 16:30 - 20:00

20 Вересень - 16:30 - 20:00

23 Вересень - 13:00 - 20:00

21 Жовтень - 13:00 - 20:00

28 Жовтень - 8:00 - 17:00

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*.

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
233 Main Street, Box 80
Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on September 14. A cross, beautifully decorated with flowers, or an icon of the cross is placed on the tetrapod for veneration. The day of the feast is a day of fasting from all meat products. Red vestments are worn by clergy and all celebrants for liturgical celebrations from September 14 and for the entire post-feast until September 21. The verse *“To your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify your holy resurrection”* is sung after each liturgical service during this time, and all present prostrate themselves before the holy cross of Our Lord.

This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335 AD. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ’s love shown on Good Friday, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, prisons, hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ’s. We unite our sufferings to those of Our Saviour.

We often make the sign of the cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism the sign of the cross is used; the priest makes the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the sign of the cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way.

May we look to the cross often. Each time we make the sign of the cross, may we do it with reverence and humility, and realize we bring our whole selves to God - our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts - everything we are and will become.

“To your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify your holy resurrection.”