



**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. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

**24-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа
Св. Священномученика Йосафата**



**24th Sunday after Pentecost
Priest-Martyr St. Josaphat**

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 8:26-39

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

Today: In honour of *Remembrance Day* both **Divine Liturgies** will be celebrated in memory of all those who lost their lives in the service of their country. A Panachyda will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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

Hymns at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

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Monday, November 13: 10:00 am: “Christmas Fair” Meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Reports for Parish AGM

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2023 in the parish auditorium. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 17.

Bake Sale Corner at the Christmas Fair

Dear Parishioners, it is “baking” time in all your kitchens! All types of home baked goods are needed for the Christmas Fair on December 2. Items may include: breads, pies, loaves, cookies, squares, shortbread, buns, tarts or “surprise creations”. All items need to be brought to the hall on December 1st, all nicely packaged. Your baking items will be priced by us. Any questions, please contact Theresa McNicholl.

All Baking Parishioners

Now that the recipe books are opened on your kitchen counters, please let me know what baking items you are donating to the “Baking Corner”. It is important that we have a “variety” of things to sell. If you need packaging material, (trays, containers, ribbons, plastic bags) just let me know. It is easy to arrange a time to meet and I can give you what you need. Questions, contact Theresa McNicholl: 604-732-7982

St. Mary’s Christmas Fair - Update

St. Mary’s Ukrainian Christmas Fair will be held 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, and a concession. There will be **“NO RUMMAGE SALES”**.

If you made extra preserves to donate to the Christmas Fair, we ask that these preserves be delivered to the Hall on **Friday, December, 1st**.

If there are any crafters in our parish that would like to display their crafts, tables are available - \$30/one table - \$50/two tables. Contact Marlayne - 604-274-3164 for info.

We will be asking for your help on the day of the event. If you have a couple of hours that you can help at the Fair, please contact any of the committee members and let them know so that we have enough scheduled volunteers to make the Fair fun and successful.

Fair Committee:	Michael Myckatyn 604-341-7598	Pat Sorochuk 604-433-0661	Marlayne Andrijaszyn 604-274-3164
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**Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and
Enthronement (Installation) of Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski**

Saturday, November 18, 2023, 10:00 AM
followed by a celebratory banquet

Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
560 West 14th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Banquet tickets available through the Pastoral Centre (Chancery) in New Westminster
and Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Vancouver

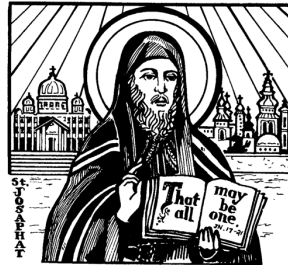
Price \$75.00 (cut-off date for tickets: November 15, 2023)

Tickets may be purchased through
Fr. Yuriy Sakvuk, 778-789-9639 sakvuk@gmail.com
St. Mary's Parish, 604-879-5830 office@stmarysbc.com
Payment by e-transfer: nwe.chancery@gmail.com
Cheques payable to: Eparchy of New Westminster

**Welcome of Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski and
First Solemn Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:00 AM
followed by a reception (no reception tickets required)

Holy Eucharist Cathedral, 501 Fourth Avenue, New Westminster, BC



Feast of St. Josaphat Kuntsevych - November 12

- Born in the year 1580 in Volodymyr, Lithuania.
- Entered the Basilian Fathers' Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Vilna in 1604 at the age of 24.
- Ordained a Priest in 1609 and dedicated himself to the cause of church unity.
- Consecrated as Archbishop of Polotsk (Belarus) in 1617. He worked to bring about a renewal within the church, to promote catechesis, education, good preaching, charity and service to the poor. Despite all his duties as an archbishop, he remained faithful to his monastic rule.
- Died on November 12, 1623 at the age of 44. He died a martyr's death at the hands of those who opposed the unity between Orthodox and Catholics.
- Beatified in 1643 and Canonized on June 29, 1867 by Pope Pius IX.
- The body of St. Josaphat is found in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, at the Altar of St. Basil the Great.

Remembrance Day Prayer

God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others.

Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families. Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity.

May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Tony Cosentino, RCCDSB
EOCCC: Our Language, Our Story 1.0, 2009

Pylypivka (St. Philip's Fast) / Advent

Ukrainian Catholics refer to the pre-Christmas fast period as *Pylypivka* or *St. Philip's Fast*, as it always begins on November 15, the day after the feast of St. Philip the Apostle. It lasts for 40 days and ends on December 24th.

This fast once had very strict rules. Today, the Church encourages us to abstain from meat on Fridays. We are also required to practice the spirit of sacrifice, penance, especially charity. To prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we fast, we pray more and we increase our acts of love and compassion.

It is important to approach the fasting with the right attitude and it is essential that an inner fast accompany the outer fast.

Fasting involves not just food, but the entire being:

- Our mouths should fast from off-colour, offensive or hurtful words.
- Our eyes should fast from things they should not see, perhaps movies, television programs or internet and social media that do not promote Christian values.
- Our ears should fast from listening to things they should not, like gossip and music that goes against moral integrity.
- Our minds should fast from thoughts that are not compatible with our life as Christians.

May the season of Pylypivka be a fruitful one; a time of renewal and preparation for the Feast of Our Lord's Birth.