

St. Mary's Newsletter

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Divine Liturgies

Sundays: 8:30am English
10:30am Ukrainian
Weekdays: 7:00am (Chapel)
Holy Days: 10:00am

Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM (Admin)
Father Josafat Oliinyk OSBM

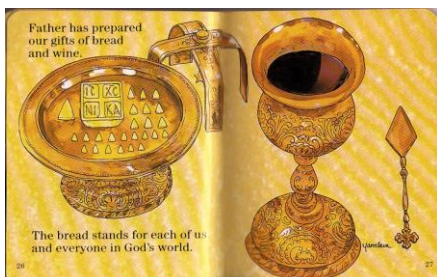
Proskomedija

Before the Divine Liturgy proper begins, behind the iconostasis, at the table of preparation, the priest and a deacon, if one is serving, begin by preparing the gifts of bread and wine for use in the service. This service is more than simply setting aside the bread and wine; a ritual has developed with elaborate symbolism.

Five loaves of bread are used, reminiscent of the five loaves in the wilderness, from which the masses were fed. During the *Proskomedija*, the priest cuts out a square called the Lamb from the main loaf of bread (*prospophora*). This will be consecrated during the Liturgy of the Faithful to become the holy body of Christ. He also removes small particles and places them on the *diskos* (or *paten*) in commemoration of the Theotokos, various saints, and the living and departed faithful.

During the preparation, the priest also blesses wine and water, which are poured into the chalice. The gifts are incensed several times during the *Proskomedija*. The conclusion of the preparation leads directly into the beginning of the Divine Liturgy.

From www.sspp.ca



Forgiveness

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son, Matthew, spoke up from his relaxed position in his seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that his six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain!" he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew."

Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So, I asked... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us." I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on.

In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure some rain.

We must continually come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

-Brenda Hunter as told to FrTommyLane.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ukrainian Vechornytsi

Fridays 6-8pm

New West Ukrainian Library
preserve & study the traditions of Uk
folk art Tatiana Znak, artist-designer

Holodomor Remembrance Day

Sunday November 26

Holy Trinity Orthodox Centre

St Mary's Ukrainian Christmas Fair

Saturday December 2, 2023 11- 4 pm

Parish Hall Food, preserves, baking

Vechornytsi on St. Andrew's Fundraiser

Sunday Dec 3, 2023 2pm

Ukr. Comm Society of Ivan Franko
Dinner, kids' workshops, events

Carol of the Bells

A Ukrainian Christmas in Music

Tuesday December 5, 2023 8pm

Orpheum Theatre Annex

Ukrainian Vertep

Dec 10 2pm AUUC Ukrainian Hall

Dec 17 3pm Vancouver Art Gallery

Dec 23 1pm Ivan Franko

Dec 24 1pm Holy Trinity Orthodox Hall

Dec 26 3pm Vancouver Art Gallery

BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival

Saturday May 11, 2024 9am – 6:30 pm

Mission BC <http://bcucf.ca> info/tickets

National Ballet of Ukraine

February 5 & 7, 2024

Centre for Performing Art Vancouver

All events subject to change. Check with the venue for details or updates

You can see more at stmarysbc.com/events

Submit your event to

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Remembering our past



Family Night 2015



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