



**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

Неділя Закхея



Zacchaeus Sunday

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

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

The Parish Christmas Dinner will be held in our auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy for those who have purchased tickets. No walk-ins at the door.

Christmas "Vertep" at our Parish Christmas Dinner

This year the Youth Group of the Holy Eucharist Cathedral has prepared a special "Vertep" that will be presented at our Parish Christmas Dinner on January 14th.

One of the characters of the "Vertep" is Gareth Johnson, a journalist, who was the first to tell the world about the Holodomor.

In their "Vertep" the Youth Group will be sharing with us the good news of the birth of Christ in the context of the contemporary Ukrainian history. At the same time, they are raising money for the army, namely for first aid kits through the project: *#SaveUkrainianSoldier*. The "Vertep;" text was written by Tetyanka Shpaykher.

Молодіжна спільнота при катедрі Пресвятої Євхаристії цього року підготувала особливий вертеп. Ми маємо нового персонажа - Гарета Джонсона, журналіста, який першим розповів світові про Голодомор.

Ми будемо сповіщати добру новину про народження Христа в контексті української історії 1933-го та 2022-го років. Разом з тим ми збираємо гроші на армію, а саме на аптечки.

Сценарій написаний Tetyanka Shpaykher, і з її легкої руки розлетівся по світу.

Многая Літа! Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. Tommy Ray who will celebrate his 105th birthday on January 19th. May Our Lord grant him many more years of good health and happiness.

The **2024 Parish donation envelopes** and **2024 Parish Calendars** are available in the church vestibule.

Christmas Carols at 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 68: На небі зірка; Na nebi zirka

Communion: page 114: Чудесна зірка; Chudesna zirka

Closing: page 54: Возвеселімся всі разом нині; Vozveselimsia vsi razom nyi

Holy Water for the Feast of Theophany

Jars of holy water are available in the church vestibule. Please take one per family.

Home Blessings: If you wish to have your home blessed please contact the parish office.

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

Next class: January 15th. 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.

Knights of Columbus

Are You a Brother Knight? A survey is being taken to determine which men in our Parish are members of the Knights of Columbus or may be interested in joining. Depending on numbers, interest and approval from the Parish Administrator, a Round Table could be formed to hold spiritual activities and give support to our Clergy and Parish.

Please let the parish office (office@stmarysbc.com) or PGK Adrian (adk.bckofc@gmail.com) know of your name and your home Council and/or Assembly numbers by January 31/2024.

For more information about joining, please ask Adrian or go [online](#) and enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join for free.

Eparchial Accounting Clerk - Part-Time Job Opening

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster is looking for a part-time Accounting and Payroll Clerk. The ideal candidate must have a working knowledge of English and an accounting certification along with experience in payroll and preparation of financial reports. This role is approximately 40 hours per month and requires being knowledgeable in Microsoft Suite, Quickbooks and current accounting practices.

For more information on the full job posting or to submit your resume, please contact finofficer.eparchy@gmail.com

A Word from the Youth Group at Holy Eucharist Cathedral Project: **#SaveUkrainianSoldier**

#SaveUkrainianSoldier is an international volunteer group founded in Vancouver, Canada, partnering with like-minded Ukrainian field volunteer groups.

This project began immediately following the Russian invasion in February 2022 and focuses on providing tactical medical supplies to Ukrainian frontlines. This group addresses a critical lack of life saving tools such as: tourniquets, occlusive chest seals, hemostatic bandages and applicators, compression bandages, airways, decompression needle kits, tourniquets, intraosseous access systems, and other essential components of tactical first aid kits and paramedic backpacks.

#SaveUkrainianSoldier is not a formal organization or charity fund, but rather a group of like-minded individuals developing a direct helping relationship with Ukrainian battlefield medics. The goal is to fill a critical gap promptly, when timing matters the most, bypassing red tape bureaucracy of official charitable funds and government aid agencies.

Donate (contact us) here: E-transfer/PayPal: kubatsky@gmail.com (donations are collected by a local Vancouver MD, responsible for direct discounted purchases from medical suppliers).

Cheques can be made payable to Vitaliy Kubatsky.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Group.

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Fr. Joseph Kapusnak

The Sunday of Zacchaeus reminds us that we will soon be entering the time of Great Lent which in turn prepares us for the passion and death of Jesus through which our salvation is secured and promised in the Holy Resurrection.

Before we enter the Great Forty Days, we already get a glimpse of the Feast of feasts - Pascha as we hear the words of our Lord to Zacchaeus: *"Today salvation has come to this house."* Salvation is not just a word but rather a person - the Person of Jesus Christ. Isn't it a feeling of joy for us to realize that Jesus comes to be the guest of one of us? Zacchaeus, a public swindler, welcomed Him with great joy. And yet, today's holy gospel account tells us that when Jesus was asked to stay with Zacchaeus, everyone began to murmur, because He was entering the house of a known sinner, a publican - a puppet tax collector for the Roman occupation forces in Israel.

Isn't it a pity that we seem to be kinder to people in their times of adversity than in their times of joy? The twins of envy and jealousy hidden within us try to prevent us from rejoicing in the good fortunes of neighbors. We ourselves have received many blessings, but often we would deny the same to others. We see this same attitude on the part of the Pharisees and Scribes as described in the holy gospels.

The gospel lessons of the pre-Great Fast Sundays give us the guidelines to complete the Great Fast journey successfully. The desire to see Jesus is one of the key attitudes that we must take along on our journey to Pascha. Obviously, the desire of Zacchaeus to see the Lord was so great that he gave no thought to the people around him as they tried to prevent him in his quest. Desire is our lesson for this first pre-Great Fast Sunday. This is the first step toward repentance.

The next four Sundays of the pre-Great Fast season will also give us lessons and attitudes as conveyed through the epistles and gospels which will help us along the way. Envy and jealousy are not the vehicles of travel for us. But rejoicing in the Lord for the abundance of His blessings is an excellent means to reach the goal. Jesus' words directed towards Zacchaeus are meant for all of us: *"Today salvation has come to this house."* Let us prepare to accept Christ as our salvation in the days to come.

For Quieter Moments

"Prayer is in its essence the union of the soul with God. Its effects and fruits are: a pure soul, collection of inner forces, reconciliation with God, tears, forgiveness of sins, a bridge which leads us above and over temptation, a wall of protection against sorrows. It is the work of angels, a food for all spiritual beings, the joy of eternity, a divine action, a source of virtues, a treasury of graces; it is spiritual progress, the food of the soul, revelation, the exclusion of faintheartedness, a prop for our confidence, a comfort in grief."

St. John Climacus