



**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 після Богоявлення**



**Sunday after Theophany**

Ephesians 4:7-13

Matthew 4:12-17

**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.

### **Christmas Carols at 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 120: Бог ся нам об'явив; Boh sia nam obyavyv

Communion: page 126: На Йорданській річці; Na Yordans'kiy richtsi

Closing: page 33: Весело співайте; Veselo spivaite

**Wednesday, January 10: 10:00 am: Parish Council** meeting in the Fellowship Room.

**Eternal Memory!** The Funeral Divine Liturgy for the late Merrie Evans will be celebrated on Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 am in our church. Вічна Пам'ять!

**Tickets for our Parish Christmas Dinner** (Sunday, January 14) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

### **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.

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

### **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.

## **Parish Christmas Dinner**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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

**12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium**

Catered Dinner - 125 person limit

**Tickets: Advance purchase only**

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - following the Divine Liturgies on January 7

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: January 11, 2024

**Adults: \$15 / Seniors (60+): \$10 / Children 7-12: \$10**

**Children 6 & under: no charge**

No walk-ins at the door

## **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.

## **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2024**

**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church.** Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit "to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."

## **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](mailto:office@stmarysbc.com)) or PGK Adrian ([adk.bckofc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

This group monitors the needs of battlefield medics by direct personal communication. Once a request for supplies has been received, they are purchased promptly in US/Canadian stores, with expedited shipment to Ukraine, where partner volunteers deliver these supplies directly. Extra supplies are also being gathered with partner volunteer warehouses in Ukraine to be readily available. This "fast track" usually takes from a few days to a few weeks from the request to actual delivery, hands to hands with photo and video proof available on social media for all donors and helpers.

For the period of March 2022 - January 2024, through active non-stop fundraising efforts in Canada, the *#SaveUkrainianSoldier* group was able to purchase medical supplies, shipping hundreds of parcels to frontline medics, each containing exactly what they needed according to their request.

You can be part of this project as well. You can save a life and help a Ukrainian soldier to see his family again.

Donate (contact us) here: E-transfer/PayPal: [kubatsky@gmail.com](mailto: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.