



**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)**

7:30 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

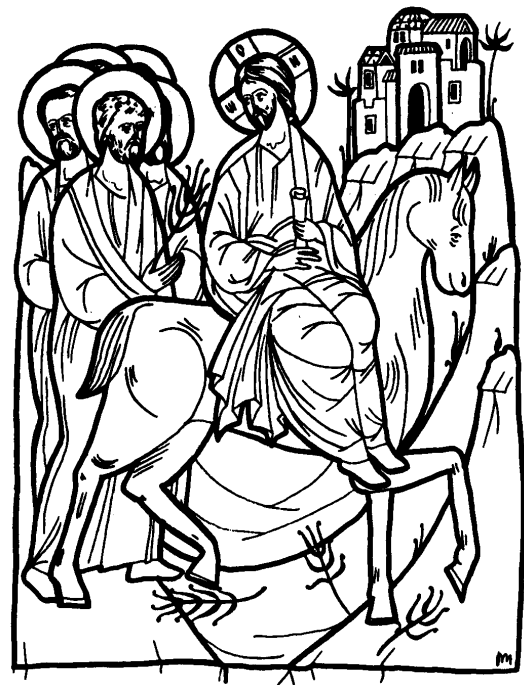
**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

**Квітна Неділя**



**Palm Sunday**

Philippians 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

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

Мирування і роздача лози після кожної Служби Божої.

Розклад Страсних і Великодних Відправ знаходяться в притворі церкви.

Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано.

Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of willows after each Divine Liturgy.

The schedule of Passion and Resurrection Services is in the church vestibule.

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

### **Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 172: Пливе народ; Plyve narod

Communion: page 156: Поклоняюся, мій Христе; Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste

Closing: page 172: Пливе народ; Plyve narod

**Monday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God.** Holy day of obligation. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am in church.

**Please see our schedule of Passion and Resurrection Services for times of services.**

The **Easter Pastoral letter** from the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada is in the church vestibule.

### **Holy Father's Intention for March 2024**

**For the New Martyrs.** Pope Francis invites prayer "for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal."

### **Holy Father's Intention for April 2024**

**For the Role of Women:** That the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world.

### **Ukrainian Embroidery Club**

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the downstairs classroom. New students, family and friends are welcome. For more information, please call Emily at 778.888.3057.

### **Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)**

Frozen pyrohy (perogies) will be available for purchase after both Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room kitchen. \$10/dozen.

**Next Bulletin: Sunday, April 7**  
**Наступний вісник: неділя, 7 квітня**

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

### **Парадаци / Graveside Services**

Saturday, April 6: Ocean View Cemetery - 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 13: Forest Lawn Cemetery - 1:00 pm

Sunday, April 14: Forest Lawn Cemetery - 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 20: Gardens of Gethsemani - 12:00 Noon

The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time.

## **Parish Easter Dinner & First Holy Communion**

**Sunday, April 28, 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 April 7, 14, 21

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: April 25, 2024

**Adults: \$20 / Seniors (60+): \$15**

**Youth 12-18: \$15 / Children 6-11: \$10**

**Children 5 & under: no charge**

No walk-ins at the door

### **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem before His passion. Jesus Christ, after raising Lazarus, (Jn. 11:1-44) was finally recognized by the Jewish people as their Messiah.

When He arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, they greeted Him with a triumphant welcome. With Jesus’ riding on a donkey the people began to spread their cloaks and strewed “branches from the trees” (Mt. 21:8) on the road in front of Him. Others took “branches of palms” (Jn. 12:13) in their hands and, cheering, cried out:

“Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mt. 21:9).

As Jesus was entering the city, surrounded by the excited crowds, the Scribes and the Pharisees became alarmed and decided to stop Him at any cost. But the people kept acclaiming Him as their Messiah, saying: “This is the Prophet, Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!” (Mt. 21:10).

Palm Sunday was celebrated with particular solemnity since the first centuries of Christianity. In the Byzantine Rite it is considered to be one of the twelve Major Feasts of the liturgical year. On this Sunday, pussy willows - loza (instead of palm branches) are blessed and distributed to the faithful.

The loza, pussy willow branches, have an additional significance of showing life early in the spring, symbolizing the hope of the Resurrection. They are gathered and then blessed at the church service. After the service, parishioners gently tap each other with the willows, in imitation of the scourging of Christ while repeating:

*“The willow hits, not I;  
A week from now it will be Easter.”*

*“Лоза б'є, не я б'ю,  
від нині за тиждень буде Великдень.”*

The tapping with the willow also signifies the wishes for health, happiness and wealth.

After Easter, the willow should be entwined on a cross or placed above an icon to serve as a sign of salvation and a pledge of protection and blessing during the coming year. Tradition has it that the blessed willows could be burned and the ashes scattered on the fields to ensure a good crop.

### **Good Friday**

During the service on Good Friday, a procession is made around the church three times. The Holy Shroud is carried by four persons each holding one of its four corners. This solemn procession is not only symbolic of Jesus' funeral procession but it is also the Son of God, the Immortal One, proceeding through the darkness of Hades and preannouncing the joy of the Resurrection.

Following the procession, the Holy Shroud is placed in the symbolic tomb in front of the altar. Beautiful flowers and candles adorn the tomb. During this time, the Troparion “The Noble Joseph” is sung.

Behind the tomb stands a large, plain cross. The faithful approach the shroud on their knees and make three prostrations and kiss the five wounds of Christ. The shroud remains exposed for veneration until the Matins of the Resurrection on Easter morning. It is then carried into the sanctuary and placed upon the holy altar. It is kept on the altar for forty days until the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus, symbolizing the forty days He remained on earth following His Resurrection.

Good Friday not only commemorates the death and burial of Jesus but also His descent into Hades. In this descent, Jesus, Who is the Life, encounters and destroys death. The Good Friday Service is truly one of the most moving spiritual experiences of the Church Year.

<https://www.stnicholasucp.ca/our-faith/great-lent-easter>