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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

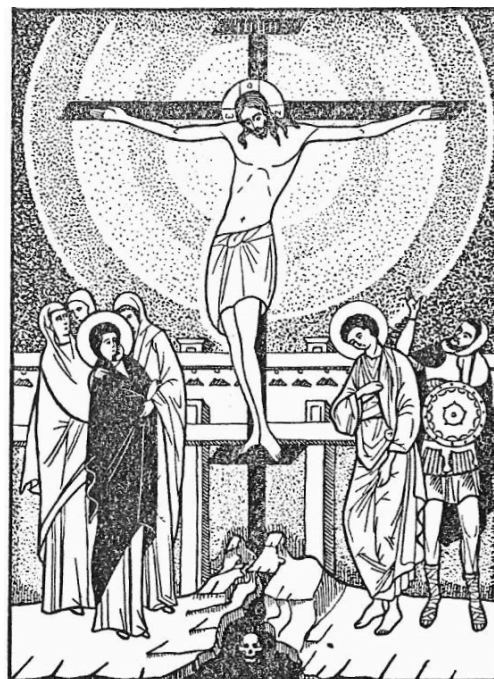
Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

Третя Неділя Великого Посту



Third Sunday of Great Lent

Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6

Mark 8:34 - 9:1

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

Today:

- We conclude our Parish Lenten Mission at the morning Divine Liturgies. We are grateful to Fr. Jim Nesbit for leading us in this time of spiritual preparation.
- Monetary collection for the Vancouver Food Bank at both morning Divine Liturgies.
- Please join us for sandwiches and coffee in the Fellowship Room following both morning Divine Liturgies.
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Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святе воскресіння Твоє славим. (Після відпусту)

To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy resurrection. (After Divine Liturgy)

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 8: Хресту Твоєму, Владико; Khrestu Tvoyemu, Vladyko

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

Closing: page 4: Витай нам, хресте; Vytai nam, khreste

Thank You

My family and I wish to express our heartfelt "Thank You" for all the cards, words of sympathy and Divine Liturgies offered for my brother Lorne Turchak. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

Sincerely, Pat Sorochuk and family

Blessings and Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Deacon Howard Burton who today celebrates his 86th birthday. Deacon Howard, may Our Lord bless you and our Blessed Mother spread her mantle of protection over you! Многая Літа!

Wednesday, March 6: 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

Friday, March 8: 7:00 pm - Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty in church.

You may submit new names (first and last name please) for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

Saturday, March 9: 10:00 am: UCWLC meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Wednesday, March 13: 10:00 am: Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Sincerest condolences are extended to the Family of the late Sviatoslav Makarenko who passed away on February 9, 2024 at the age of 70. Sviatoslav Makarenko and his late father Boris Makarenko (Makarenko Studios, Yonkers, NY) were the iconographers who adorned our church with mosaics, icons and stained glass windows. **Вічна Пам'ять!**

Holy Father's Intention for March 2024

March: 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.”

Vancouver Food Bank Donations

Our Parish will be collecting monetary donations for the Vancouver Food Bank. A collection will take place four times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December 2024.

A collection, MONETARY ONLY, will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at both Divine Liturgies. Let us help those in need.

If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the special envelope “Vancouver Food Bank Donation”. Make cheques payable to “St. Mary’s Parish” and indicate in the memo portion that it is for the “Vancouver Food Bank.” May Our Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Change in daily Divine Liturgy time

Please note: The daily morning Divine Liturgy time (Monday - Saturday in chapel) has been changed to 7:30 am.

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.

“DRY FEB” - Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser - St. Mary’s Church team

FINAL RESULTS: The St. Mary's Ukrainian Church DRY FEB team would like to thank all parishioners who supported our cancer fundraiser. We were a small but enthusiastic team that more than reached our goal of \$5000. In fact, **we raised \$9,474.63.** The hotdog and pop sale was a resounding success and your continued support with your cash donations will certainly contribute to on-going research that links colorectal cancer with alcohol consumption. **Thanks again from the DRY FEB team.**

Easter Paska Sale

The Ladies League will be having an EASTER PASKA SALE for parishioners only. The sale is pre-order only. Order forms are available in the church vestibule.

The pickup date is Sunday, March 17, Noon (following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy) in the parish auditorium, 3150 Ash Street. Please don't wait to put in your orders. Thank you in advance.

Marlayne Andrijaszyn

Parish Donations

If you are not a registered parishioner and are using a "Convenience Envelope" for your donation: please provide the parish office with your full name and address on the envelope. This will enable the office to send you an income tax receipt.

The Third Sunday of Lent

The Veneration of the Holy Cross

This Sunday is the halfway point in Lent. Midway on our journey to Holy Week and Easter, many of us are tiring of our spiritual disciplines. What we approached with joy the first week has now turned into a chore. We have become aware how little love we have in our hearts, which can be very discouraging. For this reason, the Church uses this Sunday to direct our attention to the Cross. The Cross is our strength and our salvation. We look to it and pray to Christ to give us strength to complete this journey. The Gospel passage for this Sunday challenges us again to commit our whole lives to Christ. As Christ was crucified for our salvation, we are called to take up our meager cross and follow Christ by crucifying our sinful desires and surrendering our will to His.

Jesus extends His invitation to us once again to "deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him." Many of us have a narrow and limited understanding of self-denial. We pick and choose at random what we will give up and what we will do in the name of Christianity. We proceed to label them "Our little crosses we must bear." "I'll give up movies and/or TV during lent." Thus, we come up with a list of trivialities that have no bearing on the "self-denial" Jesus speaks about in our gospel lesson for today. Christ-like self-denial goes much deeper. It penetrates the facade which hides our hidden sins, our shortcomings and our faults.

Utter denial does not mean depriving ourselves of the necessities of life, nor does it mean we must become paupers and live in rags. Neither does it mean we must lose our individuality, personality and identity. When Jesus speaks of total and utter denial of self, He means we must subordinate our clamouring ego that prohibits us from being the Children of God we were intended to be. Good intentions are not enough. This is why Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

"Take up your cross and follow me" means to get started on our journey to salvation. If the road we are on does not have God's Eternal Kingdom as its destination, then we had better make a U-turn and find the right one! "Taking up our cross and following Jesus" means trying harder when those moments of calamity, tragedy, sorrow and loss and grief beset us. It means bringing under control our uncontrollable anger, our undue insensitivity, our impatience and impetuosity. It means subduing our temperament and disposition so that we can master them rather than their mastering us.

This Sunday, let us pause with Jesus, to refresh ourselves spiritually, to assess our Lenten journey and to continue with greater determination. But the initiative is still ours. There is no way we can achieve eternal life with God unless we deny ourselves utterly and totally in Christ. This we do when we endure and sustain our own personal crosses and follow Him.

