

St. Mary's Newsletter

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Divine Liturgies

Sundays: 8:30am English (spoken)
10:30am Ukrainian (sung)
Mon-Sat: 7:30am (Chapel)
Holy Days: 10:00am

Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM (Admin)
Father Josafat Oliiynk OSBM

End of Lent- Palm Sunday

Just before the end of Lent is Palm Sunday, which celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Ukrainians call it "Pussy Willow" Sunday. Palms were apparently hard to get in Ukraine in days of old, so willow branches were substituted. Long branches are cut, and are blessed during the mass. They are then passed out, and people then go around hitting each other with them and saying:

Не я б'ю,
Верба б'є,
За тиждень Великдень
Не далеко жервоне яєчко!

Which translates to

It's not me hitting you,
It's the willow hitting you,
In a week it will be Easter,
Soon you will have a red egg.

It's tradition, and a tradition which makes a lot more sense that a bunny which lays chocolate eggs.



The Atheist and the Bear

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods suddenly he heard a rustling in the bushes and saw a 7 foot Grizzly Bear charging towards him.

He turned and ran as fast as he could. The bear was closing in on him. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up, but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him. Instantly the atheist cried out, "Oh my God, Save me!" Time stopped. The bear froze. All was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice from heaven asked, "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?"

The atheist looked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?" "Very well," said the Voice.

The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed, And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful, Amen."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maple Hope Foundation -Gala
Sunday March 3 5:30-8:30pm
Vancouver Club

Grand Ukrainian Party
Friday March 8 10pm
Bar None Nightclub

International Women's Day Art Fair
Saturday March 9 1-5pm
1448 W Broadway Vancouver

Ukrainian Easter Event
Saturday March 16, 12-2:30pm
Ivan Franko Society Richmond

Ukrainian Easter Market
Sunday March 24, 1pm
Holy Eucharist Cathedral New West

DakhaBrakha -Tour for Ukraine
Friday March 29, 2024 8pm
Massey Theatre New West

Ukrainian Cultural Event
Fri/Sat March 29-30
Queen's Park New West

Pysanka Egg Decoration Workshop
Saturday March 30, 2024 1-3pm
Roundhouse Community Arts Centre

BoomBox Ukraine
Thursday April 4 9pm
Vancouver TBA

Ukrainian Cultural Festival
Saturday May 11
Mission BC

International Vyshyvanka Day
Thursday May 16, 2024
Various locations and Events

Check with the venue for details or updates

You can see more at :

<https://sites.google.com/uahub.ca/bcuaca/home>

Early History of St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish (part 3)

1947-1968



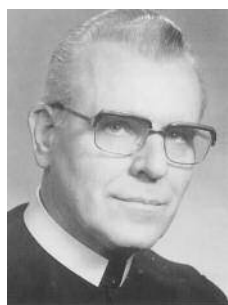
After the war we saw many changes coming fast and furious... **Fr Theodosius Dobko** is transferred to Alberta Dec 5 1947 with **Fr Dionosius Dzygolyk** taking the pastoral duties. **Peter Kozak** takes over the direction of the parish choir. April 24,1948 **Fr. Lawrence Dzygolyk** (no photo) (brother of **Fr. Dionosius Dzygolyk**) is transferred to Vancouver for post-op recuperation but after a few months in the hospital passes away November 30,1948.

April 1948, Exachate for Ukrainian Catholics is divided into three separate Exachetes. **Bishop Neil Savaryn OSBM** is appointed Exarch for Ukrainian Catholics in Alberta, BC, NWT and Yukon with residence in Edmonton AB. August 29,1948 **Bishop Savaryn** makes his first official visit to St Mary's. In December 1948 **Fr. Dzygolyk** is transferred to Alberta, but returns as an assistant 1951-1953. **Fr. George Zydan** succeeds him as Pastor until 1950 when he also leaves Vancouver **Fr. Dionosius Dzygolyk** Born Oct 29,1010 Ordained Oct Dec 15,1935 May 8,1978



In Jan 1949 **Fr. Boniface Sloboda** becomes pastor and takes over the direction of the choir in May 1949. He organizes the **Ukrainian Catholic Women's League** on May 24,1949 President **Etta Jackson**; secretary **Julia Stashuk** and treasurer **Tiny Zarski**. June 5,1949 the **Apostleship of Prayer** is organized. **Fr. Josaphat Tymochko** arrives in Oct 1951 to assist.

Nov 2,1952 the **Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood** is formed Pres. **Michael Pukesh**, VP: **Michael Saranchuk**, Sec: **Anthony Stusiak**, Tres: **Harry Zaseybida**, 5th: **Thomas Ray**, Controllers. **Victor Zarski**, **Willian Nikiforuk**. **Fr. Sloboda** is transferred to Edmonton Nov 15,1953 He returns as Pastor 1964-1973 **Fr. Boniface Sloboda** Born April 2,1915; Ordained March 8,1942 Died May 15,1985



Fr. Vital Pidskalny becomes Pastor in 1953 with **Fr. Peter Hewko** as assistant. The first parish Bulletin is printed September 11,1955. March 1956 **Obnova** (organization for the **Ukrainian Catholic University Students**) is formed Pres. **Nick Malychuk**. May 27,1956 the **Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is formed with **Clara Babiy (Kohan)** as its first Prefect. The **Legion of Mary** is initiated on Feb 26,1957 by **Helen Frenenstul** who its 1st president. **Oct 6,1957** the parish commemorates the **20th anniversary of the Basilian Fathers in Vancouver** publishing the history of the parish and its organization **Fr Sebastian Shewchuk** is the editor. **September 25,1958** the parish purchases **property on Fraser and 29th** for \$60,000 with the intention of building a new church and community centre. Oct 17,1958 **Fr Pidskalny** is transferred to Edmonton, he returns June 19,1959 as Pastor. He is transferred back to Alberta on Sept 21,1964 **Fr. Vital Pidskalny** Born Jan 28,1921 ordained Aug 2,1942 died Dec 10,2001



Fr Josaphat Tymochko
1951-59; Pastor 1958-59
1896-09-01 +1969-07-18



Fr Peter Hewko
1953-55
1910-12-12+



Fr Josaphat Jean
1958-61
1885-03-19+1972-06-08



Fr Vladymyr Shewchuk
1958-59
1917-10-23+1994-01-06



Fr Eugene Kushko
1959
1921-09-19+1998-09-04



Fr Damien Weleschuk
1959-1963
1926-05-24+2011-10-15



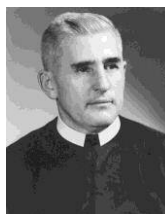
Fr. Borys (Paul) Lysyk
1963-65
1926-05-3+2022-08-26



Fr Orest Slobodian
1963-65
1930-09-06+



Fr Martin Balagus
1963-66
1929-08-07+2004-10-24



Fr Benjamin Baranyk
1961-65
1899-09-25+1973-10-31



Fr Isidore Dziadyk
1965-69
1931-11-06+



Fr benedict Hrynshyn
1965-66
1917-03-11+1976-10-22