



**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

**Неділя Розслабленого**



**Sunday of the Paralytic**

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

**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.

**Our Parish Easter Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024. Tickets for the Easter Dinner will be available today after both Divine Liturgies.**

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

Opening: pg. 194: Христос воскрес! Веселий день; Khrystos voskres! Veselyi den'

Communion: pg. 198: Христос воскрес! Під небозвід; Khrystos voskres! Pid nebozvid

Closing: pg. 182: Христос воскрес!; Khrystos voskres

**Sunday, April 28:** One young parishioner will celebrate her First Holy Communion at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Sincerest condolences** are extended to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate on the passing of Sister Daria Sportak, SSMI on April 16, 2024 at Holy Family Home in Winnipeg, MB at the age of 91. Sister Daria was stationed in New Westminster from 2009 - 2012. May her memory be eternal! Вічна Пам'ять! Христос Воскрес!

### **Moleben to the Blessed Mother**

Moleben to the Blessed Mother will be celebrated during the month of May. We will celebrate Moleben on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the residence chapel, and at 10:00 am in church on Sundays.

### **UCWLC Meeting**

The next UCWLC meeting will be on **Saturday May 4 at 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Room. Ladies, this will be our last meeting before we break for the summer. Please try to attend.  
Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

### **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.

### **Praying for lost things**

St. Anthony of Padua is the patron saint of lost and stolen articles. According to legend, St. Anthony had a book of psalms in which he had written notes and comments. It was taken by a novice without his permission. The book was returned to him after the novice learned that St. Anthony was praying for it to be found. Shortly after his death people began praying to St. Anthony to locate lost or stolen articles.

**A simple, yet very effective prayer to St. Anthony for lost things: "St. Anthony, St. Anthony please come around. Something is lost and must be found."** When this phrase is recited with a prayerful and humble mindset, it is very effective in helping one find something that has been lost.

## **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 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

### **Sunday of the Paralytic** **Reflections from Sunday evening Vespers**

O Saviour, my Lord and my God! You desired to raise the fallen human race, You walked upon the earth as a man, healing the sick through Your tender compassion; and having come to the pool at the Sheepgate, You found the man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. By your word alone You restored him to health.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now, and for ever and ever. Amen.*

O Lord, the pool did not heal the paralytic, but Your word renewed him. His many years of sickness could not hinder Your power. Your voice held more authority over him than his infirmity. He threw away the burden of his sickness and carried the weight of his bed, a testimony to Your abundant compassion. Glory be to You.

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Спасе, Боже мій і Господи! Бажаючи воскресити упалих людей, ти на землі, як чоловік, обходив усюди і заради твого великого добросердя зціляв усіх недужих. Тому прийшов ти і в Овечу купіль та своїм словом підніс того, що тридцять вісім літ був розслаблений.

*Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.*

Господи, не купіль оздоровила розслабленого, але обновило його твоє слово. Довголітня недуга не була йому перешкодою, щоб негайно виявилася сила твого голосу. І він скинув нестерпну неміч та й поніс тягар постелі - на свідоцтво багатства щедрот твоїх. Слава тобі.

## Reflections of the Early Church Fathers

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### Distracted Prayer

St. Cyprian (200-258 AD)

When we pray, beloved, we should be alert and earnest with our whole heart, intent on our prayers. Let all worldly thoughts pass away. Do not let the soul think about anything but the object of its prayer. Do not allow God's enemy to approach your heart at that time. For frequently he sneaks up on us and he calls our prayers away from God so that we have one thing on our heart and another in our voice.

The soul and mind, not the sound of the voice, should be intent on praying to the Lord. How can you be distracted and be carried away by foolish and profane thoughts when you are praying to the Lord! How can you ask God to hear you when you do not hear yourself? Do you want God to remember what you ask when you do not remember your requests? Such carelessness offends the majesty of God. You may appear watchful, but your heart is asleep. Instead, your heart should be watchful even when your eyes are closed in prayer. In the Song of Songs, the personified church says, "I sleep, yet my heart waketh." The Apostle Paul also anxiously and carefully warns us, "Continue in prayers, and watch in the same." He teaches us that those who God sees are watchful in prayer will receive what they ask from Him.



### Heavenly Speech

St. Sulpitius Severus (363-420 AD)

Restrain your tongue from speaking evil. Put the bridle of the law on your mouth so that, if you speak at all, you will speak only when it would be sinful to be silent. Beware lest you say anything others can rightly find fault with. For once a word is spoken, it is as if you threw a stone. Therefore, we must think over our words for a long time before we speak them. The lips that never say what they wish they could recall are blessed. And the speech of a pure mind must also be pure. It must always edify rather than injure the hearers. The Apostle Paul commanded, "Let no corrupt communications proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good for the edification of faith, that it may convey grace to them that hear."

The tongue that does not form any words but these about Divine things is precious to God. And the mouth which flows continually with heavenly speech is holy.

Accustom your tongue to always speak about good people rather than the condemnation of wicked people. Make sure that all your good actions are done for God's sake. For you know that every such deed only brings you as much of a reward as you have done it out of fear and love for Him.