



**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

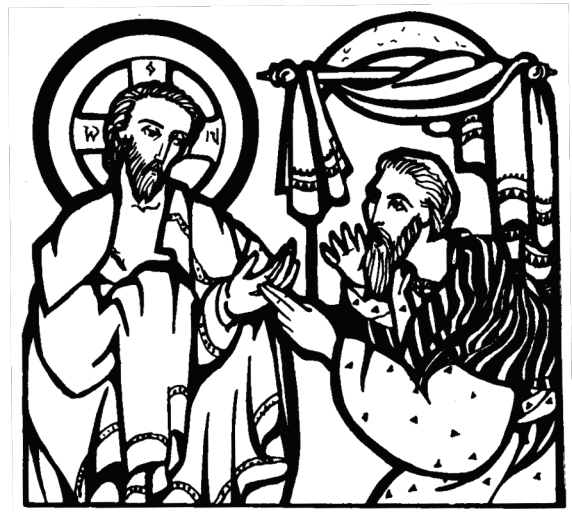
**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

**Томина Неділя**



**Thomas Sunday**

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

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

**Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of the Artos bread (bread blessed at Easter) after each Divine Liturgy.**

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

Communion: pg. 188: Согласно заспіваймо; Sohlasno zaspivaimo

Closing: pg. 200: Христос Воскрес! Радість з неба; Khrystos voskres! Radist' z neba

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all parishioners and guests for your generosity and kindness during Holy Week and Easter. Thank you to all who assembled and took down the Tomb, and to all who helped with our Holy Week and Easter services. May Our Risen Lord bless you!

### **Thank You from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank**

**To St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church:** Thank you for your ongoing support! With your generosity you have helped over 16,000 people in need each month with access to healthy food. In fact, over 60% of the food our clients take home is fresh! These are often items that families cannot afford to buy at grocery stores. Thank you so much for your kindness!

**Saturday, April 13: 1:00 pm: Cemetery Services at Forest Lawn Cemetery.** The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 1:00 pm.

**Sunday, April 14: 2:00 pm: Cemetery Services at Forest Lawn Cemetery.** The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 2:00 pm.

**Saturday, April 20: 12:00 noon: Cemetery Services at Gardens of Gethsemane.** The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 12:00 noon.

### **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.

## **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

### **CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR 2024**

Dates: Sunday, August 18 - Friday, August 23, 2024

Where: *Camp Tulahead* in Princeton, BC

Ages: 7-15 as of December 2024

We are excited to announce that we are planning for an alternative location to host this year's Eparchial Camp as *Camp OAC* rebuilds.

We are gathering numbers to see the interest in this year's summer camp. Please let your parish priest know by April 15 if you are interested, so we can plan accordingly.

If you are interested in volunteering as a counsellor please email: [csv.nweparchy@gmail.com](mailto:csv.nweparchy@gmail.com) for an application.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Caldwell at [csv.nweparchy@gmail.com](mailto:csv.nweparchy@gmail.com) or phone 604.220.0584.

## Thomas Sunday

Thomas Sunday is the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle. He is popularly dubbed as the “doubting Thomas” because of his unbelief in the appearance of the Risen Christ. St. Thomas, even upon seeing the resurrected Christ walk in through a closed door, required proof to mend his disbelief in the Resurrection. Jesus acknowledged this human need of Thomas and presented Thomas with the wounds of his crucifixion. He then invited him to put his finger in the nail marks in order to relieve Thomas’ doubts.

As we reflect on St. Thomas, the Apostle, we bring to mind our own doubts and place them before the Lord in prayer. He will, as with Thomas, invite us closer to the mystery so that we, too, may believe.

On this feast of St. Thomas, let us thank the Apostle for his courage to express his doubts of faith, because these same doubts led him to his firm and sure belief that Jesus indeed is his “Lord and God”. At the same time let us also pray that, like Thomas, we may grow in our faith by touching ‘the wounds’ of Jesus.

*“Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe.”* John 20:29



### Artos Bread

Artos - derived from the Greek word meaning wheaten bread, is the symbol for the bread of eternal life - Christ. This round loaf is covered with a metal plate bearing an icon of the Resurrected Christ.

The Artos is blessed by the priest on Easter morning. After it is blessed, the Artos is reserved on the altar or the tetrapod for the entire week.

On the Sunday of St. Thomas, the Artos is cut into small pieces and distributed to the faithful following the Divine Liturgy, at the time of myrovania (blessing with holy oil). The “Artos” symbolizes the Resurrected Christ, who appeared to the Apostles and took food with them.

According to Church tradition this custom was supposed to have its origin in Apostolic times. The Apostles, when sitting down to the table, would leave a vacant place for Jesus Christ, as well as a plate. At this spot they would place bread, reminding them of Jesus. The consuming of the “Artos” by the faithful on Thomas Sunday, symbolizes that after our own resurrection, Christ will give us Himself in eternal communion in His Heavenly Kingdom.