

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

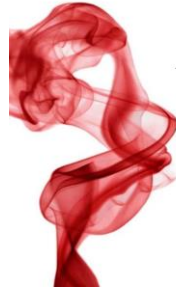
Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM (Admin)
Father Josafat Oliinyk OSBM

Have you Believed...

Thomas Sunday's Gospel is proclaiming the appearance of the risen Lord to His disciples eight days after the Resurrection when Thomas was then present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ. In the Church services for this day, the stress is on the Apostle Thomas' vision of Christ and the significance of the words of Jesus: "**Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe**".

We don't need to touch Jesus physically to have faith. But upon hearing of Christ, we can be spiritually moved by His presence to follow Him, and trust in His promise that all people will be raised on the day He appoints for judgment and everlasting life either in the eternal joy of being reunited with God or eternally suffering the torment of being without Him.

New Westminster Eparchy 2023



*How are you
affecting
others?*

Missionary Spirit of the Parish

I remember going out with friends on a camping trip...At night when I was zipping up my sleeping bag my non-christian friends remarked that they didn't see me pray...(their belief was that as a catholic we say prayers before we go to sleep).

I made an excuse that I prayed silently ...so that I wouldn't disturb them)...but this made me realize that my "**hidden prayers**" sent another message.."that I didn't have the courage or spirit to be true to my faith."

Years later some colleagues and I went out for lunch and when the food arrived we dived in except for Renaldo who bowed his head, closed his eyes and crossed himself. He was a silent yet very loud ambassador for his faith. He was **not** hiding his faith.

We are ambassadors of our faith, our church and our religious community. We influence our friends, our neighbours and even strangers through our actions or inactions.

Orest Kernycky -Be true to your faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sasha Luchkov -Piano Concert
Friday April 12, 6-8pm
Chan Centre UBC

Denys Panchenko -Classical Guitarist
Saturday April 13, 7-9pm
St David's Anglican Church – Delta

Abande Concert (Afro/Ukrainian fusion)
Saturday April 20 7-9 pm
Kay Meek Arts Centre W. Van

Ukrainian Karaoke Nights
Thurs/Fri April 25-26 8pm- 3am
Bar None Night Club

Melodies of Mercy
Friday April 26 8pm
Holy Eucharist Cathedral New West

Ukrainian Spring Market
Saturday April 27 11-5pm
Ivan Franko Centre Richmond BC

Ukrainian Cultural Festival
Saturday May 11
Mission BC

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

Ukrainian Vyshyvanka Party
Friday May 17 10pm
Bar None Nightclub

Anton Tymoshenko -stand-up comedy
Sunday June 2, 7-9:30pm
The Cluth, York Theatre

Monatik – North American Tour
Friday June 21, 8-11pm
Vogue Theatre Vancouver BC
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 5)

the celebrations



After the growth spurt of building; the 1000 strong parishioners of S Mary's Parish turn to celebrating. **Michael Tartarniuk** coordinated the Millennium Project (the Millennium of Christianity for Ukrainians in(988 AD) 1988) Which produced **the Ukrainian Catholic churches and organizations in BC (1891-1992)** book. It is a story of the faith of the pioneers, their loyalty to their church and of the sacrifices they made to enable their children to have a better way of life. The parish celebrated its **60th Anniversary, (1927-1987)** and the 50th anniversary of the Basilian Order (1938-1988)

The parish Choir participated in the **1988 Millennium Celebrations** in Rome under the direction of **Bill Smigel**. The St Mary's Choir also performed throughout the lower mainland and BC.

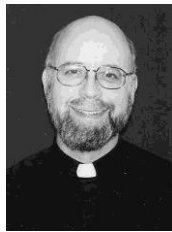
In July 1992 four mosaics were installed; St Andrew blessing the hills of Kiev (**North East wall**) Baptism of Ukraine (**south-east wall**) Consecration of Rus Ukraine 1030 AD by Yaroslav the Wise (**south west wall**) Evolution of the St Mary's Parish (**north west wall**).

St Mary's parishioners were involved in the Centennial celebration of Ukrainian settlement in Canada with music,dance,and crafts at the Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver, **August 1992** and **Showcase 2000** highlighted Ukrainian arts and crafts on the plaza of nations

In 2002 the Parish celebrated its **75 anniversary of the Parish**, and **65th anniversary of the Basilian Fathers** serving the parish and the **60th anniversary of the Parish Choir**. In 2010 the Parish Center was home to **Ukrainian House** for the **2010 Winter Olympics**. Many Olympic spectators from around the world and Canadian fans visited the House and our Church. In **2012** the parish welcomed the historic visit of **Major Archbishop Sviatoslav** of leader of Ukrainian Catholics in the world. The same year we are also commemorating the **one hundredth anniversary** of the appointment of Canada's first Ukrainian Catholic, **Bishop Nykyta Budka**, returned to Ukraine and was later arrested and sent to a concentration camp by the communist regime where he died. Pope John Paul II, in 2001, during his visit to Ukraine elevated Bishop Budka and 24 others to "Blessed Martyr".



Fr Leon Yakubow
1989-1991
1925-01-30 + 1992-08-13



Fr Paul Chomnycky
1994-1997 Pastor
Bishop 2002 GB
1954-05-19+



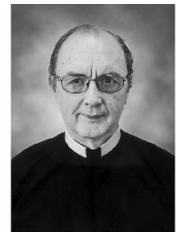
Fr Methodius Nyczka
1986
1919-04-16+1986-08-17



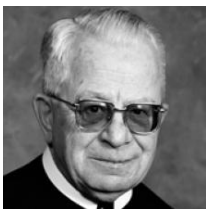
Fr Vincent Prychidko
1997-1998 Pastor
1918-03-17+2012-12-11



Fr Augustine Kuzma
1997-1998
1940-05-19+1998-09-04



Fr Ignatius Holowaychuk
1991-94
1998-2000 Pastor
1926-05-24+2011-10-15



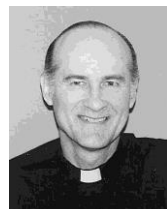
Fr Eugene Richlark
1993-1996
1935-07-05+2015-12-26



Fr Roman Kravec
1978-1979
1945-06-06+



Fr Stephen Chmilar
1982-1984 Pastor
Bishop 2003 EparchyToronto
1945-05-24+



Fr John Sembrat
1983-1985
1943-06-27+



Fr Bernard Dribnenky
1984-1986 Pastor
1917-02-09+2005-09-30



Fr Harry Boretsky
1986-1988
1943-07-29+1994-05-18