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**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 Отців
Нікейського Собору**

День Матері



**Sunday of the
Nicean Fathers**

Mother's Day

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
John 17:1-13

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

Happy Mother's Day! We extend our best wishes to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers of our parish! Today we pray for you, and for all those women who have shared their love and wisdom with us. Thank you for all that you have done for us. We ask that our Lord bless you now, and in the years to come.

We also remember and pray for all those who have passed away. Eternal Memory!

Вітаємо всіх матерей в нашій парафії і складаємо найщиріші побажання. Щиро дякуємо нашим матерям за їхній труд і всі турботи і опіку для кожного з нас. Бажаємо Божого благословення на довгі і благі літа!

Today: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God.

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 210: Понад сонце; Ponad sontse

Communion: page 344: Левадов, долинов; Levadov, dolynov

Closing: page 374: Пренебесна, пречудесна; Prenebesna, prechudesna

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO)

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) was founded in 1910 and now represents nearly 100 Catholic women's organisations worldwide, active in around 50 countries including all continents and some island states, counting on around eight (8) million Catholic women of every walk of life. **Our Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada is a member of this worldwide organization.**

WUCWO's aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development, particularly in increasing educational opportunities, poverty reduction and the advancement of human rights beginning with the fundamental right to life.

This year May 13th has been designated as celebrating WUCWO Day.

Today, on Mother's Day, we also pray for all the members of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. May Our Lord bless each of them with health, fervour and strength, so that they might continue to spread the Gospel to all whom they meet.

Tuesday, May 14: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

7:30 pm: Parish Christmas Fair Meeting in the Fellowship Room for all who are interested in participating and planning a Christmas Fair for November of this year. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

Thursday, May 16: 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

Sunday, May 19: 10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

Sunday, May 26: National UCWLC Day. The last Sunday of May is dedicated to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. We greet all the members of our UCWLC on this day and pray for their intentions.

A Panachyda for all the deceased members of the UCWLC, Vancouver Branch will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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.

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.

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, June 2 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.

Holy Father's Intention for May 2024

For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians. The Pontiff urges prayers "so that religious, monks, nuns, and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."

Please note that Parishioners are once again being targeted by email scams. The scammers are pretending to be Father Joseph Pidskalny. The email reads: *"Good day. I trust this message finds you in good spirits. I'm unable to call at this moment as I'm in a meeting. Would you mind responding to this email promptly. Your help is greatly valued. Warm regards, Fr. Joseph Pidskalny"* If you have received such an email then please know it is not coming from Fr. Joseph or from the Parish Office. Delete the email and do not respond.

Prayer from the Moleben to the Mother of God

Humbly bowing our heads and bending our knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

“Our ever-Gracious Queen, O Mother of God, our Hope, Refuge of orphans, Defence of the harbourless, Joy of the afflicted, Patroness of the harassed, You see our misery and our afflictions, help us because we are weak; lead us because we are strangers in this valley of tears, for You know our sufferings. Help us to overcome them, for we have no other helper but You. We have no other defender, no other gracious consoler but You, O Mother of God; guard and protect us forever. Amen.”

Parish Centennial Celebration

Please join us as we celebrate a remarkable dual milestone at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Grindrod. We will be commemorating not only our Parish Centennial but also the inauguration of our Eparchy's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Date: June 28 & 29, 2024

Location: Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Parish, Grindrod, BC

We invite you and your family to join us for an unforgettable celebration filled with joy, gratitude, and unity. Let us honour our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to a future filled with hope and promise. This special event is a time for us to come together, reflect on our rich heritage, and celebrate the countless blessings that have shaped our parish over the past century. We look forward to praying and celebrating together with you! For more information and RSVP, please contact your parish priest.

Fr. Andriy Werbowy

Pastor - St. Josaphat Parish (Vernon) / Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (Grinrod)

Fathers of the Nicean Council

On this Sunday the Church commemorates the Fathers (Bishops) of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea. Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies (false teachings) arose. One of these heresies was Arianism.

Arius was a priest of Alexandria. He falsely taught that the Saviour is not consubstantial (the same essence) with the Father, but is only a created being. In the year 325 AD, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea (present day Iznik, Republic of Türkiye) to counter this false teaching. The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Creed proposed by followers of Arius. Instead, they affirmed the Creed (Symbol of Faith) that we are familiar with. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text the word “consubstantial,” which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the Bishops who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Nicene Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith.