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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

7-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



7th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 15:1-7

Matthew 9:27-35

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

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

Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Today the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated as close as possible to the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anna, the grandparents of Jesus. (July 25 in the Byzantine Rite)

This year's theme, inspired by the Book of Sirach, is: ***"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"*** (Sirach 14:2). It speaks powerfully to the enduring light that our elderly carry within them. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us in his message for the day, *"the Scriptures are filled with people whom God called in their later years to carry out great missions. Grandparents and the elderly are part of God's saving plan."*

Today we pray for all the grandparents and elderly in our parish, and we give thanks to God for your faith, love, and steadfast Christian witness. You are the true keepers of tradition, the guardians of family stories, and the quiet strength behind our parish life. We honour you with grateful hearts.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 238: Увійди, єрею; Uviydy, yereyu

Communion: page 252: Назарету любий цвіте; Nazaretu liubiy tsvite

Closing: page 292: Як славен; Yak slaven

Wednesday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in church. Fruit will be blessed at this Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, August 13: 7:00 pm: Parish Council meeting in the Boardroom.

Friday, August 15: Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God.

Holy Day of Obligation. 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in church. Flowers will be blessed at this Divine Liturgy.

Christmas Fair Request

We are in need of **wide mouth quart jars** for pickles. If you have any in your storage and are willing to part with them, please bring and leave in the kitchen in the Fellowship Room. Thank you, Fair committee.

Preparing for the Christmas Fair

In preparation for the upcoming Christmas Fair on November 29, the young adults will be organizing a few pyrohy (perogy) making sessions, beginning in early September. Please keep this in mind, as we would really appreciate your help. Specific dates will be given later in the summer. If you have any questions please contact us at: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com.

Note: The next bulletin will be Sunday, August 31, 2025

St. Mary's Christmas Fair 2025

This year our Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will be having crafts, gift baskets, silent auction, baked goods, preserves, frozen perogies, sit down lunch/take-out food, concession. There will be "NO RUMMAGE SALES".

At this time of year, many of you may be starting to make your jams/jellies and later in the summer pickles etc. If so, we are asking you to make a few more jars of jam and pickles for our sales. Any kind of fruit jam/jellies, and any kind of pickles, beets (pickled) are accepted. Any sauces/antipastos cannot be accepted.

Also, if there are any crafters in our parish that would like to display their crafts, tables are available: \$30 for one table; \$50 for two tables. Please contact Marlayne, 604.274.3164 for more information.

There will be updated information in the Fall.

Fair Committee: Michael Myckatyn, Pat Sorochuk, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

Thank You from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank

Dear Father Joseph and the parishioners of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, I would like to sincerely express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of \$976.80 to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB). We are deeply appreciative of your generosity and commitment to ensuring those in our local community have access to fresh and healthy food. Please know that your contributions are making a positive impact and a real, tangible difference.

Carly Lum, Philanthropy Officer, Greater Vancouver Food Bank (July 9, 2025)

Feast of St. Anne - July 25

Anne (Hebrew, Hannah, grace; also spelled Ann, Anne, Anna) is the traditional name of the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All information concerning the names and lives of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, is derived from apocryphal literature, the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary, the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew and the Protoevangelium of James. Though the earliest form of the latter, on which directly or indirectly the other two seem to be based, goes back to about A.D. 150, we can hardly accept as beyond doubt its various statements on its sole authority. In the East the Protoevangelium had great authority and portions of it were read on the feast of Mary by the Greeks, Syrians, Copts, and Arabians. In the West, however, it was rejected by the Fathers of the Church until its contents were incorporated by Jacobus de Voragine in his "Golden Legend" in the thirteenth century. From that time on the story of St. Anne spread over the West and was amply developed, until St. Anne became one of the most popular saints also of the Latin Church.

The Protoevangelium gives the following account: In Nazareth there lived a rich and pious couple, Joachim and Hannah. They were childless. When on a feast day Joachim presented himself to offer sacrifice in the temple, he was repulsed by a

certain Ruben under the pretext that men without offspring were unworthy to be admitted. Whereupon Joachim, bowed down with grief, did not return home, but went into the mountains to make his plaint to God in solitude. Also Hannah, having learned the reason of the prolonged absence of her husband, cried to the Lord to take away from her the curse of sterility, promising to dedicate her child to the service of God. Their prayers were heard; an angel came to Hannah and said: *"Hannah, the Lord has looked upon your tears; you shalt conceive and give birth and the fruit of your womb shall be blessed by all the world."* The angel made the same promise to Joachim, who returned to his wife. Hannah gave birth to a daughter whom she called Miriam (Mary).

St. Anne is patroness of women in labour; she is represented holding the Blessed Virgin Mary in her lap, who again carries on her arm the child Jesus. She is also patroness of miners, Christ being compared to gold, Mary to silver.

<https://www.saintanne.org/about/94-story-of-st-anne>

Feast of Transfiguration - August 6

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor. There Jesus was transfigured before the apostles Peter, James and John. Also present were the prophets Elijah and Moses. Jesus' face shone as the sun: and his garments became white as snow. He is called "Son" by a voice in the sky, understood to be God the Father.

On the Feast of the Transfiguration, the Church blesses the first-fruits of the harvest both as a giving back to the Lord what is His and has come from Him (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as a celebration of the promise of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. The Divine Light glimpsed by the Apostles on Mount Tabor will transform all creation to its most perfect flowering and fruitfulness.

Grapes are blessed because they are directly related to the Eucharistic Sacrament. The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits on this day is the most beautiful sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

Feast of the Dormition of Our Lady - August 15

Holy Tradition tells us that the Apostles except Thomas were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Blessed Mother as she died, and also to be present for her burial. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the tomb was opened so that he could make his farewell. To their astonishment they found an empty tomb filled with sweet-smelling flowers and fragrances.

This event is not found in Sacred Scripture but is accounted for by Holy Tradition. Therefore, we bless sweet-smelling flowers in remembrance of this great sign of Mary's holiness and her being taken body and soul to heaven.