



**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

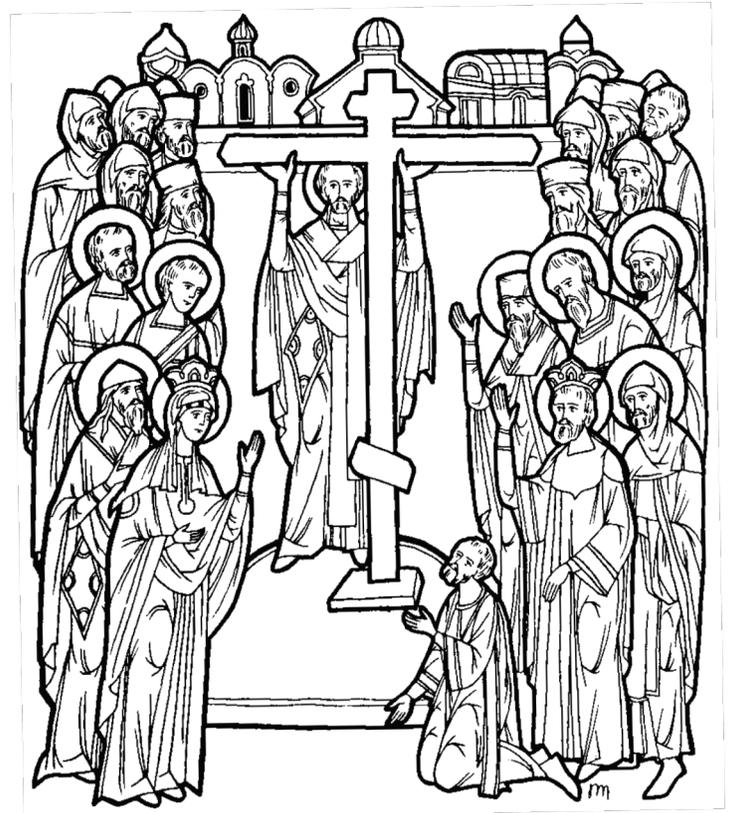
Marriages - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**Неділя перед
Воздвиженням Чесного Хреста**



**Sunday before
Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Galatians 6:11-18

John 3:13-17

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.

Today: Monetary collection for the Vancouver Food Bank at both morning Divine Liturgies. 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.

Tickets for our Parish Praznyk Dinner (Sunday, October 5) are available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

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 238: Увійди, єрею, Uviydy, yereyu

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

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

Sunday, September 14: A Parish Picnic will be held after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

UCWLC Meeting

The next UCWLC meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 am.** This is our first meeting following the summer break. Ladies, please try to attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone following our nice summer. Marlayne, President

Icon on Praznyk Dinner Ticket

Angels are primarily known as both God's messengers and servants. They are messengers in that they communicate God's plans and instructions, guiding people to fulfill His divine plan. They are also God's servants, ministering spirits who serve all of humanity (guardian angels), acting as instruments of His will in the world and in people's lives. Angels also offer perfect worship and praise to God.

While the Archangel Michael is usually vested as a warrior in his role as a leader in the battle against Satan and evil, the icon depicted on this year's Praznyk dinner ticket is that of St. Michael the Archangel vested in a deacon's liturgical vestments.

The Archangel is vested in a deacon's alb and orarion, suggesting that one of the roles of a deacon is that of spiritual leader, helping to protect us against evil, while also being of service to the Church and the faithful. The deacon also offers worship and praise to God when he assists the priest or bishop at the Divine Liturgy or other liturgical celebrations.

Subdeacon Adrian, in his role as Deacon, will be asked to fulfill the roles of spiritual leader and protector of the faith, a man of service to the parish community that he serves, offering praise and worship by his presence at all Liturgical celebrations. Axios!

**Parish Praznyk/Feast Day
Sunday, October 5, 2025**

Ordination to the Diaconate of Subdeacon Adrian Kopystynski

We give thanks to Our Lord for all the blessings that our parish has received. We remember in prayer (at both Divine Liturgies) our parishioners and their families. We pray for their health and well-being. We also remember our deceased parishioners.

At our Parish Feast Day we will be joined at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy by His Excellency Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski who will ordain our parishioner Subdeacon Adrian Kopystynski to the Diaconate. We are grateful for the gift of Subdeacon Adrian's vocation and we pray that Our Lord will bless him in his ministry. Axios!

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**Parish Praznyk Dinner / Diaconal Ordination of Adrian
Sunday, October 5, 2025**

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

12:30 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner - Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - Following the Divine Liturgies on September 7, 14, 21, 28

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: October 2, 2025

Adults 19 & up: \$35

Youth 12-18: \$20

Children 6-11: \$10

Children 5 & under: no charge

No walk-ins at the door

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, 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 Sorochnik, Marlayne Andrijaszyn

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 soon.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: smyoungadultsvan@gmail.com.

Holy Father's Intention for September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - September 8

This feast day commemorates the birthday of Mary. Usually, it is the custom to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death, as that marks their “birth” into everlasting life. Only Christ Himself, St. John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary have feasts commemorating their births, because only they were holy from the start. They were sanctified by God in the womb, not made holy through grace and long trial during their earthly lives. Mary entered the world sinless (known as the “Immaculate Conception”).

Nowhere in Scripture is the place and date of birth of the Virgin Mary recorded, but it is found in the *Protevangelium of James*, an apocryphal writing from the 2nd century. Nor are the names of her parents found in Scripture, although tradition tells us they were Joachim and Anna.

Mary is called the firstborn of the redeemed and her nativity is “the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation” (Pope Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*).

This feast has a theme of light: the world that had been shadowed in the darkness of sin sees a glimmer of light with the arrival of Mary. Through Mary comes Christ, the Light of the World. Mary has a pivotal role in salvation history and her nativity is cause for joyful celebration.