



**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 8 months before the marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**19-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа**



**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Corinthians 11:31 - 12:9

Luke 6:31-36

**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.

**10:00 am:** Rosary in church.

### **Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 332: Богородице Діво; Bohorodytse Divo

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

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

**Tuesday, October 21: 7:00 pm:** Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Thursday, October 23: 7:00 pm:** Rosary in the residence chapel.

**Sunday, October 26: 10:00 am:** Rosary in church.

**Sunday, October 26:** *Lyrika Chorus* of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Vancouver will be presenting a short concert in our Fellowship Room, beginning at 12:15 pm. There will be liturgical pieces by the Ukrainian-Canadian composer Roman Hurko, as well as some Ukrainian folk songs. Please join us!

**Wednesday, October 29: 10:00 am:** Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room. Please note the time change.

**Please Note:** Fr. Joe Ostopowich will be travelling to Greece and Mount Athos. Fr. Joe would like to pray for all of us individually while at Mount Athos and at other churches in Greece.

Please forward to him your names, as well as the names of your loved ones by **Saturday, October 25**. Also, please provide the first names of your immediate family who have passed away.

**Rosary in October** - Please note that in the month of October we will pray the Rosary on Sundays, at 10:00 am in church. We will also pray the Rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the residence chapel.

Під час місяця жовтня, спільна вервиця буде відмовлятися в неділю о год. 10:00 ранку в церкві, в вівторок, і в четвер о год. 7:00 вечора в резиденційній каплиці.

**Ukrainian Embroidery Club** meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Classes are from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the downstairs classroom.

New students, family and friends are welcome. For more information, please call Emily at 778.888.3057.

**Ukrainian classes** for adults on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Please come join us. All levels welcome. For more information and tuition rates, etc., email [info@ukrainianclasses.com](mailto:info@ukrainianclasses.com) or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

## 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. There will be crafts, gift baskets, baked goods, preserves, frozen perogies, sit down lunch/take-out food, concession. There will be "NO RUMMAGE SALES."

If you are making jams/jellies, pickles, etc., 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.

**Mark your calendars! Come and support our Fair!**

## St. Mary's Parish - Celebrating 100 Years of Faith Logo Design Contest

Our Parish's Centennial Anniversary is fast approaching (2027) and we are looking for your creative touch!

As we prepare to celebrate 100 years of worship and community, we are inviting you to help us mark this incredible milestone with a logo that captures and represents:

- our parish's legacy and mission
- the joy of faith and fellowship
- a hopeful vision for the future

The winner will receive their logo featured on all centennial materials, a special gift of appreciation and recognition during our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

**How to enter:** submit your design by email to [office@stmarysbc.com](mailto:office@stmarysbc.com) or drop it off at the church office. Digital and hand-drawn entries are welcome.

**Submission deadline: December 31, 2025.**

## Свята Вервиця

Місяць жовтень в Католицькій Церкві відрізняється від інших місяців року тим, що в цей час наші священики і богопосвячені особи, а також і численні вірні з великою побожністю щоденно моляться вервицю.

Вервиця - це молитовні роздуми над радісними, скорботними, славними та світлими таємницями життя Ісуса Христа і Марії. Заглиблюючись у ці таємниці, ми роздумуємо над власним життям. Роздуми над цими таємницями є водночас роздумами над Євангелієм.

Вервиця це не лише молитва; вона чудовий засіб освячення і духовного поступу, одна з найкращих шкіл добродетності і життя християнського. Без сумніву, не можна наполегливо розважати таємниці життя Ісуса і Марії та не втілити у життя те, що з них будемо черпати. Як сказав Пій XII: "Душа почувається затишніше, коли йде дорогою, вказаною Ісусом і Його Матір'ю." Марія наближається до нас, бере за руку і вчить жити так, як Вона Сама жила на землі коло Свого Сина. Ось у чому наука Вервиці та таємниця її успіху: вона "вводить нас в живий контакт з Ісусом через Серце Його Матері" (Іван Павло II).

Через серце Матері Божої лине молитва на Святій Вервиці - пісня любові, таїнств життя Ісуса Христа і Марії, джерело освячення, духовного збагачення християнського життя. <http://ugcc.if.ua/novyny/5314-shcho-take-vervytsia-ta-iaka-ii-istoriia.html>

## Mother of God (Theotokos)

By Deacon Keith Fournier

From antiquity, Mary has been called “Theotokos”, or “God-Bearer” (Mother of God). The word in Greek is “Theotokos.” The term was used as part of the popular piety of the early first millennium church. It is used throughout the Eastern Church's Liturgy, both Orthodox and Catholic. It lies at the heart of the Latin Rite's deep Marian piety and devotion. This title was a response to early threats to ‘orthodoxy’, the preservation of authentic Christian teaching. A pronouncement of an early Church Council, The Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., insisted *“If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the “Theotokos” (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God become flesh by birth) let him be anathema.”* (The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD)

The Council's insistence on the use of the title reflected an effort to preserve the teaching of the Church that Jesus was both Divine and human, that the two natures were united in His One Person. Not only was that teaching under an assault then, it is under an assault now, and failing to “get it right” has extraordinary implications. The reason that the early Church Council pronounced this doctrine was “Christological”, meaning that it had to do with Jesus Christ. One of the threats was from an interpretation of the teachings of a Bishop of Constantinople named Nestorius. Some of his followers insisted on calling Mary only the “Mother of ‘the Christ’”. The Council insisted on the use of the title (in the Greek) “Theotokos,” (“Mother of God” or “God-bearer”) to reaffirm the central truth of what occurred in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Rejection of the truth revealed in this beautiful title of Mary has led to a diminution in the understanding and role of Mary, impeding some Christians from grasping a deeper truth concerning the meaning of Mary's life – her Fiat, her “Yes” to God's Will. It is a privation, leading to a reduced understanding of the call to every Christian to live our lives for God as Mary did. It has undermined our mission to bring the world to the new world, recreated in her Son, the Church which is His Body on earth and a seed of the Kingdom which is to come. The Church, of which we are members through baptism, continues His redemptive mission until he returns.

When we fail to receive the gift of Mary as Mother we can also miss the call of every Christian to bear Jesus for the world as she did. It is time to re-examine the deeper implications of the treasure that is found in the life example and message of the little Virgin of Nazareth. This wonderful title, Mary, the Mother of God, “Theotokos”, reveals a profound truth not only about Mary, but about each one of us. We are now invited into the very relationship that she had with her Son. We can become “God-bearers” and bring Him to all those whom we encounter in our few short days under the sun.

<https://www.catholic.org/mary/theo.php>

