



**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

23-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа

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



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 6:11-18

Luke 16:19-31

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.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 234: В страсі і покорі; V strasi i pokori

Communion: page 246: Вірую Господи, Viruyu Hospody

Closing: page 22: Пісню слави заспіваймо; Pisniu slavy zaspivaimo

Friday, November 21: *Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple.* Non obligatory holy day. Divine Liturgy: 7:30 am in the Residence Chapel.

Saturday, November 22 will mark the National Holodomor Commemoration Day of the victims of the 1932-1933 Holodomor in Ukraine.

Sunday, November 23: The 10:30 am Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for the victims of the Holodomor, as well as for the victims of the war in Ukraine. A Panachyda will follow the Divine Liturgy.

Reports for the Parish Annual General Meeting

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025 in the auditorium. Committee Chairpersons, please submit your report for the Parish Annual General Meeting to the parish office by Friday, November 21.

Christmas Cards

Our Bookstore has an assortment of Ukrainian, English and Bilingual (Ukrainian and English) Christmas cards for purchase.

St. Mary's Christmas Fair - Saturday, November 29, 2025

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Our Christmas Fair is a vibrant, cultural, and community affair.

There will be a variety of crafters, home baking, preserves, perogy/sausage lunch take-out or sit-down meals available in our Boardroom. Included will be raffle baskets, concession, church tour and a visit from St. Nicholas.

Your help is needed for our Fair to be successful. Donations in baking, preserves and raffle basket items will be much appreciated. If you wish to donate anything in these categories, please contact the following:

Baking:	Theresa McNicholl	604.732.7982
Raffle Items	Olga Kochan	604.274.9804
Preserves	Marlayne Andrijaszyn	604.274.3164

Please come and join in the community spirit and make this year's Fair a success. This event will also support Ukrainian relief efforts through *CNEWA Canada (Catholic Near East Welfare Association)*.

Christmas Fair 2025 -- Message to All Bakers!

Now that the recipe books are opened on your kitchen counters, please let me know what baking items you are donating to the Bake Sale. Packaging and labelling of your baking needs to be done at home.

Baking staff will not be packaging your baking creations. To assist you with this, I will have clear bags and packaging containers available for you to choose from after each Divine Liturgy on: Sunday, November 16 & 23. If these days do not work for you, please email or call me and we will make alternate arrangements. Please be mindful to labelling any items that have nuts in them (allergies issues).

Theresa: 604.732.7982; email: tmcnicholl@shaw.ca

Christmas Fair 2025 - Raffle Baskets

As part of the Christmas Fair this year, we will be having raffle baskets. All contributions for the baskets will be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions for contributions:(new items please)

- small household items
- Christmas related gifts
- specialty coffee/tea, mugs, etc.
- spa items (lotions, soaps, candles)
- specialty snacks such as chocolates, candies, nuts, etc.
- Children's toys, games, puzzles, stuffies, etc.

Contributions can be left in the Fellowship Room after Sunday Divine Liturgies on November 16 in marked boxes.

Contact Olga Kochan at 604.274.9804 for any questions or further information. Thank you for your donations.

Pylypivka (St. Philip's Fast) / Advent

Ukrainian Catholics refer to the pre-Christmas fast period as *Pylypivka* or *St. Philip's Fast*, which begins on November 15, the day after the feast of St. Philip the Apostle. It lasts for 40 days and ends on December 24th.

This fast once had very strict rules. Today, the Church encourages us to abstain from meat on Fridays. We are also required to practice the spirit of sacrifice, penance, especially charity. To prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we fast, we pray more and we increase our acts of love and compassion.

It is important to approach the fasting with the right attitude and it is essential that an inner fast accompany the outer fast.

Fasting involves not just food, but the entire being:

- Our mouths should fast from off-colour, offensive or hurtful words.
- Our eyes should fast from things they should not see, perhaps movies, television programs or internet and social media that do not promote Christian values.
- Our ears should fast from listening to things they should not, like gossip and music that goes against moral integrity.
- Our minds should fast from thoughts that are not compatible with our life as Christians.

May the season of Pylypivka be a fruitful one; a time of renewal and preparation for the Feast of Our Lord's Birth.

Ukrainian Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 29th, 2025

11am - 4pm

Ukrainian Catholic Centre
3150 Ash St., Vancouver, BC

Crafts, Artisan goods
Home Baking, Preserves
Perogies
Sit down & take out Lunch
Free Admission
Donations to support
Ukrainian Relief efforts



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