



**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

24-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 8:41-56

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: 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.

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

Today: 12:45 pm: Holodomor Commemoration to be held at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Auditorium, 154 East 10th Avenue, Vancouver.

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 350: Нині Пресвята Марія; Nyni Presviata Mariya

Communion: page 280: Вислухай, Боже могучий; Vyslukhai, Bozhe mohuchyi

Closing: page 264: Боже великий, єдиний; Bozhe velykyi, yedynyi

Note: As of Sunday, November 30, there will be no coffee following the 8:30 am Divine Liturgy for the foreseeable future. Coffee and Fellowship will still continue following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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)*.

The Holy Father's Intention for November 2025

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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 23. If this date does 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

Eparchial Decree

On November 13, 2025, Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski issued an **Eparchial Decree** on the Pastoral Strategy of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster regarding the nurturing of Christian Families. This Decree is in accordance with the Resolutions of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, held in Rome from June 30 - July 10, 2025.

The Decree begins as such, "The year before us, beginning on the feast of St. Philip (14 November, 2025) through Thanksgiving Day (12 October, 2026), is officially designated in our Eparchy as a "Year for Families".

The motto for this year will be: *'Patient in hope, strong in love'* (Romans 12:12).

This designation aims to promote the importance and vital role of Christian families in society and in the life of the Church, especially during times of war, social instability, and other contemporary challenges facing families."

For a full text of the Decree in either English or Ukrainian please go to the Eparchy of New Westminster website at: <https://nweparchy.ca>

Adult Catechism in the Byzantine Tradition

The Catholic Church is a "symphony of faith" with many liturgical traditions, all united under the Holy See. Among these is the Ukrainian Catholic Church, where the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and the rich theology of the East express the same Catholic faith in a unique and beautiful way.

Starting January 5, 2026, Holy Resurrection Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Penticton will begin a 12-week Adult Catechism in the Byzantine Rite. **This course will be held in person and on-line.** Together, we will journey through the richness of the Byzantine tradition, exploring:

- The history and spirituality of the Byzantine Catholic Church
- The Divine Liturgy: heaven on earth with chant, incense, and icons
- The Sacraments (Holy Mysteries) in the Byzantine tradition
- Unity with Rome: breathing with "both lungs" of the Church

If you are interested in participating in this course on-line then please register by January 3, 2026. The link for registration is provided:

[Byzantine Adult Catechism Course – Fill out form](#)

<https://forms.office.com/r/2fQLvqibky>

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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