



**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

25-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 10:25-37

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.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make our Christmas Fair a resounding success. Your hard work and diligence are so very much appreciated. May Our Lord bless you!

Coffee and sweets following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please join us. (Please note that there will be no coffee following the 8:30 am Divine Liturgy for the foreseeable future.)

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

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

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

Closing: page 24: О хто, хто Миколая; O khto, khto Mykolaya

Monday, December 1: 10:00 am: Meeting of St. Mary's Centennial Committee in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, December 7: We are collecting monetary donations for the Vancouver Food Bank at both Divine Liturgies.

12:00 pm: Parish AGM in the parish auditorium.

Wednesday, December 10: 10:00 am: Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Vancouver Food Bank Donations

Our Parish will be collecting monetary donations for the Vancouver Food Bank. A collection will take place four times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December.

A collection, MONETARY ONLY, will be held on Sunday, December 7 at both Divine Liturgies. Let us help those in need.

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.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Our Parish Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025. The AGM will be held in the Parish Auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy and is open to all registered parishioners only. All committee heads are required to attend.

The Parish Year End Annual Reports for 2025 will be distributed in the church vestibule following each Divine Liturgy. Registered Parishioners Only. Please bring them with you to the AGM.

If at all possible, financial questions should be submitted to the Parish Office by hand or e-mail before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 3. The written questions will be answered at the appropriate time during the meeting.

Оголошення щодо Парафіяльних Загальних Зборів

Нагадуємо, що Парафіяльні Загальні Збори нашої парафії відбудуться 7 грудня. Відповідно до Статуту парафії, брати участь у зборах можуть лише зареєстровані парафіяни, тобто ті, хто офіційно внесений до реєстру парафії в канцелярії.

Щиро заохочуємо всіх, хто регулярно відвідує нашу парафію, але ще не зареєстрований, звернутися до парафіяльної канцелярії, щоб стати зареєстрованими парафіянами. Ми будемо раді прийняти вас до нашої парафіяльної спільноти.

Prayer for Sick Parishioners and their Families

Heavenly Father, look with mercy on all of our parishioners who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them, and upon their families who suffer along with them.

When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties.

When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care.

When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction.

When they are in pain, ease their suffering.

When they despair, give them hope.

May they experience your comfort and healing. We ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed Mother Mary place them under your mantle of protection. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

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

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 or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

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.

The Holy Father's Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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

To register (by January 3, 2026) click the link:

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

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

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 or drop it off at the church office. Digital and hand-drawn entries are welcome.

Submission deadline: December 31, 2025.

