



**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

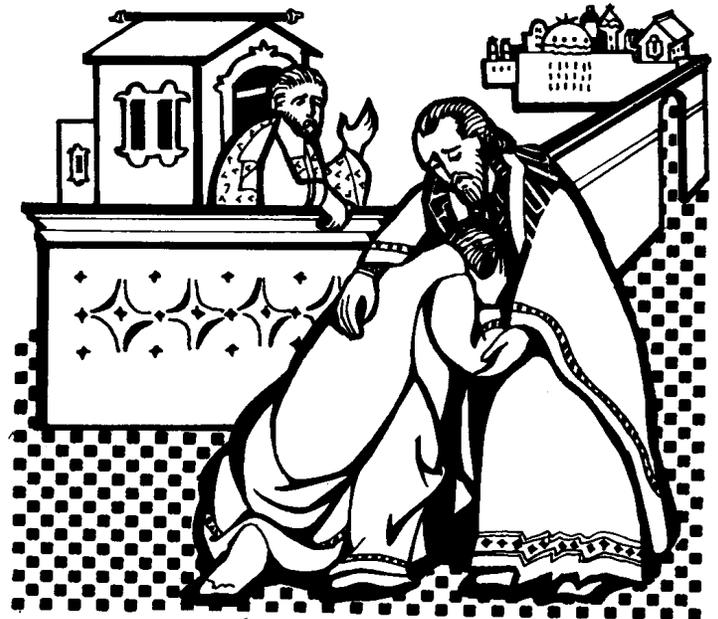
**Marriages** - the arrangements with the priest  
must be made at least 8 months before the  
marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**Неділя Блудного Сина**



**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Luke 15:11-32

**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 am Divine Liturgy**

Opening: Basilan chant: На Вавилонських риках; Na Vavylons'kykh rikakh

Communion: page 378: Просимо тя, Діво; Prosymo tia, Divo

Closing: page 134: Вже можеш, Боже; Vzhe mzhesh, Bozhe

The **2026 Almanac “Svitlo”** is available in the Bookstore at a cost of \$20/copy.

### **Monday, February 2: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.**

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in church.

**On this feast day candles are blessed.** Along with our prayers, they are lit in times of trial and hardship, uncertainty, anxiety, joy, thanksgiving, or any time we feel the need to dispel the darkness in our lives with their light. Please bring candles to be blessed on this day.

**GREAT LENT begins on Monday, February 16.** During Great Lent we will celebrate:

- **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in chapel.
- **Divine Liturgy and the Sorokousty Service** (praying for our deceased family members and friends) on Fridays at 7:00 pm in church.

You may submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

### **Ukrainian Embroidery Club**

A Ukrainian Embroidery Club meets on Monday evenings at St. Mary's 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.

### **Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)**

Frozen pyrohy (perogies) will be available for purchase after both Sunday Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room kitchen. \$10/dozen.

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February 2026**

**For children with incurable diseases.** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**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.



## Upcoming Parish Events

Sponsored by St. Mary's UCWLC

**Valentine Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 15**, following both morning Divine Liturgies in the Boardroom. Please join us for some pancakes and Valentine fun. More information to follow.

**Easter Paska** - Our UCWLC, together with ladies from the parish, will be making Paska to be ready for Easter. Bread will be ready for pickup on Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday). Order forms will be available in church. There will be no sales on the day of pickup.

Please take a form and place your order early.

Thank you for your support of these events.

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President"

### Sunday of the Prodigal Son

#### Reflection from the Lenten Triodion - Matins

Як блудний син, прийшли ми, Шедрий, змарнувавши все життя наше на чужині і розтративши все багатство, яке ти дав нам, Отче. Прийми нас розкаяних, Боже, і помилуй нас.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Отче добрий! Ми віддалилися від тебе, але ти не зостав нас і не появи недостойними твого царства. Ворог прелукавий обнажив нас і забрав наше багатство, душевні ж скарби ми блудно розтратили. Але, вставши і наворачнувшись, кличемо до тебе: Вчини нас, як одного з твоїх наймитів - ти, що заради нас розпростер на хресті свої пречисті руки, щоб вирятувати нас від лютого звіра і зодягнути в первісну одягу, як єдиний багатомилостивий.

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As the prodigal son I also come to You, O God of goodness, after having spent my life far from You. O Father, I wasted the riches that You gave me. Receive my repentance, O Lord, and have mercy on me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

O Father of mercy, I have separated myself from You; do not abandon me nor deprive me of Your heavenly kingdom. For the evil enemy has stripped me and taken away all my wealth. I have foolishly squandered my spiritual treasure; but now I arise and return to You, saying: Accept me as one of Your servants, for You are the One Who stretches out Your hands on the cross to deliver me from the evil monster, and clothe me once again in my true robe.

## Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - February 2

On this Feast Day, we see Jesus forty days old, carried into the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to be recognized as God's Messiah by the aged Simeon and Anna.

In obedience to the Law of Moses, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Joseph and Mary brought the Child Jesus into the temple along with a humble sacrifice of young pigeons as a sign of thanksgiving.

In Jerusalem at that time there lived a man, Simeon, who was just and devout. According to tradition, Simeon had been visited by an angel of the Lord who foretold him that he would not see death before seeing the Messiah born of the Virgin. Led by the Holy Spirit into the temple on the day that the holy family brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the law, Simeon took the Child into his arms and blessed God by saying: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess who was also in the temple that day. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.

Simeon and Anna represent the true Israel of God. They have kept the law given through Moses. They have worshiped in the holy place, the Temple, and they are alive to the unexpectedness of God's providence.

Simeon and Anna are inspired by the Holy Spirit to see in this child the Holy One of Israel, long awaited. They themselves are old and have grown old in the service of God. They have that widened perception which comes with continual praying.

In this Feast Day, each one of us ought to be a Temple of God to which Mary brings Jesus. And each should, like Simeon, take the Child in our arms and say to the Father: "My eyes have seen Your salvation." And having seen and touched the Saviour, we are released from the hold that sin has on us and in peace we can leave the realm of evil.

<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/resources/feast-day-information/feast-of-the-encounter-presentation-of-our-lord-into-the-temple/>

