



**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

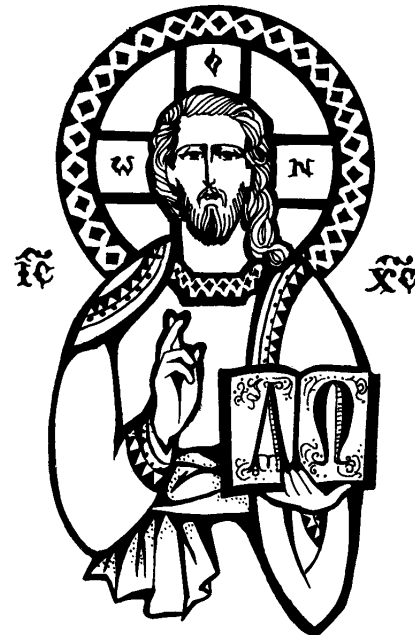
Marriages - the arrangements with the priest
must be made at least 8 months before the
marriage

Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

П'ята Неділя Великого Посту



Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 10:32-45

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.

Please join us for coffee and sweets following 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Tickets for our Parish Easter Dinner (Sunday, April 12) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies. Cut-off date for tickets: April 8th.

Today: *Lyrika Ensemble of Vancouver* will be presenting a short concert in honour of Taras Shevchenko in our Fellowship Room. Start time: 12:15 pm. Please join us in commemorating our great Ukrainian poet, writer and artist.

Today: A selection of Pysanky will be available for purchase after both Divine Liturgies in the Fellowship Room. Next Sunday they will be available for purchase in the parish auditorium.

The schedule of Passion and Resurrection Services is in the church vestibule.

Розклад Страсних і Великодних Відправ знаходяться в притворі церкви.

Претерпівий, за нас страсти, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй, помилуй, помилуй нас! (Після відпусту)

Having suffered the passion for us, O Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us. (After Divine Liturgy)

Hymns at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 154: Під хрест Твій стаю, Pid khrest Tviy stayu

Communion: page 162: Хрест на плечі; Khrest na plechi

Closing: page 168: Христос розп'ятий; Khrystos rozpyatyi

Thank You

We thank all who attended and participated in the funeral for Pat Sorochuk. It was heartwarming to see so much support. Thank you for your expressions of condolence, for the cards, offerings of Divine Liturgies and your prayers. Your friendship is comforting and very much appreciated. Fred Sorochuk and family.

Wednesday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God. Holy day of obligation. **10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in church.**

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

Середа, 25 березня: Свято Благовіщення. Обов'язкове свято.

10:00 рано: Служба Божа в церкві.

7:00 год. веч.: Хресна Дорога у каплиці.

Friday, March 27: 7:00 pm - Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty in church. (You may submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.)

П'ятниця, 27 березня: Божественна Літургія і Сорокоусти (молитва за померлих з наших родин і друзів) о 7:00 год. веч. у церкві. (Ви можете подати нові імена на Сорокоусну відправу, використовуючи Сорокоусні конвертки, що знаходяться у притворі церкви).

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). Last day for ordering is March 25th. Order forms are 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. Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

Parish Easter Dinner

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - following the Divine Liturgies on March 22 & 29

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: April 8

Adults: \$30 / Children & Youth (7-19): \$20

Children 6 & under: no charge

No walk-ins at the door

Camp St. Volodymyr - August 2026

Week 1: Sunday, August 16 - Saturday, August 22 (English/Ukrainian)

Week 2: Saturday, August 22 - Friday, August 28 (Ukrainian only)

We invite you to save the date and join us this August for Camp St. Volodymyr! The camp is for children in our Eparchy aged 7 to 15 as of December 2026. Camp will once again take place in Princeton as Owaissi continues to rebuild. We are thrilled to announce that we have secured a second week, allowing us to offer an all-Ukrainian option. Campers are welcome to attend one or both weeks. Bus transportation will be available from New Westminster on all three travel days.

Camp is a vibrant place for kids to be active, build confidence, and develop outdoor skills. As they reconnect with nature, they grow spiritually, form lasting friendships, and deepen their connection to our rich Ukrainian culture. We hope your family will be part of this unforgettable summer experience.

Pre-register using our Google Form: <https://forms.gle/TKHxXjSqWWhfn8Zt8>

Camp St. Volodymyr is a non-profit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping, or for more information, please contact Jennifer Caldwell at csv.nweparchy@gmail.com.



Reflections on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)

The feast of the Annunciation was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God’s freely given love. The marvel of Mary - even in the midst of her very ordinary life - is God’s shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.