



**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

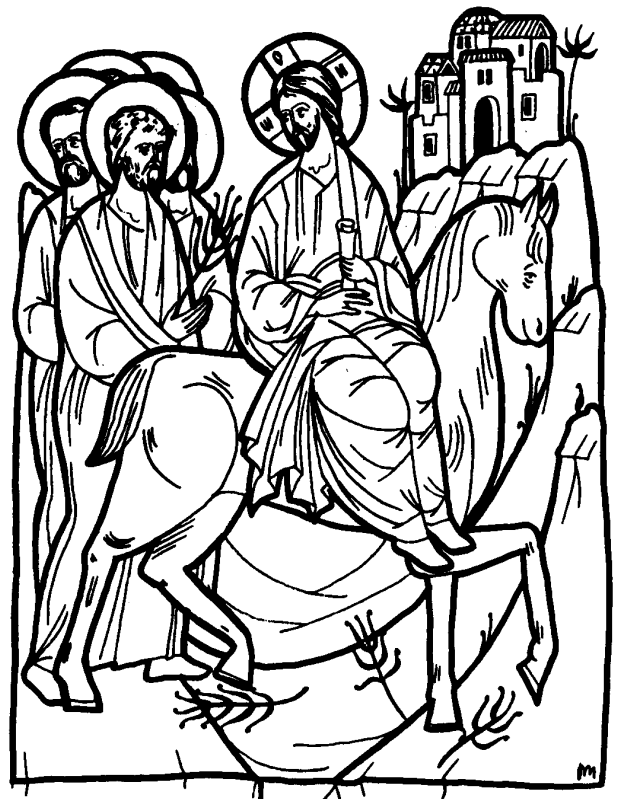
**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Dionysiy Zavedyuk, OSBM - Assistant

**Квітна Неділя**



**Palm Sunday**

Philippians 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

**Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes everyone to our Sunday Divine Liturgy. Your presence is a blessing to us.**

**A warm welcome to Fr. Dionysiy Zavedyuk, OSBM who has come to assist at St. Mary's Parish. He looks forward to serving in our parish and getting to know all the parishioners.**

**Широ вітаємо о. Діонісія Заведюка, ЧСВВ, який прибув як парафіяльний сотрудинок до парафії Покрова Пресв. Богородиці. Він з радістю бажає служити в нашій парафії і познайомитися з усіма парафіянами.**

Мирування і роздача лози після кожної Служби Божої.

Розклад Страсних і Великодних Відправ знаходиться в притворі церкви. Цей розклад також розміщений на вебсайті нашої парафії.

Кава і солодке після Служби Божої о год 10:30 рано.

Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of willows after each Divine Liturgy.

The schedule of Passion and Resurrection Services is in the church vestibule. It can also be viewed on our parish website.

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

**Today: UCWLC Bake Sale:** All orders may be picked up in the parish auditorium between 10:00 am - 12 Noon (following each Divine Liturgy).

In addition, a selection of Ukrainian Easter Eggs (pysanky) will also be available for sale in the auditorium.

**Our Parish Easter Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2026.** Tickets for the Easter Dinner will be available today after both Divine Liturgies. Cut-off date for tickets: April 8th.

### **Hymns at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy**

Opening: page 172: Пливе народ; Plyve narod

Communion: page 156: Поклоняюся, мій Христе; Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste

Closing: page 172: Пливе народ; Plyve narod

**Saturday, April 11: 9:30 am:** A Memorial Divine Liturgy and Panachyda will be celebrated for the late Pat Sorochuk on the 40th day of her passing.

### **Парастаси / Graveside Services**

Saturday, April 11: Ocean View Cemetery - 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 18: Gardens of Gethsemani - 12:00 Noon

Saturday, April 25: Forest Lawn Cemetery - 1:00 pm

Sunday, April 26: Forest Lawn Cemetery - 2:00 pm

The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time.

**Next Bulletin: Sunday, April 12  
Наступний вісник: неділя, 12 квітня**

## **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 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

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

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

### **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](mailto:csv.nweparchy@gmail.com).

### **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem before His passion. Jesus Christ, after raising Lazarus, (Jn. 11:1-44) was finally recognized by the Jewish people as their Messiah.

When He arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, they greeted Him with a triumphant welcome. With Jesus' riding on a donkey the people began to spread their cloaks and strewed "branches from the trees" (Mt. 21:8) on the road in front of Him. Others took "branches of palms" (Jn. 12:13) in their hands and, cheering, cried out:

“Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mt. 21:9).

As Jesus was entering the city, surrounded by the excited crowds, the Scribes and the Pharisees became alarmed and decided to stop Him at any cost. But the people kept acclaiming Him as their Messiah, saying: “This is the Prophet, Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee!” (Mt. 21:10).

Palm Sunday was celebrated with particular solemnity since the first centuries of Christianity. In the Byzantine Rite it is considered to be one of the twelve Major Feasts of the liturgical year. On this Sunday, pussy willows - loza (instead of palm branches) are blessed and distributed to the faithful.

The loza, pussy willow branches, have an additional significance of showing life early in the spring, symbolizing the hope of the Resurrection. They are gathered and then blessed at the church service. After the service, parishioners gently tap each other with the willows, in imitation of the scourging of Christ while repeating:

*“The willow hits, not I;  
A week from now it will be Easter.”*

*“Лоза б'є, не я б'ю,  
від нині за тиждень буде Великдень.”*

The tapping with the willow also signifies the wishes for health, happiness and wealth.

After Easter, the willow should be entwined on a cross or placed above an icon to serve as a sign of salvation and a pledge of protection and blessing during the coming year. Tradition has it that the blessed willows could be burned and the ashes scattered on the fields to ensure a good crop.

### **Good Friday**

During the service on Good Friday, a procession is made around the church three times. The Holy Shroud is carried by four persons each holding one of its four corners. This solemn procession is not only symbolic of Jesus' funeral procession but it is also the Son of God, the Immortal One, proceeding through the darkness of Hades and preannouncing the joy of the Resurrection.

Following the procession, the Holy Shroud is placed in the symbolic tomb in front of the altar. Beautiful flowers and candles adorn the tomb. During this time, the Troparion “The Noble Joseph” is sung.

Behind the tomb stands a large, plain cross. The faithful approach the shroud on their knees and make three prostrations and kiss the five wounds of Christ. The shroud remains exposed for veneration until the Matins of the Resurrection on Easter morning. It is then carried into the sanctuary and placed upon the holy altar. It is kept on the altar for forty days until the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus, symbolizing the forty days He remained on earth following His Resurrection.

Good Friday not only commemorates the death and burial of Jesus but also His descent into Hades. In this descent, Jesus, Who is the Life, encounters and destroys death. The Good Friday Service is truly one of the most moving spiritual experiences of the Church Year.

<https://www.stnicholasucp.ca/our-faith/great-lent-easter>