



**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

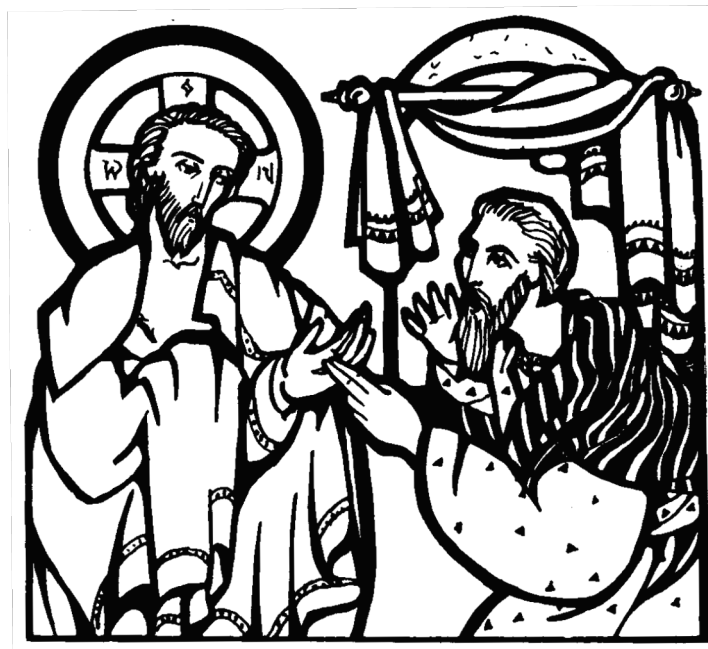
**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Dionysiy Zavedyuk, OSBM - Assistant

**Томина Неділя**



**Thomas Sunday**

Acts 5:12-20

John 20:19-31

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

Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of the Artos bread (bread blessed at Easter) after each Divine Liturgy.

Мирування і роздавання Артоса (хліб, якого поблагословили на Великдень) після двох Служб Божих.

The Parish Easter Dinner will be held in our auditorium following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy for those who purchased advance tickets. No walk-ins at the door.

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

Opening: page 198: Христос воскрес! Під небозвід; Khrystos voskres! Pid nebozvid

Communion: page 188: Согласно заспіваймо; Sohlasno zaspivaimo

Closing: page 200: Христос Воскрес! Радість з неба; Khrystos voskres! Radist' z neba

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all parishioners and guests for your generosity and kindness during Holy Week and Easter. Also, Thank You:

- To all who assembled and took down the Tomb
- To those individuals who picked up and delivered the flowers
- To Rick Ruta and our choir members for prayerfully leading us through all of the Services.
- To all who assisted with our Holy Week and Easter Services. May Our Risen Lord bless you!

**Sincerest condolences** are extended to Sonya Kozy and Family on the passing of her mother Eugenia Sydor on March 8, 2026. The Sydor Family emigrated to Canada in 1952 and were members of St. Mary's Parish. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 16, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Suncrest Retirement Community in Surrey.

Please keep the late Eugenia Sydor and her Family in your prayers. **Вічна Пам'ять!**

**Wednesday, April 15: 10:00 am:** Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

**Saturday, April 18: 12:00 noon: Cemetery Services at Gardens of Gethsemani.** The cemetery services will be done by appointment. Please phone the parish office for an appointed time beginning at 12:00 noon.

**"Christ is Risen - Indeed He is Risen"**

**Easter Bake Sale**

St. Mary's UCWLC would like to thank all who put orders in for the Pre-Order Easter Sale. Your support with this event is gratefully appreciated. Although we scaled back our event, we had the support from our parish and community.

With God's blessings,  
Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

### **Пара́стаси / Graveside Services**

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.

### **Artos Bread**

Artos - derived from the Greek word meaning wheaten bread, is the symbol for the bread of eternal life - Christ. This round loaf is covered with a metal plate bearing an icon of the Resurrected Christ.

The Artos is blessed by the priest on Easter morning. After it is blessed, the Artos is reserved on the altar or the tetrapod for the entire week.

On the Sunday of St. Thomas, the Artos is cut into small pieces and distributed to the faithful following the Divine Liturgy, at the time of myrovania (blessing with holy oil). The "Artos" symbolizes the Resurrected Christ, who appeared to the Apostles and took food with them.

According to Church tradition this custom was supposed to have its origin in Apostolic times. The Apostles, when sitting down to the table, would leave a vacant place for Jesus Christ, as well as a plate. At this spot they would place bread, reminding them of Jesus. The consuming of the "Artos" by the faithful on Thomas Sunday, symbolizes that after our own resurrection, Christ will give us Himself in eternal communion in His Heavenly Kingdom.

### **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 join us this August for Camp St. Volodymyr! The camp is for children in our Eparchy aged 7 to 15. Camp will take place in Princeton, BC. Campers are welcome to attend one or both weeks. Bus transportation will be available from New Westminster on all three travel days.

Register now via Eventbrite: Search **Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2026**

For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell at [csv.nweparchy@gmail.com](mailto:csv.nweparchy@gmail.com) or phone: 604.220.0584. Visit our website [www.nweparchy.ca](http://www.nweparchy.ca)

### **Ways To Support Our Camp**

**Camp Nurse/Doctor:** We are looking for an individual to support basic first aid and dispense medication as needed.

**Donate Monetarily:** Each year, the Eparchy provides generous support to help subsidize our program so that more families can participate. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made directly the Eparchy. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

## **Розважання на Томину Неділю**

Кріз замкнені двері прийшов ти між твоїх учнів, Христе. Томи тоді провидінно не було з ними. Бо він сказав: Не йму віри, поки і я не побачу Владики, не побачу його боку, звідки випливла кров, вода - хрищення, поки не побачу рани, яка вилікувала людину з великої рани - гріха, поки не переконаюся, що не був це лише дух, але мав тіло і кості! Господи, що здолав смерть і привів Тому до віри, - слава тобі!

### **Reflection for Thomas Sunday**

Although the doors were locked, You appeared to Your disciples, O Christ; but through providence, Thomas was not with them. For he said: I will not believe until I see the side from which the blood and water of our baptism came forth, until I see the wound by which He healed all people from the great wound, and I see that He is not a pure spirit, but a person made of flesh and bones. Therefore, O Lord, Who trampled Death and made Thomas firm in his belief, O Lord, glory to You!

### **Thomas Sunday**

The Second Sunday of Pascha, also known as Thomas Sunday, holds a significant place in the Byzantine Catholic tradition.

In John 20:19-31, the passage describes the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after his resurrection. The first appearance occurs on the evening of the resurrection day, where Jesus appears to the disciples who were gathered together in fear behind locked doors. He greets them with the words "Peace be with you" and shows them his hands and side, proving his identity as the risen Christ. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not present during this encounter and expresses doubt about Jesus' resurrection. However, Jesus appears again a week later, specifically addressing Thomas and inviting him to touch his wounds to dispel his doubts. Thomas responds with a profession of faith, announcing the most precious words in the entire Bible: "You are my Lord and my God." This passage highlights Christ's immeasurable mercy and the importance of faith and belief in the resurrection of Jesus, as well as the significance of encountering the risen Christ in our lives.

The Byzantine Catholic Church prays on this day: "How wonderful is this doubt of Thomas! It brought the hearts of believers to the knowledge of God." It is interesting that in recent times the Sunday of St. Thomas in the Latin Rite has also been proclaimed as the Sunday of "Diving Mercy" and there is a remarkable similarity between the image of Divine Mercy in the Latin Rite and the icon of the encounter of Christ with St. Thomas. On this day in the entire Church, east and west, the mercy of God is proclaimed.

Marking the end of Bright Week, from this Sunday onward, the Church dedicates Sundays to the Lord's Resurrection. Jesus appears to the Apostles after his Resurrection in a 'spiritualized' body. This is not only Christ's resurrection, but it is a foreshadowing of the destiny God intended for all mankind from the beginning. At the General Resurrection of the dead, for those who have died in Christ, our bodies will resurrect, be reunited with our souls and gloriously transfigured forever just as the Apostles witnessed in the Resurrected body of Jesus Christ.

<https://parma.org/events/thomas-sunday>