



**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**

9:40 - 10:15 am Sunday morning

By appointment during the week

**Baptism** by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/**

**Eucharist for the sick** - any time

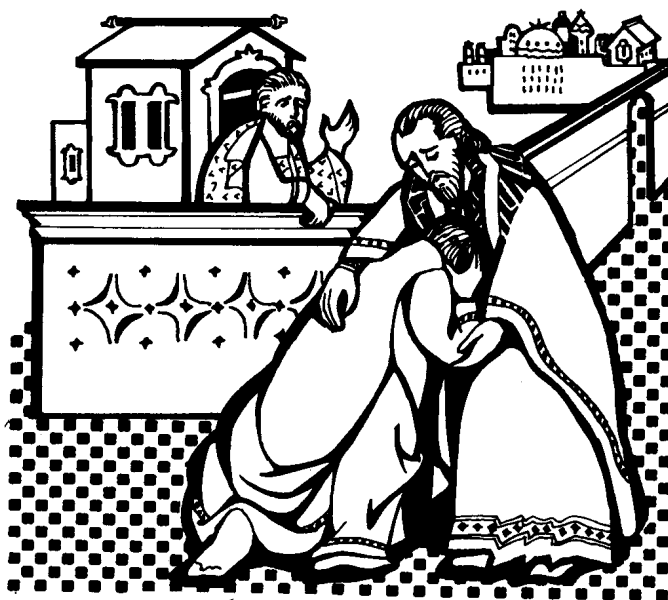
**Marriages** - the arrangements with the priest must be made at least 6 months before the marriage

**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 Divine Liturgy. Thank you for worshipping with us today.**

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

**Today.** Our Young Adult group will be selling frozen pyrohy (perogies) in the Fellowship Room following both Divine Liturgies.

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

Opening: Basilian Chant: На Вавилонських ріках; Na Vavylons'kykh rikakh

Communion: page 134: Вже можеш, Боже; Vzhe mozhesh, Bozhe

Closing: page 138: На Вавилонських ріках; Na Vavylons'kykh rikakh

**Eternal Memory!** Sincerest condolences are extended to:

- Nadia Wakefield and Family on the passing of her son-in-law, Sean Smith.
- Iryna Laschuk and Eugene Lupynis and their Families on the passing of their mother, Anna Lupynis. A Funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Friday, February 3rd.
- The Family of the late Kathleen Bachewich. A Memorial Service was celebrated on Friday, February 3rd.

Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers. Вічна Пам'ять!

Candles that were blessed at the *Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord* (February 2) are available at the front of the church, at the side altar of Our Lord (south side).

**Monday, February 6: 7:00 pm: Parish Bazaar Meeting** in the Fellowship Room for all who are interested in participating and holding a Parish Bazaar in 2023. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

**Saturday, February 11: The 31st World Day of the Sick** is commemorated on this day. The 8:30 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 12 will be celebrated for the intention of our sick parishioners; those at home, in hospitals or care facilities.

**GREAT LENT begins on Monday, February 20.** 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. Please use the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule to submit any new names.

Everyone is encouraged to attend as many of the services as possible.

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.

**Ukrainian language lessons** are being offered online. All levels welcome: beginners, intermediate and advanced. For more information, please call Susan at 604.733.3756.

## **Parish Lenten Mission**

**Missionary: Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM**

(Assistant Pastor at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Edmonton)

### **“Growing in Holiness”**

**Friday, March 3:** 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy & Mission Homily

**Saturday, March 4:** 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy & Mission Homily

**Sunday, March 5:** Mission Homily at both 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession at each Divine Liturgy

### **“DRY FEB” - Canadian Cancer Society Fundraiser - St Mary's Church team**

**Dry Feb** is a fundraiser that challenges you to go alcohol-free in February and raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS). It helps you get healthy while also raising funds to make a difference for Canadians affected by cancer. St. Mary's has a team that is hoping to raise \$5,000 this year. We need your support.

You can donate on-line at [www.dryfeb.ca](http://www.dryfeb.ca) or by making out a cheque to CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY and putting it in the Sunday morning collection plate or bringing it to the parish office during the week. Cash can be handled the same way with name/address included. A tax receipt from the CCS is sent to you by April 30/2023 for any donation over \$20.

### **Prayer for Ukraine**

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, we entreat You to hear the earnest prayer of Your beloved Church of Kyivan Rus' for her afflicted children abiding in the land of Ukraine. Deliver Your vulnerable people from unjust aggressors, foreign invasion and the terror of war.

O kind-hearted Lord, as You are our peace, soften the hearts of the unmerciful and convert those who promote hostilities toward reconciliation, so that your beloved children of the land of Ukraine, may abide in that tranquility, justice and freedom which reflects your Kingdom, where You reign with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now, and forever and ever. Amen.

### **Молитва за Україну**

Господи Ісусе Христе, Боже наш, благаємо Тебе вислухати щиру молитву Твоєї улюбленої Церкви Київської Русі за її засмучених дітей, які потерпають в Україні. Звільни Твій наражений на небезпеку народ від несправедливого агресора, нападу чужинців і терору війни.

Добросердний Господи, джерело нашого миру, умиротвори серця немилосердних і наверни тих, хто пропагує ворожнечу до примирення, щоб Твої улюблені діти української землі могли проживати у такому спокої, справедливості і свободі, які завжди панують у Твоєму Царстві, де Ти царюєш зі своїм споконвічним Отцем і Твоїм благим і животворящим Духом нині, повсякчас і на віки віків. Амінь.

## **World Day of the Sick - February 11, 2023**

The Message of Pope Francis for the 31st World Day of the Sick is entitled “Take care of him” Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing.

Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty. In this way, when evil bursts onto the scene and wounds us, we are left stunned. Moreover, others might abandon us at such times. Or, in our own moments of weakness, we may feel that we should abandon others in order to avoid becoming a burden. This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged.

It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church measure herself against the Gospel example of the Good Samaritan, in order that she may become a true “field hospital”, for her mission is manifested in acts of care, particularly in the historical circumstances of our time. We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up. Thus, the plight of the sick is a call that cuts through indifference and slows the pace of those who go on their way as if they had no sisters and brothers.

The World Day of the Sick calls for prayer and closeness towards those who suffer. Yet it also aims to raise the awareness of God’s people, healthcare institutions and civil society with regard to a new way of moving forward together.

These past years of the pandemic have increased our sense of gratitude for those who work each day in the fields of healthcare and research. Yet it is not enough to emerge from such an immense collective tragedy simply by honouring heroes. Covid-19 has strained the great networks of expertise and solidarity, and has exposed the structural limits of existing public welfare systems. Gratitude, then, needs to be matched by actively seeking, in every country, strategies and resources in order to guarantee each person’s fundamental right to basic and decent healthcare.

On 11 February 2023, let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Sick people, in fact, are at the centre of God’s people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind.

To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.

Note: The full text of the Holy Father’s message can be found at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>