



**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 6 months before the marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Fr. Josafat Oliinyk, OSBM - Assistant

**Неділя Всіх Святих**



**Sunday of All Saints**

Hebrews 11:33 - 12:2

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

**Welcome! The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish welcomes everyone to our 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.

10:00 am - Moleben to the Mother of God in church.

**Today: National UCWLC Day.** The last Sunday of May is dedicated to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. We greet all the members of our UCWLC on this day and pray for their intentions.

A Panachyda for all the deceased members of the UCWLC, Vancouver Branch will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

### **Thank You**

A most sincere Thank You to the Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Josafat and Deacon Howard. Thank you for celebrating my 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood last Sunday - for the sandwiches, cake, cards, wishes and friendship! Thank you for welcoming me in your midst, to celebrate and implore God's help and blessings at the Holy Altar!

It is such an honour to be a part of the Parish family and community. Who would have known - when I was ordained by Bishop Jerome Chimy of blessed memory, at St. Mary's - that I would "return home" 40 years later to be with all of you!

May Almighty God through the prayers, intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother bless every one of you!

Fr. Joe Ostopowich

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

Opening: page 364: О спомагай нас; O spomahai nas

Communion: page 374: Пренебесна, пречудесна; Prenebesna, prechudesna

Closing: page 346: Маріє, Діво благословенна; Mariye, Divo blahoslovenna

**Eternal Memory!** Sincerest condolences are extended to the Family of the late Josephine Kutney who passed away on May 18th. A private family funeral will be held at a later date. Вічна Пам'ять!

**Tuesday, May 28:** 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

**Thursday, May 30:** 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Mother of God in chapel.

**Sunday, June 2: Feast of the Holy Eucharist. Supplication Service for the Feast** will be celebrated after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. (No Moleben on this day).

**Sunday, June 2:** Monetary collection for the Vancouver Food Bank at both morning Divine Liturgies.

### **Vancouver Food Bank Donations**

Our Parish will be collecting monetary donations for the Vancouver Food Bank. A collection will take place four times a year, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December 2024.

**A collection, MONETARY ONLY, will be held on Sunday, June 2 at both Divine Liturgies.** Let us help those in need.

If you would like a tax receipt, please write your name and address on the special envelope "Vancouver Food Bank Donation". Make cheques payable to "St. Mary's Parish" and indicate in the memo portion that it is for the "Vancouver Food Bank." May Our Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity.

### **Holy Father's Intention for May 2024**

**For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians.** The Pontiff urges prayers "so that religious, monks, nuns, and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."

### **Sunday of All Saints**

The first Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost is observed by the Eastern Rite Churches as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honouring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet King David says, "*But to me, exceedingly honourable are Your friends, O Lord*" (Ps. 138:16). The Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "*Wherefore, seeing we also are surrounded with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us*" (Heb. 12:1).

Guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. We honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Church calendar.

But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Vespers, Sunday of All Saints).

## **Royal BC Museum Exhibition**

Please join us for a very special event hosted by the Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko to view the Royal BC Museum Exhibition at our Centre!

### **Canada, Here We Are! Celebrating Ukrainians in Canada**

The exhibit was reproduced in 2022 to display the many years of Ukrainians immigrating to Canada beginning when the first settler arrived in 1891. In addition, the exhibit beautifully highlights the many accomplishments of Ukrainians over the years and how they have maintained their Ukrainian culture and heritage while embracing Canadian life.

The Royal BC Museum has graciously shared the 14 panel exhibit with our Society, and with the generous donation from the Ukrainian Studies Foundation of British Columbia, we were able to print the panels for display.

We are very honoured to showcase the exhibit on Saturday, June 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, followed by a special reception for our Ukrainian community from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Attendance at the reception will be by donation.

**Location of our event is:** 5311 Francis Road, Richmond, B.C.

For more information and to RSVP for the 4:00 pm reception, please email us at: [info@ivanfranko.ca](mailto:info@ivanfranko.ca)

## **Canadian Speaking Tour of Ukrainian Nobel Peace Prize Winner**

Ms. Oleksandra Matviichuk will be in Canada June 3-9, 2024, on a tour organized and funded by the Canada-Ukraine Foundation.

Ms. Matviichuk is the head of the Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine). She has been working very closely with the International Criminal Court in The Hague - along with numerous European national governments - in cataloguing Russian war crimes and human rights abuses in Ukraine during the present barbaric war of aggression. Herself a human rights lawyer, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022 on behalf of the Center for their work. She has also been decorated by numerous other international governments and entities, including the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, United States government, PEN International, and others. She has been named one of the top 25 most influential women in the world by the Financial Times. Her Wikipedia biography: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oleksandra\\_Matviichuk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oleksandra_Matviichuk)

Ms. Matviichuk's tour will be partly a message tour, drawing attention to human rights abuses and war crimes occurring daily in Ukraine. It is also a fundraising tour to support the civil society work of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation which supports humanitarian projects, ranging from food and shelter for displaced Ukrainians, surgical missions, mobile ambulances, demining, and many other critical needs in Ukraine.

Event and sponsorship information: [www.cufoundation.ca/canadian-speaking-tour](http://www.cufoundation.ca/canadian-speaking-tour).