

St. Mary's Newsletter

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Divine Liturgies

Sundays: 8:30am English (spoken)
10:30am Ukrainian (sung)
Mon-Sat: 7:30am (Chapel)
Holy Days: 10:00am

Father Joseph Pidskalny OSBM
(Admin)
Father Josafat Oliinyk OSBM

A Mosaic Chronicle

A Tale of Time and Faith

In the south western wall corner of St. Mary's church, a mosaic reveals itself only to those who enter through the south side entrance to the church. In this mosaic you see— the consecration of Rus-Ukraine c 1030 by Yaroslav the Wise to the Protection of the Mother of God. Yaroslav began consolidating the Kyivan state through both cultural and administrative improvements and through military campaigns. He promoted the spread of Christianity in the Kyivan state, gathered a large collection of books, and employed many scribes to translate Greek religious texts into the Slavic language. He founded churches and monasteries and issued statutes regulating the legal position of the Christian Church and the rights of the clergy. With the help of Byzantine architects and craftsmen, Yaroslav fortified and beautified Kyiv along Byzantine lines. He built the majestic Cathedral of St. Sophia and the famous Golden Gate of the Kyivan fortress.



SEEKING HAPPINESS

There were 200 people attending a seminar on mental and physical health.

At one point, the speaker told the group they were going to do an activity. He gave each attendee one balloon and told them to write their name on it. Then, the balloons were collected and moved into a very small room.

The participants were then asked to go into the other room and were given 2 minutes to find their balloon.

It was chaos... People were searching frantically for their balloon, pushing each other and running into one another while they grabbed a balloon, looked at it, and inevitably tossed it to the side.

At the end of the 2 minutes, no one had found the balloon that had their name on it.

Then, the speaker asked the participants to go back in the room and pick up one balloon at random, look at the name, and return it to its owner. Within minutes, everyone had been reunited with their original balloon.

The speaker then told the group, "This is what it's like when people are frantically searching for their own happiness in life.

People push others aside to get the things that they want that they believe will bring them happiness. However, our happiness actually lies in helping other people and working together as a community."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid- Summer Traditions of Ukraine
Wednesday June 19 7-9pm
Secret Lantern Society

Unwritten Chapters -Olga Rybalko
Thursday-Saturday June 20-22
1063 Hamilton St Vancouver

Monatik – North American Tour
Friday June 21, 8-11pm
Vogue Theatre Vancouver BC

Perogies for Peace (food)
Saturday June 22 4pm
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral New West

Slava Komissarenko
Wednesday June 26 8pm
Vogue Theatre -Vancouver

Golden Jubilee Gala Night
Thursday June 27, 6:30 pm
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral New West

TVORCHI -North American Tour
Wednesday July 31 8pm
Biltmore Cabaret -Vancouver

BC Dumpling Festival
Saturday August 10 11am
Coquitlam Town Centre Park

Ukrainian Golf Tournament
September TBA
Ivan Franko Society

Homemade Husbands-DIY Manual
Saturday October 5 7:30pm
York Theatre Vancouver

Check with the venue for details or updates

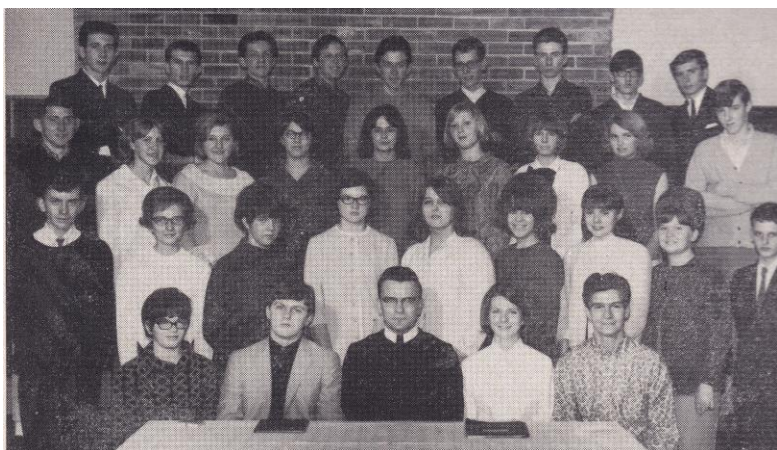
You can see more at :
<https://sites.google.com/uahub.ca/bcuaca/home>

Ukrainian Youth Group in St Mary's Parish

The Youth Organization of Vancouver can trace its beginnings to February 14, 1937 at the parish hall (**St Stephens Greek Parish**) on Fraser St. **Rev. Nicholas Bartman** called a special meeting of the youth. **Mr. Lapchak** was the first elected president; **Peter Kozak** secretary and **Bill Durshkiw** Treasurer. With the onset of World War 2 many of the young men for the Parish enlisted in the army causing a drastic decline in the Youth activities.

On October 30, 1945 **Rev Christopher Kondratiuk** revived the Youth Organization with 22 members The first executive under the National Ukrainian Youth Association of Canada was **VP William Popovich**, Secretary **Gizela Dnistrianska** Treasurer **Gloria Kaniuka**.

By October of 1955 the UCY membership had grown to 78 members. In 1974 the Vancouver Parish came under the jurisdiction of the newly formed Eparchy of New Westminster. At the first Eparchial Convention in 1978 the first president was **Frank Dudzik** VP **Gizela Chizik**, **Maria Sawka** Secretary; **Zonia Haydymowsky** treasurer. In the spring of 1983 **Rev. Stephen Chmilar** encouraged the formation of a Youth group for young people and the group was named **St Mary's Young Adults**. In 2024 the young adults continue with their commitment to faith and fellowship at St Mary's Parish.



Seated: **Christopher Hrushowy** Pres Junior Div; **Rev Vital Pidskalny**; **Helen Brenenstul** Pres Senior Division 1957 **Top Right Myron Zajac** Pres 1958
Top left **Orest Kocuiba** Pres 1960 below him left is **Steve Popyk** Pres 1954

Seated **Norman Buchko** Pres UCYC; **Rev Isadore Dziadyk** 1967



Maria Sawka Eparchial President seated centre **Rev Josaphat Tyrkalo**
Standing far right **Eugene Tokar** UCYC President 1982



The Fellowship and Faith of the 2024 Youth of St Mary's Parish