



**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

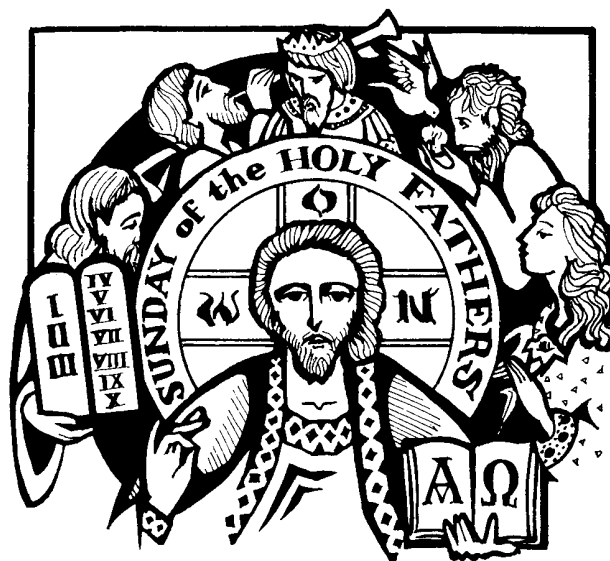
Funerals - by arrangement

Basilian Fathers serving the Parish

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

Неділя перед Різдром

Неділя Святих Отців



Sunday before Christmas

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2

Matthew 1:1; 17-25

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

Blessings and Congratulations

We extend our warmest congratulations to Deacon Howard Burton on the occasion of his 30th Anniversary of Diaconate. Deacon Howard was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Myron Daciuk, OSBM on December 18, 1994 at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster.

Deacon Howard, we pray that Our Lord continue to bless you in your Ministry, and our Blessed Mother spread her mantle of protection over you! Многая Літа!

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 106: Хто там по дорозі; Khto tam po dorozhi

Communion: page 244: Витай між нами; Vy tai mizh namy

Closing: page 106: Хто там по дорозі; Khto tam po dorozhi



Most Rev. Stephen Chmilar (Bishop Emeritus of Toronto) passed away on December 21, 2024 at the age of 79. The late Bishop Emeritus Stephen was:

- Born May 24, 1945 in Lamont, AB
- Ordained to the Priesthood on June 11, 1972
- Pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vancouver, BC from 1982 - 1984
- Consecrated Bishop of the Eparchy of Toronto on July 23, 2003
- He retired from active ministry in 2019

Please keep the late Bishop Emeritus Stephen and his Family in your prayers. May Our Lord grant him Eternal Rest! Вічна Пам'ять!

Tickets for our Parish Christmas Dinner (Sunday, January 12) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies.

The **2025 Parish donation envelopes** are available in the church vestibule.

2025 Parish Calendars can be found in the church vestibule. Please take one calendar per family.

The **Schedule of Christmas Services** can be found in the church vestibule. It can also be found on our parish website.

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve (Day of abstinence from meat products)

9:15 pm - Great Complines followed immediately by **Solemn Divine Liturgy**;
Blessing with Holy Oil

Wednesday, December 25: Feast of Our Lord's Birth (Holy Day of Obligation)
10:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Bilingual); Blessing with Holy Oil

Thursday, December 26: Synaxis of the Mother of God and St. Joseph
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Subdiaconate Ordination of Adrian Kopystynski

The start of the 2025 Jubilee Year will be a special one for St. Mary's Parish and for the Eparchy of New Westminster. **Our parishioner, Adrian Kopystynski, will be ordained to the Subdiaconate by Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski on December 29, 2024 at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster at the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy.**

We encourage our parishioners to take part in this very special celebration, and to join Adrian in prayer on this very special day. At the conclusion of his studies (sometime in 2025) Bishop Michael will ordain Adrian to the Diaconate at St. Mary's. We look forward to once again celebrating Adrian's vocation as a parish family.

Congratulations and many blessings to Adrian as he prepares to receive the grace of Subdiaconate and Diaconate in the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Year End Contributions

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations throughout the year. For any donations that you want included on your 2024 tax receipt: **ALL contributions must be received in the parish office, and your cheques dated no later than December 31, 2024 - this includes any donations for "Aid to Ukraine".**

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

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

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Divine Liturgies: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

12:00 Noon: Parish Dinner in the Auditorium

Catered Dinner

Tickets: Advance purchase only

Weekday - Parish Office: 604.879.5830

Sunday - following the Divine Liturgies on December 22, 29, January 5

Cut-off date for ticket purchase: January 8, 2025

Adults & Seniors (60+): \$25 / Children & Youth (6-19): \$15

Children 5 & under: no charge

No walk-ins at the door

A Message of Appreciation from Metropolitan Lawrence

I am deeply grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Mother of God for guiding me through this period of ill health. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the parish communities, church organizations, bishops, clergy, and the faithful for the Divine Liturgies and multitude of prayers offered for my good health.

Having completed my time of hospitalization, I am now embarking on a period of recuperation to regain my strength. I also wish to express my profound gratitude to all the hospital staff for their exceptional medical care.

At this time, I am still unable to conduct liturgical services or receive well-wishers. I am very appreciative of Bishop Andriy and the chancery staff for managing the affairs of the Archeparchy, and I trust they will continue to do so.

I also extend my thanks to the clergy, church leaders, and faithful of other Churches and denominations who have reached out with their prayers and support.

In closing, I pray that you all experience and enjoy the peace of the Christ Child, born in Bethlehem for our salvation.

+Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM

Annual Eparchial Gala

Sunday, December 29, 2024

5:00 - 9:00 PM

Holy Eucharist Cathedral

501 - 4th Avenue, New Westminster

This is not just another event. It is a special occasion dedicated to making a lasting difference in the lives of Ukrainian children and students in Canada and Ukraine as they build a future filled with hope and opportunity. Your generosity makes a difference. Help us create a brighter future for Ukrainian children and students.

Start the night with a wine reception, followed by a concert of hope, and conclude with a gourmet dinner filled with purpose and generosity.

Tickets: \$150 per person (includes a \$100 tax receipt).

E-transfer to cathedral.nwe@gmail.com with the note "Gala Ticket"

Reserve Your Spot: [Annual Eparchial Gala](#)

Donations

E-transfer to cathedral.nwe@gmail.com

Cheque Contribution payable to: **Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral**
Message/ Memo line: Support Ukrainian children and students

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