



**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

29-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



29th Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 1:12-18

Luke 17:12-19

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.

Today: No coffee after the 8:30 am Divine Liturgy.

Today: Sunday, December 8: Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room following the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. It is open to registered parishioners only. All committee heads are required to attend.

Monday, December 9: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Non-obligatory holy day. Divine Liturgy: 7:30 am in the Residence chapel.

Wednesday, December 11: 10:00 am: Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

Monday, December 16: 7:00 pm: Post Christmas Fair Wind-up meeting to be held in the Fellowship Room.

UCWLC December Meeting

Saturday, December 14: 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. This will be a short meeting to complete our year's activities, followed by Christmas fellowship. Please try to attend so we can have our Christmas blessings and fellowship. God Bless!

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 234: В страсі і покорі; V strasi i pokori

Communion: page 258: Тіло Христове; Tilo Khrystove

Closing: page 24: О хто, хто Миколая; O khto, khto Mykolaya

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.

Minor Orders and Subdiaconate

Traditionally, everyone who enters the sanctuary during a time of prayer should have been ordained by the Bishop and received a special grace, to perform a specific role in a minor or major order. The major orders, addressed by and administered according to Canon Law, include the Diaconate, Priesthood, and the Episcopacy. The minor orders in ascending rank include candle bearers (altar servers), lectors (readers), cantors and subdeacons. The Eastern Churches routinely confer the minor orders of lector and subdeacon. This is done by the Bishop.

A subdeacon organizes the needs of the Bishop, Priest, or Deacon during the Divine Liturgy and other services. His responsibilities include the preparation of the sacred vessels (chalices and patens), organizing the altar servers, and handling the censer. His role is most obvious when the Bishop is present, at which time he acts as the Bishop's assistant and, by the cleansing of hands, prepares him for the consecration. Subdeacons can also be assigned particular responsibilities by the Bishop or Parish Priest.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

If you would like to request a Divine Liturgy, please contact the parish office to book a date. If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to "Basilian Fathers." The suggested offering for a Divine Liturgy is \$10.

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 in the parish office and your cheques dated no later than December 31, 2024.**

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2024

For Pilgrims of Hope: Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

Please Note

Have you just moved into our parish? Are you registered in our parish? For new parishioners, please let us know who you are so that we can welcome you! Registration forms are available in the parish office. For parishioners who have moved or changed their phone number, help us to update our records by informing the parish office.

Чи Ви є новими парафіянами в нашій парафії? Чи Ви є зареєстровані в нашій парафії? Просимо нових парафіян, повідомити нас, щоб ми могли Вас щиро привітати! Реєстраційні форми знаходяться в парафіяльній канцелярії.

Для Парафіян які перебралися на нові місця. Чи Ваша адреса і номер телефону є змінені? Просимо повідомити нас зміну Вашої адреси.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This Feast of Our Lady is celebrated on December 8 in the Roman Rite and December 9 in the Byzantine Rite. On this feast day the Church celebrates Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs in the liturgical season of Philip's Fast (Pylypiwka)/Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin."

The observance of this feast began with a Papal encyclical by Pope Pius IX, when he formally defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, *INEFFABILIS DEUS*, on December 8, 1854. Several years later, in 1858, the Blessed Mother gave her name to St. Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception."



Two Blessings

St. Augustine

"For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Hebrews 13:14

There are two kinds of blessings: temporal and eternal. Temporal blessings are health, honour, friends, wealth, family, a home, and other things from our journey in life. But we reside in the hotel of life as travellers moving on, not as owners intending to remain. For eternal blessings are eternal life, the body and soul's incorruption and immortality, the allegiance of angels, the heavenly city, unfailing glory and the Father - the former without death, the latter without an enemy.

These blessings make us desire them with eagerness and ask for them with perseverance. We don't ask with lengthy words, but with groans. A longing desire is always praying even though the tongue is silent. For if you ever long for these things, you are praying. When does prayer sleep? When desire grows cold. So then, let us beg for these eternal blessings with eager desire. Let us seek these good things with entire earnestness. Let us ask for them with assurance.

My Beloved, ask also for temporal blessings, but in moderation. Be sure that if we do receive them, He who knows what is beneficial for us gives them to us. You have asked. Hasn't He given you what you asked for? Trust your Father. He would give it to you if it was beneficial for you.