



**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

31-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа



31st Sunday after Pentecost

1 Timothy 5:15-17
Luke 18:35-43

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: Dry January Fundraiser. Join us in the Fellowship Room after the 8:30 and 10:30 Divine Liturgies for a hot dog and a beverage for \$5. The *St Mary's Team* hopes you will support our *Canadian Cancer Society* fundraising efforts. Hope to see you there.

Christmas Carols at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 46: Веселися, Вифлеєме; Veselysia, Vyfleyeme

Communion: page 50: Вістку Голосить; Vistku holosyt'

Closing: page 92: Радуйтеся, всі людиє; Radutesia, vsi liudiyе

Sunday, February 2: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

Blessing of Candles after both morning Divine Liturgies. On this feast day candles are blessed. Along with our prayers, they are lit in times of trial and hardship, uncertainty, anxiety, joy, thanksgiving, or any time we feel the need to dispel the darkness in our lives with their light. Please bring candles to be blessed on this day.

Wednesday, February 5: 10:00 AM Parish Council meeting in the Fellowship Room.

The **2025 Almanac "Svitlo"** is available in the Bookstore at a cost of \$20/copy.

GO DRY JANUARY

Our parish is participating again in the Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser **GO DRY JANUARY**. This fundraiser challenges a person to go alcohol-free every day in January. It helps you get healthy while also raising funds to aid in cancer research.

You can donate on-line. **CLICK** on this link and **DONATE**:

www.godry.ca/users/barbara-ballhorn or **www.godry.ca/users/donna-busko**

You may also donate by making out a cheque to the **Canadian Cancer Society** and putting it in the Sunday collection plate, along with your name and address. Cash can be given in the same way. Tax receipts are issued for any donation \$20 or more. Our *St. Mary's Team* hopes to raise \$5,000. We need your continued support.

Ukrainian Embroidery Club

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.

Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)

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

Ukrainian Classes for Adults

Next class: January 27th. Ukrainian classes for adults are held on Monday evenings at St. Mary's. Please come join us. All levels welcome.

For more information and tuition rates, etc., see ukrainianclasses.com, email info@ukrainianclasses.com or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2025

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Relics of Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky, C.Ss.R

Our parish has been gifted a number of Third Class Relics of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, a Ukrainian Catholic Redemptorist Bishop and Martyr. (A Third Class Relic of Blessed Vasyl is a piece of cloth, which was touched to his holy body, wrapped in paper.) Please see Fr. Joseph to obtain a relic of Blessed Martyr Vasyl.

For more information on Blessed Martyr Vasyl's life and of the Shrine dedicated to him in Winnipeg, please visit: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com/about/his-life/>

Intercessory Prayer to Blessed Martyr Vasyl

O Lord God, You are praised by the whole world for the marvelous works in your saints. I thank you for the grace you gave to Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky to be a faithful witness to You unto the point of death. Through his intercession I ask for the following favour _____, for your Name is glorified forever. Amen.

The Three Holy Hierarchs - January 30

www.goarch.org/-/feast-of-the-three-holy-fathers-great-hierarchs-and-ecumenical-teachers-basil-the-great-gregory-the-theologian-and-john-chrysostom

During the reign of the Emperor Alexius Comnenus (1081-1118), a controversy arose in Constantinople among men learned in Faith and zealous for virtue about the three holy Hierarchs and Fathers of the Church, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.

Some argued for Saint Basil above the other two because he was able, as none other, to explain the mysteries of the Faith, and rose to angelic rank by his virtues. Organizer of monastic life, leader of the entire Church in the struggle with heresy, austere and demanding shepherd as to Christian morals, in him there was nothing base or of the earth. Hence, said they, he was superior to Saint Chrysostom who was by nature more easily inclined to absolve sinners.

The followers of Saint Chrysostom retorted that the illustrious Archbishop of Constantinople had been no less zealous than Saint Basil in combating vices, in

bringing sinners to repentance and in raising up the whole people to the perfection of the Gospel. The golden-mouthed shepherd of matchless eloquence has watered the Church with a stream of homilies in which he interprets the divine word and shows its application in daily life with more accomplished mastery than the two other holy Doctors.

According to a third group, Saint Gregory the Theologian was to be preferred to the others by reason of the majesty, purity and profundity of his language. Possessing a sovereign mastery of all the wisdom and eloquence of ancient Greece, he had attained, they said to such a pitch in the contemplation of God that no one had been able to express the dogma of the Holy Trinity as perfectly as he.

With each faction setting up one of the Fathers against the other two in this way, the dispute resulted in nothing but ill-feeling and endless argument. Then one night the three Hierarchs appeared in a dream to Saint John Mauropus, separately at first, then together and, speaking with a single voice, they said:

“As you see, the three of us are with God and no discord or rivalry divides us. Each of us, according to the circumstances and according to the inspiration that he received from the Holy Spirit, wrote and taught what befits the salvation of mankind. There is not among us a first, a second or a third, and if you invoke one of us the other two are immediately present with him. Therefore, tell those who are quarrelling not to create divisions in the Church because of us, for when we were on earth we spared no effort to re-establish unity and concord in the world. You can conjoin our three commemorations in one feast and compose a service for it, inserting the hymns dedicated to each of us according to the skill and knowledge that God has given you. Then transmit it to the Christians with the command to celebrate it each year. If they honour us thus as being with and in God, we give them our word that we will intercede for their salvation in our common prayer.”

At these words, the Saints were taken up into heaven in a boundless light while conversing with one another by name.

Saint John immediately assembled the people and informed them of this revelation. As he was respected by all for his virtue and admired for his powerful eloquence, the three parties made peace and every one urged him to lose no time in composing the service of the joint feast. With fine discernment, he selected January 30 as appropriate to the celebration, for it would set the seal to the month in which each of the three Hierarchs already had a separate commemoration (Saint Basil - January 1; Saint Gregory - January 25; Saint John (translation of relics) - January 27).

The three Hierarchs - an earthly trinity as they are called in some of the wonderful troparia of their service - have taught us in their writings and equally by their lives, to worship and to glorify the Holy Trinity, the One God in three Persons. These three luminaries of the Church have shed the light of the true Faith all over the world, scorning dangers and persecutions, and they have left us, their descendants, this sacred inheritance by which we too can attain to utmost blessedness and everlasting life in the presence of God and of all the Saints.

(Note: A mosaic of each of the three Hierarchs is found in our church, just below the main dome on all 4 sides. The fourth mosaic depicts St. Josaphat Kunceovich.)