



**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 Митаря і Фарисея



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

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: Our Young Adults will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** after both morning Divine Liturgies in the Boardroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

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

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Thank you to Clifford Oleksiew for cleaning our parking lot after the snowfall last week.

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

Saturday, February 15: 9:00 am: Memorial Divine Liturgy in church for the repose of the soul of Rose Ostopowich (40th day of her passing).

UCWLC monthly meeting following the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room.

We encourage all of our members to attend the Divine Liturgy for Mrs. Ostopowich, to pay respects to our fellow League member. Our meeting will have a guest speaker. A small luncheon will follow the meeting. Hope to see all of you.

UCWLC Bake Sale

Sunday, February 23: Our UCWLC will be holding a "Parish" Bake Sale in the Fellowship Room following both morning Divine Liturgies. I ask all of our bakers/cooks to please try to help in preparing a goodie for our event. Ladies, your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President

GREAT LENT begins on Monday, March 3. During Great Lent we will celebrate:

- **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in chapel.
- **Divine Liturgy and the Sorokousty Service** (praying for our deceased family members and friends) on Fridays at 7:00 pm in church.

You may submit new names for the Sorokousty Service by using the Sorokousty envelopes that are found in the church vestibule.

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.

Ukrainian Classes for Adults

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.

A Vigil Prayer for Ukraine

Holy Eucharist Cathedral
501 - 4th Avenue, New Westminster
Sunday, February 23, 2025

Beginning at 5:40 pm

...at the very hour when Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine three years ago, let us gather in the house of God for a vigil of prayer. Together, we will pray for the restoration of peace, justice, and faith throughout the land, so that we may begin rebuilding from the ruins with hope and freedom.

"In the world you have tribulation; but take heart, I have overcome the world."

(John 16:33)

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Молитовне Чування за Україну

Запрошуємо прийти до Єпархіального Собору
Пресвятої Євхаристії в Нью-Вестмінстері
501 - 4th Avenue

Початок о 17:40 у неділю, 23 лютого 2025 року

...тієї самої години, коли Росія три роки тому почала своє повномасштабне вторгнення в Україну, зберімося в домі Божому на молитовне чування за відновлення справжнього миру, справедливості та віри на всій землі, щоб Божий Народ міг розпочати відбудову з руїн у надії та свободі.

"У світі ви маєте горе; але будь відважним, Я переміг світ." (Івана 16:33)

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.

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Sister Seraphim Olsafsky

"Brethren, let us not pray as the Pharisee, for he who exalts himself shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with fasting cry aloud as the Publican: 'O God, be merciful to us sinners.'"

(Vespers for the Sunday of Publican and Pharisee)

One of the ways of looking at our life cycle is to refer to it as the journey inward, the call to come home to myself, to a self that is most truly the one designed by a loving Father. To allow my deepest self to emerge is the task of my lifetime. Its emergence is slow and rhythmical as the unfolding of a flower.

The first step in my self's unfolding is the acceptance of the truth about myself and the living of it according to reality. To acknowledge both the bad as well as the good about myself is to be an authentic person. When we do not want to face the truth of who we are, we become a stranger to ourselves and to others. We wear a mask and we attempt to be other than the unique person God has called us to be.

And it is in the wearing of a mask that I become a hypocrite, *"Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, play actors that you are... you appear like good persons on the outside, but inside you are a mass of pretense and wickedness."* (Matthew 23:13-28)

To sustain my mask before others takes much energy. One clever way to maintain my mask and avoid seeing myself as I am is to continuously compare my actions with the actions of those persons whom I consider less than myself. And into what a clever trap I have fallen, for I will always find someone whose outward actions appear to fall short of mine. I will constantly be looking outward toward others, and never inward at the movements of my own heart. I will have taken upon myself the heart of the Pharisee, puffed up with emptiness, judgmental and condemning, while thanking God that I am not like another. I will have taken upon myself the heart of the Pharisee but because of my mask, I will only know myself as the Publican.

On this second Pre-Great Fast Sunday, our Byzantine Catholic Church poses the question: "How can I come out from my mask?" The theme of the Sunday is humility, the second requisite for repentance after desire. In humility, I must try to look at the unpleasant facts of my life. Then I can free myself of the slavery to my mask and experience true personal encounters with my neighbour and with God.

Humility

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:2

"Humility is not denying your strengths. Humility is being honest about your weaknesses." Rick Warren

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." C.S. Lewis