



**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

Перша Неділя Великого Посту

Неділя Православ'я



First Sunday of Great Lent

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

John 1:43-51

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.

Претерпівий, за нас страсти, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй, помилуй, помилуй нас! (Після відпусту)

Having suffered the passion for us, O Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us. (After Divine Liturgy)

Hymns at the 10:30 Divine Liturgy

Opening: page 154: Під хрест Твій стаю, Pid khrest Tviy stayu

Communion: page 156: Поклоняюся, мій Христе; Pokloniayusia, miy Khryste

Closing: page 168: Христос розп'ятий; Khrystos rozpyaty

Coffee and sweets following the 8:30 and 10:30 am Divine Liturgies. Please join us.

Wednesday, March 12: 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

Friday, March 14: 7:00 pm - Memorial Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty in church.

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

Saturday, March 15: 10:00 am: UCWLC meeting in the Fellowship Room. We have a few topics to discuss and decide. Ladies, please try to attend.

Sunday, March 16: *Lyrika Chorus* of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Vancouver will be presenting a short concert in honour of Taras Shevchenko in our Fellowship Room. Start time: 12:15 pm. Please join us in commemorating our great Ukrainian poet, writer and artist.

Our UCWLC will be holding an **"Easter Bake Sale"- April 13 (Palm Sunday)**. This is for our parishioners only. **Order forms are available in the church vestibule.** Cut-off date for ordering is April 9. All orders may be picked up in the parish auditorium on Palm Sunday between 10:00 am - 12 Noon (following each Divine Liturgy).

Please don't wait until the last minute to place your order, as we need numbers for quantity to make. Thank you!

Marlayne Andrijaszyn, President.

Holy Father's Intention for March 2025

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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.



St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Lenten Mission

Missionary: Fr. Dmytro Dnistrian, C.Ss.R.

Associate Pastor - Sts. Peter & Paul
Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saskatoon, SK

"Hope does not disappoint." (Romans 5:5)

"Let us discover the true identity of Our Lord"

Friday, March 21: 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy, Panachyda
& Mission Homily

Saturday, March 22: 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy & Mission Homily

Sunday, March 23: Mission Homily at 8:30 am & 10:30 am Divine Liturgies
Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession at each Divine Liturgy

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.

First Sunday of Great Lent

Moses received the Law while fasting; Elijah by fasting, closed the heavens; and the three holy children of Abraham were victorious over the evil tyrant through their abstinence. By fasting, grant that we may partake in Your resurrection, as we sing aloud, O God and Saviour: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

Перша Неділя Великого Посту

Під час посту Мойсей дістав Закон і людей привернув; Ілля після посту зачинив небо; три юнаки Авраамові постом беззаконного мучителя здолали. А ти, Спасе, постом сподоби нас осягнути воскресіння, що співаємо: Святий Боже, святий Кріпкий, святий Безсмертний, помилуй нас.

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/>

Sunday of Orthodoxy*

The Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of Great Lent, is a profound celebration of the victory of true faith over heresy, particularly the restoration of the veneration of holy icons in 843 AD. This triumph was not merely about religious art but about affirming the Incarnation of Christ - that God truly became man and, therefore, could be depicted in sacred images.

The veneration of icons is a visible expression of our faith. Icons are not just paintings but windows to the divine, inviting us into communion with Christ, the Theotokos, and the saints. They remind us that the Word became flesh (John 1:14) and that through His Incarnation, the invisible God became visible to humanity.

The Gospel for this Sunday, John 1:43-51, recounts Christ's calling of Philip and Nathanael. When Philip tells Nathanael about Jesus, Nathanael doubts, asking, "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" Yet Philip responds simply: "*Come and see.*"

This is the essence of Orthodoxy - faith is not merely intellectual but experiential. We do not just talk about God; we encounter Him. Icons, prayer, and the Liturgy immerse us in the divine reality, leading us to truly "see" Christ.

Nathanael's doubt turns to faith when Jesus reveals His divine knowledge: "*Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.*" Similarly, through fasting, prayer, and veneration of the holy icons, we open our hearts to see Christ more fully.

On this blessed Sunday, let us renew our faith, embrace the truth of Christ's Incarnation, and live as true Orthodox Christians - radiating His divine light in a world longing for truth. Come and see!

Prayer: O Lord, You who became flesh for our salvation, open our eyes to see You more clearly. As we venerate Your holy icons, may we also become living icons of Your love and truth. Strengthen us in true faith, and grant that we may always proclaim and live the victory of Orthodoxy. Through the prayers of the Mother of God and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

*The word "orthodoxy", in Greek "orthodoxia", means true faith and "rightly glorifying" the Lord God.

Prayer of St. Ephrem (Prayed during the period of Great Lent)

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of sloth, indifference, lust of power, and idle chatter. (*Prostration*)

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of temperance, humility, patience and love. (*Prostration*)

Yes, Lord and King! Grant me the grace to see my faults and not to condemn my brother; for You are blessed for ever and ever. Amen. (*Prostration*)

Молитва Св. Єфрема

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінивства, недбайливости, властолюб'я і пустомовства віджени від мене. (*Доземний поклін*)

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості й любови даруй мені, слугі твого. (*Доземний поклін*)

Так, Господи, Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не осуджувати брата мого, бо ти благословенний на віки вічні. Амінь. (*Доземний поклін*)