



**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

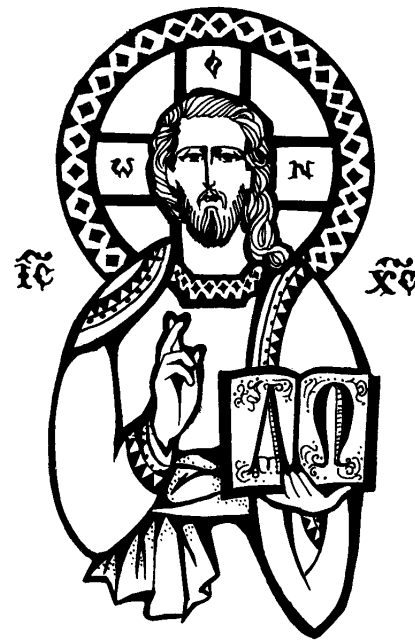
**Marriages** - the arrangements with the priest  
must be made at least 6 months before the  
marriage

**Funerals** - by arrangement

**Basilian Fathers serving the Parish**

Fr. Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - Administrator

**П'ята Неділя Великого Посту**



**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 10:32-45

**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.

The schedule of Passion and Resurrection Services is in the church vestibule.

Розклад Страсних і Великодних Відправ знаходяться в притворі церкви.

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 146: Вже зближається година; Vzhe zblyzhayet'sia hodyna

Closing: page 152: О Ісусе найсвятіший; O Isuse naisviatishyi

**Tickets for our Parish Easter Dinner** (Sunday, April 27) will be available in the church vestibule following both Divine Liturgies. Cut-off date for tickets: April 23rd.

**Wednesday, April 9:** 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in chapel.

This is also the cut-off date for orders for the Easter Bake Sale.

**Friday, April 11:** 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.)

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.

### **Reflection on 5th Sunday of Lent**

Palm Sunday and Holy Week are fast approaching. This 5th Sunday of Great Lent is a call to deepen our commitment to Christ before we enter the most sacred week of the year. How are we preparing spiritually for Holy Week?

## **Parish Easter Dinner & First Solemn Communion**

**Sunday, April 27, 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 April 6 & 13

**Cut-off date for ticket purchase: April 23**

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

**Children 5 & under: no charge**

No walk-ins at the door

### **Holy Father's Intention for April 2025**

**For the use of new technologies.** Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### **Frozen Pyrohy (Perogies)**

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

### **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](http://ukrainianclasses.com), email [info@ukrainianclasses.com](mailto:info@ukrainianclasses.com) or call Susan at 604.733.3756.

St. Mary's Parish is seeking to add a volunteer to the Booking Coordination Team for Parish Auditorium rentals. Duties would include being the main contact for rental inquiries and advertising. Knowledge using Word, Excel and Google Calendar is necessary. Good customer relations skills would be an asset. Opening, closing and dropping in at events may occasionally be required. A working knowledge of the English language is essential.

Please contact St. Mary's Parish Office by email ([office@stmarysbc.com](mailto:office@stmarysbc.com)) or by phoning (604-879-5830), if you have an interest serving the Parish on the Booking Coordination Team.

## Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

In the Byzantine tradition, this Sunday is particularly significant as it is dedicated to St. Mary of Egypt, a model of radical repentance and humility. Her life is a powerful reflection of the call that Jesus makes in this Gospel - to embrace the way of the Cross, to serve rather than to be served, and to humble oneself in order to be exalted in God's eyes. Like St. Mary of Egypt we are called to acknowledge our sins and rely completely on God's mercy; we are called to embrace humility.

The Church places her commemoration on this Sunday to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. Just as she was blocked from entering the church due to her sins, we are reminded that we too must purify our hearts before we enter into the mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Her life echoes the Gospel message:

*"Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all."* (Mark 10:43-44)

St. Mary was born in Egypt in the 4th century. At a young age, she left her home and moved to Alexandria, where she lived a life of extreme immorality and self-indulgence. She admitted that she did not do this out of poverty, but out of uncontrolled passion and desire. She lived as a harlot for seventeen years, often seducing men simply for the pleasure of sin rather than for financial gain.

One day, she joined a group of pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Her motive, however, was not piety but the opportunity to indulge in more sin. Yet, when she arrived at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, something miraculous happened.

St. Mary humbled herself completely, serving only Christ, and was exalted in His Kingdom. She is a beacon of hope for all sinners and an example of how deep repentance can lead to divine grace and holiness.

### **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*)