

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

No Services

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

18:15 – Молитовне зібрання «Матері в молитві»

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

19:00 – Біблійні науки – Буття 42-43

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

09:30 AM – Holy Rosary

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by blessing of the candles

#### WHY DO WE BLESS CANDLES ON THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION?

The blessing of candles on the Feast of the Presentation embodies the Gospel narrative, introducing Jesus as the “Light of the people.” Candles, lit during liturgical services and in homes, signify Christ’s abiding presence. The ritual, dating back centuries, connects believers to the sacred history of Jerusalem and emphasizes the power of communal prayer. The burning candles contribute to the fervor of prayers, symbolizing a continuation of devotion beyond the church walls. As the faithful carry lighted candles in procession, they seek the “Glory of God” and implore His mercy in times of sickness and distress. This sacred tradition remains a timeless expression of faith and reliance on God’s protective power.

*Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of His eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.*

*The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true Light in her arms and brought Him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet Him. By St. Sophronius of Jerusalem + 638 AD*



### SAINT GEORGE'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВЯТОГО ЮРІЯ

#### opens wide its doors

to all who mourn or need comfort;  
to all who are weary and need rest;

to all who seek friendship;

to all who desire to grow  
in relationship with God;

to all who yearn to pray;

to all who need a Saviour,  
and in the name our Lord, says:

#### WELCOME!

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#### HOLY MYSTERIES

##### ✠ CONFESSION / СПОВІДЬ ✠

every Saturday: 5:00-5:50pm  
or by appointment

##### ✠ HOLY COMMUNION / СВ. ПРИЧАСТЯ ✠

for the sick, by appointment,  
any time

##### ✠ BAPTISM / ХРЕЩЕННЯ ✠

by appointment

##### ✠ MARRIAGE / ВІНЧАННЯ ✠

6 months notice should be given  
to the parish priest, and he should  
be contacted before any other  
arrangements are made

##### ✠ FUNERAL / ПОХОРОН ✠

by appointment

JANUARY 26, 2025  
36<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The crowd around Christ had their own agendas in being with Him. Whatever reason they had, they selfishly try to prevent the blind man, Bartimaeus, from gaining Christ’s attention. Everyone in the Church, each parishioner, should consider what their role is in following Christ – is it to make sure “I” get to Christ even if it means blocking others from getting to Him? Or, is it to make sure all who come upon Christ – whether out of hope or despair – get to Him ahead of myself? Obviously in the Gospel lesson, Christ sees the crowd’s job as to bring to Him those who are seeking Him, who are praying (calling out) to Him – so He commands the crowd to do so.

Parishioners, all Christians, should look at themselves to see whether they are blocking people from coming to Christ, rather than doing their job of bringing people to Christ. If we prevent others from coming to Christ, we are working against Christ, even if we are simultaneously selfishly seeking Christ for our own purposes. We are not saved alone, but together with all who accept Christ as Lord, when we believe in Christ we become part of His Body, the Church, a fellow member with all other believers.

**Troparion, T.3:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**Kontakion, T.3:** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Theotokion, T.3:** Today the Virgin stands before us in the church\* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.\* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs,\* Apostles exult with prophets,\* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

**Prokeimenon, T.3:** Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.  
*verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

**A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy 1:15-17:** *Brothers and Sisters,* the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia, T.3**

*verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

*verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

**Gospel: Luke 18:35-43**

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia(x3).

**Тропар гл.3:** Хай веселя́ться небесні, хай ра́дуються земні́,\* бо явѣв мо́гутність ру́ки Своє́ї Госпо́дь,\* подола́в сме́ртю сме́рть, пе́рвенцем ме́ртвих став,\* з безо́дни а́ду ви́зволив нас\* і пода́в світо́ві вели́ку ми́лість.

*Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.*

**Кондак гл.3:** Воскрес Ти днесь із гробу, Ще́дрий,\* і нас ви́вів Ти із врат сме́ртних,\* днесь Ада́м лику́є і ра́дується Ё́ва,\* а проро́ки ра́зом із патріа́рхами непереста́нно оспі́вають\* божестве́нну мо́гутність вла́ди Твоє́ї.

*І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.*

**Богородичний гл.3:** Ді́ва днесь предсто́їть у це́ркві\* і з ли́ками святи́х неві́димо за нас мо́литься Бо́гу.\* А́нгели з архиере́ями поклоня́ються,\* апо́столи з проро́ками лику́ють,\* бо ра́ди нас мо́лить Богоро́диця предві́чного Бо́га.

**Прокімен гл.3:** Співа́йте Бо́гові на́шому, співа́йте; співа́йте Царе́ві на́шому, співа́йте.

*Стих:* Усі наро́ди, заплещі́те ру́ками, воскликні́ть Бо́гові го́лосом ра́дості

**До Тимотея 1-шого послання Апостола Павла читання 1, 15-17:** Сину Тимотею, вірне це слово й гідне всякого довір'я, що Христос Ісус прийшов у світ, щоб спасти грішних, з яких я перший. Але я був на те помилуваний, щоб Ісус Христос на мені першим показав усю свою довготерпеливість як приклад тим, що мають увірувати в нього для вічного життя. Цареві ж віків, нетлінному, невидимому, єдиному Богу честь і слава на віки віків. Амінь.

**Алилуя гл.3:**

*Стих:* На Те́бе, Го́споди, я упова́в, хай не посоро́блюся пові́к

*Стих:* Стань мені́ Бо́гом-Оборо́нцем і до́мом приста́новища на спасі́ння мені́.

**Євангеліє: Лк. 18, 35-43**

**Причасний:** Хвалі́те Господа́ з небес,\* хвалі́те Йо́го на висотах. Алилу́я (x3).

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **A WARM WELCOME** - to all parishioners & guests who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy. We wish you a healthy & blessed week!

◆ **MAKING SANDWICHES for ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY.** We invite children, youth, and people of good will to join us **next Sunday, February 2nd** (after the Service) to make sandwiches for people in need. **Be a part of the social ministry of our parish.**

◆ **PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK, ELDERLY & DYING** If you or anyone in your family would like to receive communion, anointing of the sick or a pastoral visit, please give us a call.

◆ **CONGRATULATION TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE OF UCWLC:**

**President:** Zofia Kudryk

**Past President:** Carol Sullivan

**1st Vice President:** Darlene Tanasychuk

**2nd Vice President:** Jessica Sylte

**1st Secretary:** Ulyana Yordan

**2nd Secretary:** Liudmyla Kolotylo

**Treasurer:** Patricia Scott

**Membership:** Rosemary Prokopchuk & Guillerma Yarocki

May the Almighty God bless all the members of the EXECUTIVE in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life..

◆ **UCWLC MEMBERSHIP FEES** are now due. Please submit your payment to **Guillerma Yarocki** or **Rosemary Prokopchuk**.

◆ **BLESSING OF THE CANDLES.** This Thursday we will celebrate the feast of the Encounter of the Lord in the temple. On this feast we will bless candles. Please, bring your candles for blessing.

◆ **NEW 2025 CHURCH CALENDAR** – is available at the back of the church. To cover our expenses for shipping and printing, all donations are very much appreciated.

◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all those who continue financially supporting our parish. May the grace of God always rest upon you and may He reward you abundantly with earthly and spiritual blessings. **SUNDAY DONATIONS: JANUARY 19TH – \$ 615.**

◆ **THANK YOU.** We are very grateful to everyone who came to help us with making cabbage rolls last **Saturday, January 25th, 2025**, May the grace of God always rest upon you and may He reward you abundantly with earthly and spiritual blessings.



◆ **HELP NEEDED.** We have started our preparation for the Annual Easter Bazaar, which is scheduled for April 12th. We would be very grateful for your help on one or more of the following days:

**Fri., February 14<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., February 15<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – pinching perogies

**Fri., February 21<sup>st</sup> – from 8:00am** – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., February 22<sup>nd</sup> – from 8:00am** – pinching perogies

**Fri., February 28<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., March 1<sup>st</sup> – from 8:00am** – pinching perogies

**Fri., March 7<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., March 8<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – pinching perogies

**Fri., March 14<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., March 15<sup>th</sup> – from 8:00am** – pinching perogies

◆ **DISCUSSION GROUP: CS LEWIS – MERE CHRISTIANITY** The next meeting is scheduled on **Monday, February 3rd.**

◆ **CONGRATULATION to NATALIE ZAZULIAK AND EMMA OBARIANYK** who celebrate their Birthday. May the Almighty God bless them with good health and salvation in Many Happy & Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

◆ **БІБЛІЙНІ НАУКИ – КНИГА БУТТЯ.** Запрошуємо усіх на чергову сесію наших Біблійних наук. **Наступний урок заплановано на 31 січня** і ми будемо розважати над 42-43 главами книги Буття. **Початок о 19:00.**

◆ **JUNE 27-28<sup>TH</sup> – ANNUAL EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE TO GRINDROD, BC.** If you wish to go on this pilgrimage, please talk to Fr. Andrii to get registered.





◆ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick & infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, ROSEMARIE & JOHN PROKOPCHUK, PAUL and SVITLANA ROZNER, STEFANIA STARZYK, VICTOR, CAROL SULLIVAN,** & all who have asked us to pray for them or their loved ones.

◆ **JORDAN HOME BLESSING:** Our Church has a beautiful tradition of visiting people's homes in the new year with blessed Jordan waters. Spiritually, it is meant to cleanse the home of any evil or strife that has built up over the past year, so that we can start the new year on a positive note. If you would like Fr. Andrii to visit your family & bless your home with Jordan water, please fill out the Jordan Home Blessing sign-up sheet (at the back of the church) or contact him at pgparish@yahoo.com or at 778-387-7071

◆ **СПІЛЬНОТА МАТЕРІВ В МОЛИТВІ** об'єднує жінок, які присвячують свій вільний час молитві за дітей— і не лише за своїх. Матері також моляться за рідних, знайомих, за мир і спокій в Україні, за воїнів, які захищають Батьківщину, за поранених, полонених і всіх, хто потребує молитви. Самі матері ведуть молитви, обирають уривки із Святого Письма; пропонують намірення на молитву. Під час зустрічей жінки діляться своїми проблемами, духовним досвідом, підтримують одна одну. **Запрошуємо на зустріч щосереди о 18:15.**

◆ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. In your kindness please remember St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. George Ukrainian Catholic Parish -2414 Vanier Dr, Prince George, BC V2N 1T7 the sum of \$ (or % of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."*

◆ **BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.** We'd like to express our **THANK YOU** to all who've participated in our BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM. Please continue to support us through this initiative

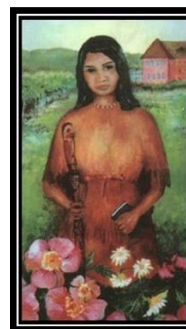
**How it works:**

1. Put your containers in clear plastic bags, no sorting needed!
2. Go to an Express depot, at the kiosk use parish's phone number **(250-563-2015)** to log in and print your labels, one per bag.
3. Place a label on each of your bags & leave them in the bag drop area.
4. Your containers will be sorted and within 5 business days refund will be added to our Express account.

**LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

◆ **GRIEF TO DEATH.** Through a five day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna.** For more information please make a confidential call to **250-808-6403** or email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com)

◆ **2025 ROSE PRINCE PILGRIMAGE** July 11, 12, & 13, 2025 at Lejac, British Columbia (between Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake). Every summer on the second weekend of July people come from near and far to celebrate, pray and honor the memory of Rose Prince.



In during the transfer the casket of a young woman named Rose Prince broke open. She had been buried two years earlier. The workers were amazed to find both Rose's body and clothing perfectly preserved. Other bodies were examined. All of them, some buried after Rose, were found to be decaying. When witnesses were called, including some Sisters, they found her body in perfect condition She seemed transparent and looked as if she were sleeping. There was "just a tiny bit of a smile on her face." A bouquet of withered flowers was on her chest.

Also, in this Jubilee Year Rose Prince Gravesite, Lejac, was designated by local Roman-Catholic Bishop Stephen Jensen as a special place of prayer for pilgrims.

◆ **SHEPHERD'S CORNER** Shepherd's Corner is located next to the St Vincent De Paul P Drop-in Centre. (1220—2nd Ave) This is a place where people who are experiencing challenges can gather, share their stories and be heard. Volunteers provide a listening ear and a compassionate heart.

◆ **RAINBOWS** Rainbows is a peer support group for children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, divorce or any other painful transition in their family. Sessions run for 12 weeks each Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, beginning in both September and February at St. Mary's School. There is no cost to participants.

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