

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00AM - DISCUSSION CLUB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00AM - STATION OF THE CROSS

6:30PM - PRAYER FOR UKRAINE. COMMEMORATION OF THE 4th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FULL SCALE INVASION IN UKRAINE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00PM - LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

5:15PM - MOTHERS IN PRAYER GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00PM - LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

7:00PM - BIBLE STUDIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30AM - SOROKOUSTY

6:00PM - GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:30AM - MONTHLY PRAYER OF THE UCWLC

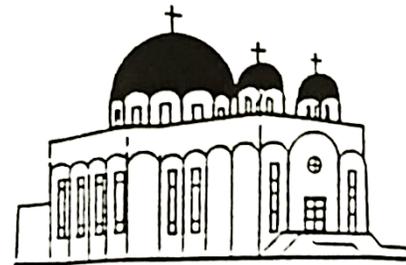
10:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

YEAR OF FAMILY \ \ PRAYER FOR FAMILIES



Great God, O God of our Fathers! Grant to our people many good and holy Christian *families*. Give us *fathers* who will loudly and openly confess your holy Gospel and be in Your service. Give us *fathers* who will be a good example of Christian life for their children, true protectors and good leaders in life. Grant us *mothers* who will be capable of bringing up

their children in a Christian way, and a help and joy as well as good advisors for their husbands. Grant us *children* who will be the pride and joy of their parents and the splendour of their nation. Almighty God, bless us. Grant us the grace to faithfully serve You and one day to be granted the eternal reward in heaven. For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.



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

✠ **CONFESION / 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

FEBRUARY 22, 2026
1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT



“Under the fig tree” was a common Jewish expression used to describe a person who prayerfully studied the words of Scripture. The fig tree was a symbol of God’s blessing and peace, and it provided shade from the midday sun and a cool place for a person to retreat and pray. The Gospel of John seems to be hinting that Nathanael was meditating on the promises of God that day and praying that he would live to see the Messiah. So when Nathanael did meet Jesus, his heart was already open to recognize that this One was indeed the “Son of God”.

As He found Nathanael, Jesus also invites all of us to sit “under the fig tree.” He invites us to find a place of peace and quiet reflection where we can meditate upon His word.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God wants to write His word upon our hearts and open our minds to His ways. He only asks us to make room in our hearts to receive His word. Just as our bodies need food every day, so our souls need to be nourished every day by the word of God. Today, let us allow Jesus to fill us with the knowledge of His love and wisdom. Let us allow Him to renew our minds and transform our lives through His word. Let us take up the exhortation of Scripture itself: “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*” (Col 3:16).

Troparion, T.4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

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

Troparion, T.2: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and we beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh* to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:** by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, T.8: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon, T.4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40: Brothers and Sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would

Тропар 2.4: Світлу про воскресіння розповідь від ангела почувши* і від прадідного засуду звільнившись,* Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам:* Здолано смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,* що дає світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Тропар 2.2: Пречистому образу Твоєму поклоняємося, благий,* просячи прощення прогрішень наших, Христе Боже,* бо волею благоволив еси плоттю зійти на хрест,* щоб ізбавити тих, що їх створив еси, від неволі ворожої.* Тому благодарственно кличемо Тобі:* Ти радістю сповнив усе, Спасе наш, прийшовши спасти світ.

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

Кондак 2.8: Неописанне Слово Отче* із Тебе, Богородице, воплощенням описалося* і, осквернений образ у давнє зобразивши,* з божественною добротою з'єднало,* та, ісповідуючи спасення, ділом і словом ми це являємо.

Прокімен 2.4: Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наших, і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я Твоє на віки (*Дан. 3,26*).

Стих: Бо праведний еси в усьому, що створив Ти нам (*Дан. 3,27*).

До Євреїв послання читання: 11, 24-26; 32 – 12, 2: *Браття і Сестри,* вірою Мойсей, коли був виріс, зрікся зватися сином дочки фараона; волів радше страждати разом з людом Божим, ніж зазнавати дочасної розкоші гріха, бо, дивлячись на нагороду, вважав за більше багатство наругу вибраного народу, ніж скарби Єгипту. І що ще скажу? Часу не вистане мені, як почну розповідати про Гедєона, про Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць осягнули, загородили пащі левам, вогненне полум'я гасили вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будши недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, зрікшись від них звільнитись, щоб осягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші зазнали наруг і бичів, кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменували, різали пилою, брали на допити; вони вмирили смертю від меча, тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, злиденні, гноблені, покривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали по пустинях, по горах, по печерах та земних вертепах. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре свідчення віри, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли завершення.

not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia, T.4

verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His Name.

verse: They called on the Lord, and He heard them. (*Psalms 98:6*)

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Hymn to the Mother of God: In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider that all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you!

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

PARISH ANNOUCEMENTS



◆ **LENTEN MISSION WITH REV. MYKHAILO OZOROVYCH.** On Saturday March 7th and Sunday, March 8th, our parish will host its Lenten Mission with our guest preacher, **Rev. Mykhailo Ozorovych**, Protosyncellus and Pastor of the Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster, BC.

Father Mykhailo will preach at the Great Vespers on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and at the Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Leneten Mission is a special opportunity for us—both as individuals and as a parish community—to deepen our faith, embrace the call to conversion, and renew our commitment to Christ and His Church. Time set aside for prayer and reflection during Lent can truly renew and strengthen us. Please make every effort to participate in this grace-filled time.

◆ **BLESSING OF THE ICONS.** This Sunday, the first Sunday of the Great Lent, according to the ancient tradition of our Church, **we will bless the icons.** So, do not forget to bring your icons and holy pictures for the blessing.

Тому й ми, маючи кругом себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко пристає до нас навколо, і біжимо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, дивлячися пильно на Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри, який, замість радості, що була перед ним, витерпів хрест, не звертаючи уваги на сором, і возсів праворуч Божого престолу.

Алилуя гл.4:

Стих: Мойсей і Арон між ереями Його і Самуїл між тими, що призивають ім'я Його.

Стих: Призивали Господа і Він вислухав їх.

Євангеліє: Йоана 1, 43-51

Замість Достойно, співаємо: Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храм і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо Твоє престолом сотворив і утробу Твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава Тобі.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1).* Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала (Пс. 32,1). Алилуя (х3).

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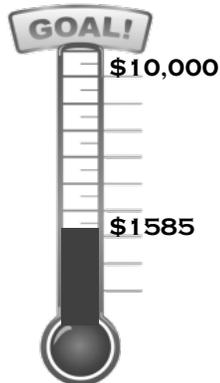


◆ **LENTEN CONFESSION:** A Lenten Mission is a time for repentance, for change of heart, and for renewed discipleship. Confession is an essential part of a fruitful Mission. St Alphonsus Liguori once said that the sign of a successful Mission was how many people came to Confession. During our Lenten Mission Father Mykhaylo will be available to hear Confessions before and after the services.

If, for any unforeseen reason, you are unable to come to Confession during our Lenten Mission, there will be another opportunity. **On March 21 and 22, Father Joseph Ostapowich** will be in our parish to hear Confessions. Let us make this Lenten season a time of sincere repentance and true conversion.

◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all who continue to support our parish financially. May the blessing of God always rest upon you & your family. **SUNDAY, February 15th** - \$1302, Candles - \$307.40, Insurance- \$60

◆ **DISCUSSION GROUP:** will take place this **Monday, February 23rd at 9:00am.** We will watch & discuss the sessions called **“Bringing an Ancient Faith to a Modern World”** by Fr. Anthony of the Coptic Church.



◆ **FUNDRAISER:** Dear Parishioners, the cost of insuring of our church is extraordinarily high: **\$18,894.00.** For this reason, we have started a **fundraising effort** and humbly ask for your financial support to help us meet this essential expense. Please consider giving as generously as you are able. Donations may be placed in your Sunday envelope (**please be sure to MARK your donation “INSURANCE.”**) We thank you for your kindness, generosity, and your love for our parish. Be assured of our prayers for each of you.

◆ **CANONICAL VISITATION:** On **March 4–5,** our parish will welcome the Canonical Visitation Commission: **Very Rev. Dr. Yuriy Sakvuk, Chancellor, and Mrs. Alla Eismont, Eparchial Accountant.** The Commission will review the pastoral, liturgical, administrative, and financial life of our parish.

On Wednesday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m., the Commission will meet with members of the Parish Council. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this meeting.

Please keep this visitation in your prayers, asking the Lord to bless it with success and spiritual fruits.

◆ **SOROKOUSTY.** Lent is not only a time for fasting and penance, but also a time for praying for the departed souls. One special way you can do this during Great Lent is through the service of the Sorokousty (literally 40 mouths). In our parish this service will be celebrated on the following days:

- **Saturday, February 28th at 8:30 am**
- **Saturday, March 7th at 8:30 am**
- **Saturday, March 14th at 8:30 am**

The families who wish their deceased family members and/or friends be commemorated at that Service please arrange to have their names in your family book of the deceased. If you don't have one, please talk to Fr. Andrii.

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, JOHN PROKOPCHUK, NATALIA ZAZULIAK, PAUL ROZNER, STEFANIA & ZBIGNIEW STARZYK, BOB TANASYCHUK, MELVIN MAXIMITCH, TAMMY ATTIA** all who have asked us to pray for them or their loved ones.

◆ **CONGRATULATION to OLEG BIGICH** who celebrates his Birthday and **JOHN AND MARIA DANILEC** who celebrate their Marriage Anniversary. May the Almighty God bless them all with good health and salvation in Many Happy & Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

◆ **HELP NEEDED.** We have started our preparation for the Annual Easter Bazaar, which is scheduled **for March 28th.** We would be very grateful for your help on one or more of the following days:

- Fri., February 27th – from 8:00am – boiling and meshing potatoes
- Sat., February 28th – from 8:00am – pinching perogies
- Fri., March 6th – from 8:00am – preparing rice
- Sat., March 7th – from 8:00am – making cabbage rolls
- Fri., March 13th – from 8:00am – preparing rice
- Sat., March 14th – from 8:00am – making cabbage rolls

◆ **REQUEST FOR FIANANCIAL SUPPORT.** The Head of our Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav is asking for our assistance to support the continued work of **Zhyve TV** which is the official media resource of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Through this platform, thousands of people join daily in prayer, participate in liturgies, and receive spiritual guidance. Millions around the world access Zhyve TV to stay informed about Church life, hear the voice of the Church, and deepen their faith. It serves as a bridge connecting our faithful across continents, bringing the teaching, mission, and pastoral care of the Church directly into people's homes. Beyond broadcasting liturgies, catechesis, and Church news, Zhyve TV plays a vital role in forming conscience, fostering community, and sustaining our shared Ukrainian Catholic identity in an increasingly digital world. If you wish to support this important initiative, there will be a special collection box at the back of the church. By supporting Zhyve TV, we contribute to a ministry that strengthens the faith of thousands and brings the light of Christ to countless hearts scattered now worldwide.

◆ **FEBRUARY 22nd - GLOBAL RALLY FOR UKRAINE.** February 24 marks the anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine—a year that has tested the strength and courage of the Ukrainian people. Every day, Ukraine's defenders stand on the front lines, protecting their nation's sovereignty and freedom. As we reflect on this somber milestone, we honour the lives lost, the sacrifices made, and the unwavering dedication of those who continue to fight for Ukraine's future.

On **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd at 2PM, Hwy 16 and Ferry Ave (near School District #57),** join us in standing with Ukraine and showing support for its people. Together, we remain united in hope and determination for peace and victory.