

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MONDAY, MARCH 9

9:00AM - DISCUSSION CLUB "ANCIENT FAITH IN THE MODERN WORLD"

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

9:00AM - LENTEN HOURS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

9:00AM - STATION OF THE CROSS

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

5:15PM - MOTHERS IN PRAYER GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

9:00AM - LENTEN HOURS

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

7:00PM - BIBLE STUDIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:30AM - SOROKOUSTY

6:00PM - GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:30AM - ROSARY PRAYER

10:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

- MAKING SANDWICHES FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

✠ **CONFESSIO** / 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

MARCH 8, 2026
3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT

Take Up
Your Cross



*"If anyone wishes to come after me,
he must deny himself and take up
his cross daily and follow me. For
whoever wishes to save his life will
lose it, but whoever loses his life for
my sake will save it."*

If you are like most people, we stumble over those words. We understand his cross of love but the idea of denying ourselves and carrying his cross is both difficult and counter cultural. It fights the image of a successful person. It fights the image of self-sufficiency. It even seems to fight the joy of life itself.

Yet, it truly is the heart of Christianity. The history of those who believed in Jesus Christ and gave their very life for Him fortifies that belief. But what is the essence of carrying our cross on a daily belief? It is all about humility. One word, "humility."

We must humble ourselves to truly follow Christ. If we can't do that then we will never know the joy that He brings us.

Humbling ourselves is not some painful act of self-debasement. Rather, it is recognizing that too much of our daily life is spent doing and saying those things that make us stand out or, at least, make us comparatively equal to those around us.

Troparion, T.6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, T.1: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,* and protect Your community by Your Cross.

Glory... Now...

Kontakion, T.7: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.* The sting of death and the victory of hades are banished,* and You, O my Saviour, came and called to those in hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

Instead of Holy God, we sing: To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

Prokeimenon, T.6: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.
verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews 4:14-5:6: Brothers and Sisters, since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia, T.8:

verse: Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

verse: But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Тропар 2.6: Ангельські сили – на гробі Твоім,* а сторожа омертвіла.* Марія ж стояла у гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонів Ти ад, та не переможений ним,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскрésлий з мёртвих Господи, слава Тобі.

Тропар 2.1: Спаси, Господи, людей твоїх* і благослови насліддя Твоє!* Перемоги благовірному народові на супротивників даруй* і хрестом твоїм* охорони люд твої

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак 2.7: Вже більше влада смерти не зможе людей держати, зійшов бо Христос, знищивши і знівечивши сили її, зв'язується ад, пророки ж однодушно радіють. З'явився Спас тим, що вірують, промовляючи: Виходьте, вірні, до воскресіння.

Замість Трисвятого: Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святее воскресіння Твоє славимо.

Прокімен 2.6: Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене.

До Євреїв послання Апостола Павла читання (4,14-5,6): Браття і Сестри, мавши великого архиерея, що вже пройшов небо, Ісуса, Божого Сина, тримаймося твердо віровизнання. Бо ми не маємо такого архиерея, який не міг би співчувати нашим недугам: він же ж зазнав усього, подібно як ми, крім гріха.

Приступім, отже, з довір'ям до престолу благодаті, щоб отримати милість і знайти благодать на своєчасну поміч. Кожен бо архиєрей, узятий з-поміж людей, настановляється для людей у справах Божих, щоб приносив дари та жертви за гріхи; що може співчувати нетямущим та введеним в оману, бо й сам він неміччю охоплений, і тому повинен так за людей, як і за себе самого приносити жертви за гріхи. Чести ж цієї ніхто не бере сам собі, лише той, хто покликаний Богом, як Арон.

Так і Христос не сам собі присвоїв славу стати архиєреєм, вона бо від того, який до нього мовив: «Син мій єси, я сьогодні породив тебе.» Як і на іншому місці каже: «Ти – священник навіки за чином Мелхиседека.»

Аллилуя 2.8:

Стих: Пом'яни соньм твоїм, що його придбав ти із давна.

Стих: Бог же – цар наш перше віку. вчинив спасення посеред землі.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

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 than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn: Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord* shine upon us.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our parish is truly blessed to welcome **Rev. Mykhailo Ozorovych**, Protosyncellus and Pastor of the Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster, BC, who has graciously come to lead our Lenten Mission.

Father Mykhailo, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and for sacrificing your valuable time to be with us. Your willingness to travel & share your spirit, wisdom with our parish community is deeply appreciated.

The Lenten Mission is a special opportunity for all of us to pause in the midst of our daily lives and reflect more deeply on our relationship with God. Through prayer and reflection, we are reminded of our call to conversion and of our journey toward the glorious Feast of the Resurrection. Father Mykhailo's presence among us enriches this journey and strengthens us as individuals and as a parish family.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners who have taken the time to participate in this grace-filled mission. Your presence, prayer, and openness to the message of Lent help make our parish a living and vibrant community of faith.

May this Lenten Mission renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and prepare us spiritually for the joy of Pascha. Once again, we warmly welcome and thank Father Mykhailo for being with us, and we thank all who have participated in this meaningful time of prayer and reflection. May the Lord bless you all abundantly during this holy season.

◆ **LENTEN CONFESSION:** A Lenten Mission is a time for repentance, for change of heart, and for renewed discipleship. **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.

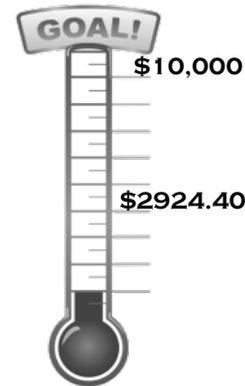
◆ **NEXT MAJOR FEAST DAY – ANNUNCIATION of the THEOTOKOS** – will take place on Wednesday, March 25th.

Євангеліє: Мр 8, 34-9,1

Замість Достойно: Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храм і раю словесний, дівствена 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: Знаменувалося на нас світло* лица Твого, Господи. Аллилуя (х3).

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◆ **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.

◆ **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS – ДЯКУЄМО** – Many thanks to everyone for your great support of our parish community and sharing of talents and resources for the needs of our parish community during this past week. God bless you all.

◆ **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, March 1st** - \$865, Insurance- \$225, **e-transfer:** March 2nd \$50

◆ **DISCUSSION GROUP:** will take place this **Monday, March 9th 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.

◆ **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., March 13th – from 8:00am – preparing rice
Sat., March 14th – from 8:00am – making cabbage rolls

◆ **MAKING SANDWICHES for ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY.** We invite children, youth, and people of good will to join us next **Sunday, March 15th** (after the Service) to make sandwiches for people in need. Be a part of the social ministry of our parish.

◆ **CONGRATULATION to DON RUTKO, JOE OBARIANYK, MIKE MELNYK** who celebrate their Birthdays. May the Almighty God bless you all with good health and salvation in Many Happy & Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will take place on Sunday, March 22nd after the Service.

◆ **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.

◆ **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, 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.

◆ **E-TRANSFER** – is available for donations to St. George's parish using the following email address for e-transactions: pg.treasurer@yahoo.com

◆ **FREE DANCE CLASSES** for children 7-10 y.o. on Mondays at 5 pm (1 hour) and for children 11-14 y.o. on Fridays at 6 pm (2 hours) They will learn different dance styles (contemporary, jazz-funk, folk, hip-hop, modern, jazz and others.) If you want to join text or call Luda at (250)552-8355

◆ **INCOME TAX CLINIC. FREE PREPARATION. Mondays March 2 to April 27 9:15am to 12:00 noon.** First come, first served

- **Electronic Filing only** – if previous years need filing, bring it.
- **MUST bring all your Income Tax receipts; wait until you have all of them.** (This includes donations (total by charity) & medical (total by type/person))
- **Married – bring your spouse** – your spouse's tax information is absolutely necessary.
- **Limits: – \$ 40,000 single**
– \$ 55,000 single adult with dependent child
– \$ 55,000 couple / \$ 5000 each additional dependent

Simple tax situations:

- No business, rental income or employment expenses.
- No capital gains or losses.
- No bankruptcy.
- No completing a final tax return for a deceased person.

Do you Rent? Bring landlord's (name on the cheque) name / amount.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

“How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.” – **St. Theodore the Studite**

“No man knows how bad he is until he tries very hard to be good. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. You find out the strength of the wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside of us until we try to fight it, and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation is.” – **C. S. Lewis**