

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:00PM - MONTHLY DEVOTION PRAYER TO THE PRATULYN MARTYRS
BLESSINGS WITH THE RELICS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

6:30PM - GREAT VESPERS (FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY (FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:00AM - AKATHIST TO THE PASSION OF CHRIST
5:15PM - MOTHERS IN PRAYER GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

9:00AM - LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:30AM - DIVINE LITURGY
6:00PM - GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:30AM - ROSARY PRAYER
10:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY FOLLOWED BY:
**THE BLESSING OF THE PUSSY WILLOWS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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.



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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

MARCH 22, 2026
5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT



Numbers have a powerful role in the Bible, they help to communicate something that words cannot communicate, they help us to grasp something of the lesson in a way that words cannot always help us comprehend. Think of the biblical numbers are what they try to communicate: 7, seven days of creation, and the biblical number of perfection; 40, the Israelites had forty years in the wilderness, and Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days – for testing. 6, is the number of imperfection or evil – the mark of the beast; and so on.

Yet, perhaps the most powerful number used in the bible to convey is number three. In terms of the wider biblical narrative three simple seeks to communicate perfection, wholeness, completion. Thus, in this section of journeying through Marks gospel, we join Jesus with Jesus and the disciples as again he sits them down to tell them that he is going to be suffer, beaten, mocked, die, and rise again three days later.

In Mark we must always notice the little details, and here there are two centered around Jesus' prediction of his death, that this is the third (and final) time Jesus tells the disciples about what is to come; three times he has told them he will die, and three times he has told them he will rise again. The point? This message has now be communicated in its fullness and will soon be complete.

Troparion, T.8: You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial* to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Troparion, T.8: The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother,* for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ.* By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh, which passes,* and care for the soul, a thing immortal.* And so, O venerable Mary,* your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, T.3: Once you were filled with every impurity,* now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ,* following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross.* Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

Prokeimenon, T.8: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

verse: God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews 9:11-14: Brothers and sisters, when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Alleluia, T.8

verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospels: Mark 10:32-45

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.

Тропар г.8: З висоті зійшов Ти, Милосердний,* погребення прийняв Ти триднівне,* щоб нас визволити від страстей,* життя і воскресіння наше,* Господи, слава Тобі.

Тропар г.8: У Тобі, мати, дбайливо зберігся образ,* бо, прийнявши хрест, Ти пішла слідом за Христом* і ділом навчала Ти погорджувати тілом, бо воно проминає,* а дбати про душу – єство безсмертне.* Тимто з ангелами разом радується,* преподобна Маріє, дух твій.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Аминь.

Кондак г.3: Пέρше блúдами всúкими спóвнена,* як Христовá невіста чéрез пока́ння днесь яв́лася,* áнгельське житт́я наслідуючи, дéмонів ору́жжям хрестá ти убивáєш.* Рáди цьóго як невіста царéва ти яв́лася, Маріє преслáвна.

Прокімен г.8: Помоліться і воздайте Господéві, Бóгу нашому.

Стих: Відóмий у Юдеї Бог, в Израїлі вели́ке ім'я́ Йогó.

Стих: Дівний Бог у святі́х свої́х, Бог Израїлів.

До євреїв послання читання 9:11-14: Браття і Сестри, Христос же, з'явившись як архиерей майбутніх благ, через більший і досконаліший намет, що зроблений не людською рукою, тобто не земної будови, – і не з кров'ю козлів та телят, але з власною кров'ю, – увійшов, раз назавжди у святиню і знайшов вічне відкуплення. Бо коли кров волів і козлів та попіл із телиці, як покропить нечистих, освячує, даючи їм чистоту тіла, то скільки більше кров Христа, – який Духом вічним приніс себе самому Богові непорочним, – очистить наше сумління від мертвих діл, на служіння Богові живому!

Алилуя г.8:

Стих: Прийдіте, возрадуємся Господéві, воскликнім Бóгу, Спасітелеві нашому

Стих: Ідім пéред лицéм Йогó з ісповіданням і псалма́ми воскликнім Йому́.

Євангеліє: Мр 10,32-45

Замість Достойно: Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храме 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.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **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.

◆ **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.



CONFESSION TIME:
SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST: from 8:30am till last penitent
from 5:30pm till last penitent
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND: from 9:30am till last penitent

Just as the man baptized by the priest is enlightened by the Grace of the Holy Spirit, so he who in penance confesses his sins, receives through the priest forgiveness by virtue of the grace of Christ. - St. Athanasius the Great

◆ **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 8th** - \$610, **ZHYVE TV-** \$25, **Online Donations (March 15-21)** - \$1694,37

◆ **ANNUAL EASTER BAAZAR** will take place next **Saturday, March 28th** starting at 10:00am (till 1:00pm). Please, spread a word and be our volunteer for this event.

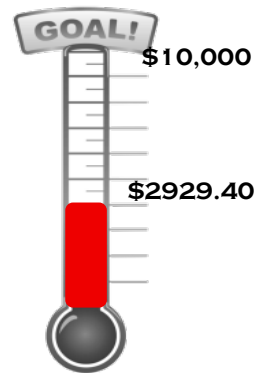
◆ **MONTHLY DEVOTION PRAYER TO THE PRATULYN MARTYRS** – Our parish is blessed to have the first-class relics of the Blessed Martyrs of Pratulyn (Poland). Monthly prayer and blessing with the relics will take place on **Monday, March 23rd** at 6:00pm. All are invited.

◆ **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

◆ **DISCUSSION GROUP:** will take place this **Monday, March 30th 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.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах.* В пам’яті вічній буде праведник, поголосів злих не убоїться. Аلیلія (х3).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



◆ **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.

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

◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – will take place on **Sunday, March 29th** after the Service.



◆ **EASTER EGGS/PYSANKY WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN.** This **SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd**, following the Divine Liturgy. We invite the children of all ages to Easter Eggs/Pysanky workshop. It will take place after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall. Parents and grandparents are welcome to participate and help us with this parish event.

◆ **HOLY UNCTION. COMMUNAL ANOINTING / ЧИН СОБОРУВАННЯ / WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st at 6:00pm.** According to the custom of our Church on the afternoon or evening of the Great and Holy Wednesday, the Holy Unction: Communal Anointing is offered for the healing of soul and body.

◆ **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.

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, JOHN PROKOPCHUK, NATALIA ZAZULIAK, PATRICIA SCOTT, 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



◆ **CONGRATULATION to VASILE FLORE and SYLVIA MELNYK,** who celebrate their Birthdays. May the Almighty God bless them with good health and salvation in Many Happy & Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

EPARCHIAL ANNOUCEMENTS

◆ **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.

◆ **CAMP SAINT VOLODYMYR: August 2026 A.D.**

Week 1: Sunday, Aug. 16 – Saturday, Aug. 22 (English/Ukrainian)

Week 2: Saturday, Aug. 22 – Friday, Aug. 28 (Ukrainian only)

We invite you to save the date and join us this August for Camp St. Volodymyr! The camp is for children in our Eparchy aged 7 to 15 as of December 2026. Camp will once again take place in Princeton as Owaissi continues to rebuild. We are thrilled to announce that we have secured a second week, allowing us to offer an all Ukrainian option. Campers are welcome to attend one or both weeks. Bus transportation will be available from New Westminster on all three travel days.

Camp is a vibrant place for kids to be active, build confidence, and develop outdoor skills. As they reconnect with nature, they grow spiritually, form lasting friendships, and deepen their connection to our rich Ukrainian culture. Pre-register using Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/TKHxXjSqWWhfn8Zt8>

We hope your family will be part of this unforgettable summer experience. For more information, please contact Jennifer Caldwell at: **604.220.0584** or csv.nweparchy@gmail.com

LOCAL ANNOUCEMENTS

◆ **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.

REFLECTIONS OF THE DAY

Those who do not see their sins will not possess repentance, and those who do not acquire repentance will never draw near to contrition of heart.

Those bereft of contrition will never become humble, and those who are not crushed and made tender by the grace of radiant and quiet humility will never see Who Christ, the most meek and humble of heart, really is.

Those who do not see God will never know Him, and those who do not know God will never be able to be exalted by insuppressibly love for Him. Without this divine love a man cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven, or rather, he is already cast out by his own ungodly state on account of his not sharing in God's qualities of eternal life.

So, what is the gate to this truly divine and eternal life of God? The awareness of our sinfulness before God. Such an awareness of sin came to St. Mary whom all Christians commemorate today as a lofty standard of true, life-transforming repentance.

Remember sins but despair not, because Christ has overcome the world. Flee from the memory of lust and attain purity. By the prayers of St Mary of Egypt may we too give our lives to Christ and overcome sin and death by His Resurrection, towards which we are eagerly heading.

