



Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Confessions: before every Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

9 January 2022

Неділя по Богоявленні ГНІХ

* We will try to accommodate everyone, but you will have to choose which service you and your family will attend. You would be wise to [register in advance](#) by email by sending a brief note to BVMWelcome@shaw.ca as to preferred time and the number of people in your group OR by leaving a message at 204-582-4466.

Dear Parishioners:

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Христос Рождається! Славте Його!

The Scripture readings prescribed for today – both the Epistle and the Gospel for the Sunday after the Theophany – give a strong message of **“LET’S GET BUSY!”** The Apostle Paul tells the Ephesians that Jesus is taking care of His Church and he provides us with gifted and talented people that we need to maintain and grow the Church. What is your God-given gift or talent that you will use to build our parish into a thriving family/community that it is meant to be? Then Jesus in the Gospel reading gives us the initial proclamation that we all must have in our hearts and on our lips to be constantly declaring and sharing to everyone around us until the Lord comes again,... **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”** Let us continue to celebrate and, yes, enjoy Christmas and this festal season within our Church year, but let’s just make it much more real than it has ever been and *let’s get busy!*

Father Michael

Announcements!

- Holy water is available at the front of the church.** You may pick some up for your family today after services – the bottles are labeled. Keep it in an accessible place, and remember to use it! ... for health, for security, etc. But first sprinkle every room in your house as per our tradition, and per our faith and trust in the Lord who has given us these sacramentals through His holy Church.



- Today – we distribute the holy ‘Prospora’ (bread and honey).** Usually, we do this during our parish **“Christmas dinner”**, but since Covid regulations prevent us from hosting such a gathering, our parish unites today in giving and receiving this blessed bread. Again, **Sylvia Romanchuk** lovingly baked and cut the bread, added the honey, and carefully packed it into the special individual containers (needless to say, taking Covid precautions all the while). This prospora has been blessed by Father Michael, who would normally distribute it at the parosh dinner, but now we invite those attending church services on Sunday to please take a container for themselves and for those in their home and to prayerfully consume the BVM Parish prospora



at their main Sunday meal. **Please think of all our parishioners this Christmas and offer a prayer for our whole parish family at this time! Христос Рождається Christ is Born!** (photo: late Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Liubomyr, distributes the prospora at a post-Christmas gathering in Kyiv))

3. **Thanks to you, parishioners, we put together a happy little 20-min. video** of all the Christmas greetings you sent in to us. We tried to show it last Sunday evening, but there was a glitch with the transmission. That has been resolved (we pray), and so we shall show it online again TWICE: **this afternoon**, and again **this evening**. **Please do let each other know, and tune in.** It's a one-of-a-kind! (And for those who were unable to contribute this Christmas.... Next year for sure!)



4. **Volunteers needed! We need you!** There are so many ways you can share your time, gifts and talents! We are always looking for volunteers who can help in these areas:

- Catechism teachers
- Care Ministry (visits to the sick, elderly, disabled and hospitalized)
- Building (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, labour/construction, design/painting, gardening)
- Readers, Altar Servers, Singers, Greeters
- Adult Sacramental Prep Team
- Liturgical Environment (decorating, floral, sewing, design, construction)
- Fundraising (researching, letters & proposals, event planning)
- Youth Ministry (activity planning and facilitating)
- Website (photos, videos, writers/contributors/bloggers)
- Office Assistance from time to time (bulletin inserts/folding, greeting visitors, preparing Christmas/Easter mailings, etc.)

We know you want to, but just don't know how much commitment would be involved. That's understandable, so...please contact your parish office for more details and let's work out a way that would be acceptable to all.

5. **Confessions: Your parish priest is in the confessional** before every single Divine Liturgy, and hopes to meet you there on a regular basis. (There is a good chance that your grandparents and great-grandparents came every month, or second month.) What a cleansing and healing for our souls, this one-on-one meeting **with the Lord!** Please begin to make it a habit, to respect and to improve our spiritual health.

6. **Sign up now for our upcoming "I BELIEVE! – BIPYU!" series of discussions, that Fr. Michael Kwiatkowski will be leading on a weekly basis from now throughout the Great Fast.** Father Michael will lead these on-line seminars every Wednesday night, beginning JANUARY 19th. These twelve sessions are based on the articles of our Catholic creed. What a wonderful way to brush up on our Faith, and to fill in the gaps we may have in our understanding of our holy Faith. Please sign up this week, These will be open to all parishioners and will be help via online conference-call. Send an email with the heading "I Believe" to bvmchurch@gmail.com and the link will be forwarded to you.

7. Our parish fiscal year has ended, so you will soon be receiving your receipts for last year's donations. In the meantime, stay tuned for our parish **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** – come and be prepared with your ideas and suggestions and willingness to help our parish navigate the upcoming year and beyond. We conclude our first Century! What's in the future!? It is really up to you... up to us! The AGM has some practical matters that need to be checked off, but it is also a RARE opportunity for us to gather together (in-person and online, whatever it takes) and talk as a family that really cares about what's happening to our family, and every family member and all those that can be and want to be part of our BVM Family. This is really a milestone event. Let's start thinking about it – not only about what we want or would like to see (although such things are not unimportant), but especially about: what is **the Will of God for our Parish** and how we can make that Will happen!

8. **Please consider adding our parish to your will.** Пам'ятайте, будь-ласка, про вашу парафію в своєму заповіті! This may seem like a small matter, but is hugely appreciated by our church when assistance like this presents itself.

DONATIONS - Week of Sunday Jan. 3: **\$ 8,054.30** (Envelopes 97)
(Some categories: Sunday – \$2,085; candles – \$59.25; 'Christmas' – 2,055.00; 'Carolling' – \$65)

Expenses: \$ 9,759.49 (*hydro, salaries, plumbing/heating, church cleaning, etc*)

Our Parish is always grateful for all donations – be they regular Sunday donations or in memoriam donations or special donations of any kind... this is what keeps our parish going and even able to plan for the future. God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness about the good of your parish!

SPECIAL DONATIONS:

In Memory of...

parents **Walter & Vicki Werbicki** Patricia Werbicki \$500
Nick, Olga & Roman Hanuta Irene Hanuta \$300

For Church Needs...

Bohdan Buyachok \$ 500
 Anonymous 100
 Dr. A. Baranjouk 1100



Join for some carolling and a unique video of parishioners' greetings... tune-in **TODAY!**

Sunday 9 January at **3:00 PM** and at **7:00 PM**

Go to LIVE.BVMP.ca

The Marriage Box



Every week, we will pull two new tips out of our box. (We have about 20 or so.) Try to follow each tip throughout the week and see what comes of it. If you and your spouse have any extra tips, let us know and we'll add them!

- 9.** Listen. When your spouse has something to share, let him/her get it all out before you speak. Make him feel heard so he knows you care about him. We interrupt too much, thinking that we're "saving time" by "speeding it up". NO. Stop. Listen. Wait until he stops completely.
- 10.** If your spouse shares a situation where you hurt him/her, apologize immediately. (One man writes: "During my more than 20 years of marriage, there were many times when I knew I was wrong while Michelle and I were arguing, but I just dug deeper into my foxhole because of pride. Tension that lasted for hours or days could have been cleared up in minutes if I'd have just dropped my pride and apologized.")

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Schedule of Services Jan. 9 to Jan. 16, 2022

Come! or at least join us online: [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)

Sun. January 9, 2022 Sunday after Theophany

7:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary
8:00 am - Служба Божа – в наміренні всіх парафіян For all parishioners
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - Health and blessings for John Kutcher

Mon., Jan. 10 Post-feast 7:20 a.m. 1st Hour & Rosary
Venerable Gregory of Nyssa; 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy..... For **+Irene Prokop** by William Prokop
Hebrews 8:7-13
Mark 8:11-21

Tues., Jan. 11 Post-feast 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Venerable Theodosius; 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... For **+Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski**
2 Cor. 4:6-15 by Elizabeth Turczyn & family
Matthew 11: 27 -30

Wed., Jan. 12 Post-feast 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyr Tatiana – **Post-feast** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... For **+Helen Moroz**
Hebrews 10:1-18 by Janet Kuchma
Mark 8:30-34

Thurs., Jan. 13 Post-feast 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Martyrs Emylus and Stratonikus 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... for **+Helen Moroz**
Hebrews 10:35-11:17 by Maria Gorbay
Mark 9:10-16

Fri., Jan. 14 Post-feast 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Monk Martyrs of Mount Sinai 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... For **Kokonas family** by Issigonis family
Hebrews 11:8; 11-16 6:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy & Panakhyda for **+Włodzimierz Hryndzio**

Sat., Jan. 15 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
Venerable Paul & John, hermits 8:00 a.m. – Sister **+Frances Byblow, SSMI (9th day)**
Ephesians 5:1-8 10:00 a.m. - **Funeral Divine Liturgy for + Włodzimierz Hryndzio**
Luke 14:1-11 5:30 p.m. - Vespers

Sun., Jan.16 30th Sunday after Pentecost -- 30- а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа
8:00 am - Служба Божа – в наміренні всіх парафіян For all parishioners
9:20 a.m. 3rd Hour & Rosary
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy – for all families, especially of the recently unemployed

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

Pastor, Parish Priest: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535
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Men's Club President - John Natyna 204-339-9366
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Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298
Church Auditorium Rental - 204-582-7535

Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can.

"O God Our Father, We ask You to restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in them the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."

Holy Family Home: Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk
Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp - For health and God's blessing for **Frances Bodnar** on the occasion of her Birthday from your Prayer Partner.

Christ Icon – For a successful operation and full recovery of **John Kutcher**

Mother of God Icon – For the repose of the soul of Sister **+Frances Byblow, SSMI**

Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention

