



Welcome



St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon, BC

2210 – 40th Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 8Z9

Liturgies: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days - 10:00 a.m.



Sundays – 9:30 a.m. – Rosary
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Grindrod, BC



Carlin Street and 3rd Avenue,
Grindrod, BC
Sundays Divine Liturgy:

Dec. 27th – 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 10th – 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 24th – 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 3rd – 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 17th – 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 31st – 3:00 p.m.

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*“The Vibrant Parish – a place
to encounter the living Christ”*

Patriarch Sviatoslav

Welcome! *Бітваємо!*

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, your families and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee is served! We invite everyone to join us.

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Sundays and Holy Days: 30 min before Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

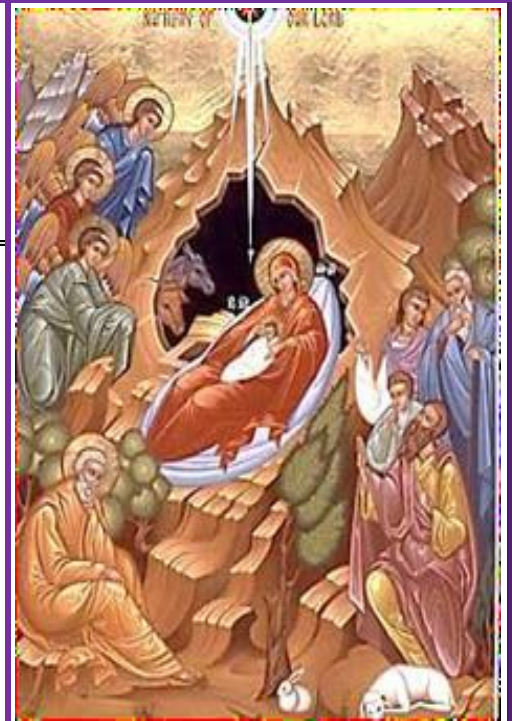
BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 month in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, any time

Please note: parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (such as: Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.), please see Fr. Volodymyr to arrange for it.



Our parish community extends a welcome to visitors who wish to pray and worship with us and who would like to participate in the life of our parish in all aspects. We assure you that visitors to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon meet with the warmest hospitality. Although we are a small community, we pride ourselves in being a family which centers itself on faith, prayer and a shared love of our Traditions. Although we are proud to belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a number of ethnic backgrounds are represented in our parish community.

Divine Services are celebrated according to the Byzantine Catholic Rite of Ukrainian usage. Whether you are familiar with our Liturgy and Traditions from your own faith formation or would like to learn more about them, we extend a heartfelt welcome to you to join us for Divine Liturgy. Whether you are Roman Catholic or a member of another Church or Religious Tradition, you are most welcome to join us for worship. The Liturgy is celebrated using a mix of English and Ukrainian. The readings from the Holy Gospel and Epistles, as well as homilies are in English.



Happy New Year!



Щасливого Нового Року!

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ; Holy and Just Joseph; David, Prophet and King;
First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen: Holy Apostle James Brother of the Lord;

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

First Antiphon:

Verse 1: I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart, * I will declare all Your wondrous deeds (Ps 9:2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: In the council of the just and the congregation, * great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way (Ps 110:1-2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: His work is filled with praise and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: Now and for ever and ever. Amen.
Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Refrain: Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia

After the small entrance with the Gospel: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion (Tone 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 (Tone 4): Your Nativity, O Christ our God, made the light of knowledge dawn on the world; through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

Troparion (Tone 2): O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle: You saw a virgin giving birth. With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshiped; they too were warned by an angel. Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion (Tone 4): O apostle and first martyr for Christ, you fought the good fight and exposed your persecutors' wickedness. For when you were killed by stoning at the hands of the lawless you received a crown from on high from God's right hand,* while crying out to Him: "O Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

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

Kontakion (Tone 3): Today the divine David is filled with gladness; Joseph along with James offers praises for having received a crown through their kingship with Christ they rejoice and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth, crying out, "Gracious One, save those who worship You."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 3): The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being; the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach; Angels with shepherds give Him glory, while Magi make their way with a star, for to us is born a little Child, the pre-eternal God

Prokimenon (tone 4): God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

Verse: Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

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Epistle: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (*Gal 1:11-19*)



Brethren, I want you to know that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when (God), Who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, so that I might proclaim Him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Kephias and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

Alleluia (tone 4): Lord, remember David and all his meekness (Ps 131:1).

Verse: How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Gospel: (Mt 2:13-23) When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more." When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarean."

Instead of "It is truly right...": O my soul, magnify Christ the King * born in a manger.*

Irmos, (Tone 1): A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:* the cave is heaven; * the Virgin, the throne of the Cherubim; * the manger, a dwelling place * in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain. * Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Second: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1). Alleluia! (x3)

Instead of "Blessed is He..," "We have seen...," "May our mouths...," Blessed be the name...": we sing **All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.**

Prayer for a Vibrant Parish Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL PETITION DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY: — We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy



For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Big thanks to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness, time, generous donations, look after and support our parish. May God bless you and your dear ones always!

THANKS TO EVERYONE, who shared to the food bank, donated for poinsettia and helped to decorate our church for Christmas celebrations. Your time, thoughtfulness and care are greatly appreciated!

Theophany/Jordan Home Blessing: Please, use the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church so that Fr. Volodymyr can coordinate our annual Home Blessing visits.

2015 Nominating Committee – we are now beginning our preparation for the election of the new Parish Council for the year 2016. The following parishioners will be part of the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Ruth C, Mrs. Wanda M, Mrs. Cecilia, Mrs. Pat H. and Fr. Volodymyr

Parish Christmas Dinner – will take place on **Sunday, January 10th 2016** after the **Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.**

ZAHALNYTSIA– Due to the festive Christmas season, the Friday after Christmas is **not** a fasting day. Let us feast & rejoice!

SAVE THE DATE: - **Pyrohy making** is scheduled for Monday, **December 28th**. We need your help and your presence! Please mark your calendar, so you don't forget!

"Save-on- Foods" gift cards – are available for sale. Anyone wishing to buy the cards, please contact Miss. Teresa Huculak or Fr. Volodymyr.

Happy Anniversary! May Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you in abundance with His love, joy and peace. Many God's blessings of good health, joy, peace and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Pat Holowenko (Dec. 1) on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary! **Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Happy Birthday – May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life to those who celebrated their birthday in month of December: Mrs. Debbie Luchkanych (Dec. 4); Mr. Nick Petrykiw (Dec. 6); Mrs. Rose Shawchuk (Dec. 7); Mrs. Bonnie Chaychuk (Dec. 16); Mrs. Wanda March (Dec. 28); **Many happy healthy years! Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Gifts to God: Sunday, December 20th - Vernon \$ 425.85; God bless all of you for your kindness and generous financial support of our parish community!

Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.


Parishioner's news section: As a Parish, it would be wonderful if we could share in our fellow brothers and sisters journey- their joys and sorrows. If you have an upcoming event (birth announcement, big anniversary, graduation, etc) or updates such as medical news, prayer requests, etc., please send us an email or tell to the priest, so it can be included in the newsletter. As well, if you wish to celebrate a special occasion with us, you are more than welcome to bring a contribution to add to the coffee social.

Parish Family Calendar: If you would like to be included in our Parish Family Calendar of Birthdays, Celebrations, Name-Days and Anniversaries please put your birth date in the calendar at the table near the front door of the church. Let's celebrate these happy occasions together!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: your family, your fellow parishioners, those who seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer, those celebrating a birthday or anniversary, those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind, those shut-in or in the hospital, and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory to make this request or notify Fr. Volodymyr Dmyterko directly. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to him by the hospital.

Please Pray for health of ... Tatianna O'Donnell, Rose Shawchuk, Anthony Mulik, John Maiwka, Yanko Anna, Szadiak Victor and Gloria, Sophie Caskey, Walter Kociuba, Nick Roman, Kalyna Kociuba, Terry Konopada, Jesse Kosick, Marion McAreavy, Mary Ferguson, Nicholas Adam Laniel Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich, Beverly Brodoway and all other parishioners and family members who need our support and God's healing at the present time. Let us also remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine in our prayers!

Please let Fr. Volodymyr know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

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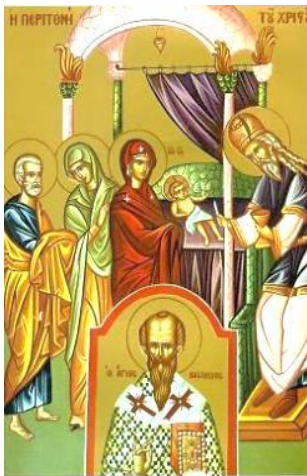
Meetings Church Councils and Organizations:

St. Josaphat's Parish Council Meeting will take place, January 17th - After the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

St. Josaphat's Parish AGM will take place, January 31st - After the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting will take place on Tuesday, **December 29th at 7:00 pm.** at OLOV RC church.

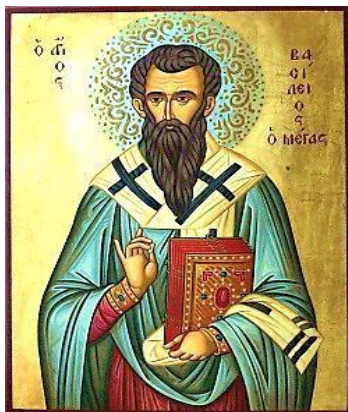
January 1 - Circumcision of Our Lord, God & Savior-Jesus Christ



January 1 is celebrated the world over as the secular New Year. With festivity and frivolity we toast in the New Year. But to the Church, it is the Feast Day of the Circumcision of our Lord on his 8th day of life (being 8 days after Holy Nativity). It is also the Feast Day of the Holy Patriarch, St. Basil the Great. And finally, it is the day that Christ received his name, "Jesus," at his circumcision.

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ -- in accordance with the Old Testament Law, accepted circumcision, which was decreed for all infants of the male gender as a sign of the Covenant of God with the Forefather Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 17: 10-14, Lev. 12: 3). Upon the performing of this ritual the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, which had been announced by the Archangel Gabriel on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Virgin Mary (Lk. 1: 31-33, 2: 21). According to the explanation of the fathers of the

Church the Lord, the Creator of the Law, accepted circumcision, giving example for people how faithfully the Divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord accepted circumcision for this reason -- so that later on no one should be in doubt that He was truly Man, rather than merely being the bearer of illusion-seeming flesh as certain heretics (Docetism) happened to teach. In the New Testament (Covenant) the ritual of circumcision gave way to the sacrament of Baptism, which it pre-figured (Col. 2: 11-12). Accounts about the feastday of the Circumcision of the Lord in the Eastern Church continue right up through the IV Century. The Canon of the feast was written by the Monk Stephen Savvaites (Comm. 28 October and 13 July). Together with the Circumcision, accepted by the Lord as a sign of the Covenant of God with mankind, He received also the Name Jesus (Saviour) as the seal of His service -- the deed of the Salvation of the world (Mt. 1: 21; Mk. 9: 38-39, 16: 17; Lk. 10: 17; Acts 3: 6, 16; Phil. 2: 9-10). These two events, the Circumcision and Naming, remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant (Testament) with God and "are circumcised with a circumcision not done by hand, in putting off the sinful body of the flesh, by the Circumcision of Christ" (Col. 2: 11). The very name "Christian" witnesses to an entrance of mankind into a New Covenant with God.



Our Father among the Saints Basil the Great (379).

In its services, the Church calls St Basil a "bee of the Church of Christ": bringing the honey of divinely-inspired wisdom to the faithful, stinging the uprisings of heresy. He was born in Cappadocia to a wealthy and prominent family. Their worldly wealth, however, is as nothing compared to the wealth of Saints that they have given to the Church: his parents St Basil the Elder and St Emmelia; his sister St Macrina (July 19), the spiritual head of the family; and his brothers St Gregory of Nyssa (January 10), and St Peter, future bishop of Sebaste (January 9). Inspired and tutored by his father, a renowned professor of rhetoric, the brilliant Basil set out to master the secular learning and arts of his day, traveling

to Athens, where he studied alongside his life-long friend St Gregory of Nazianzus. When he returned from his studies in 356, he found that his mother and his sister Macrina had turned the family home into a convent, and that his brothers had also taken up the monastic life nearby. Puffed up by his secular accomplishments, he at first resisted his sister's pleas to take up a life devoted to God, but at last, through her prayers and admonition, entered upon the ascetical life. After traveling among the monks of Egypt, Palestine and Syria, he settled in Cappadocia as a hermit, living in utter poverty and writing his ascetical homilies. A monastic community steadily gathered around him, and for its good order St Basil wrote his Rule, which is regarded as the charter of monasticism. (St Benedict in the West was familiar with this Rule, and his own is modeled on it.) In about 370 he was consecrated Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Even as bishop, he continued to live without any possessions save a worn garment to cover himself. At this time the Arian heresy was rending the Church, and it became St Basil's lot to defend Orthodoxy in Sermons and writings, a task which he fulfilled with such erudition and wisdom that he is called "Basil the Great." He reposed in peace in 379, at the age of forty-nine.