



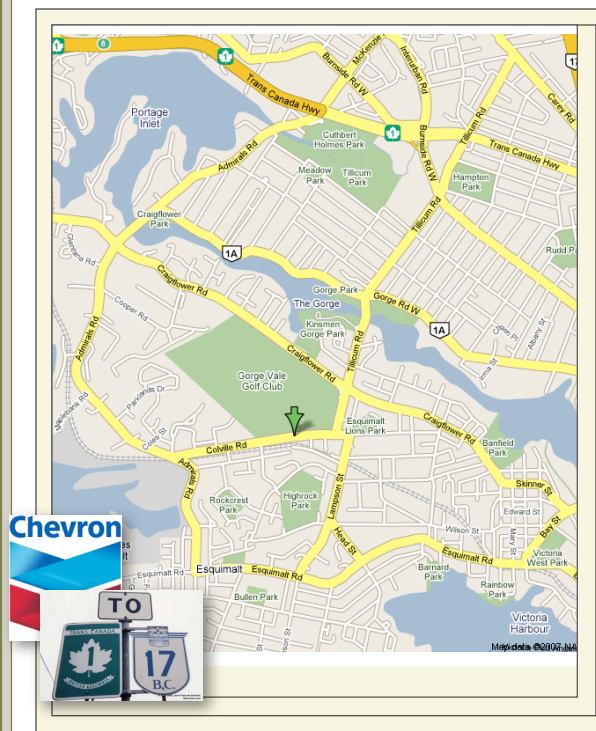
### OUR HISTORY

The Ukrainian Orthodox Christians living in the City of Victoria British Columbia and the surrounding area wanted a spiritual home and connection with their faith. Saint George was formed by nine families living in the Victoria area on December 1, 1957. The first Divine Liturgy was celebrated on February 9, 1958 in the Chapel of All Saints Anglican Cathedral.

In April 1960 the parish purchased the property located at 1842 Oak Bay Avenue. This building was used as St. George's home until a fire in September 1973. The church held services at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church for the next four years.

The first Divine Liturgy at our present location, at 1100 Colville Road in Esquimalt, was served on Christmas Day January 7 1978. Father Michael Sokyrka served this Divine Liturgy.

Since that time Saint George Ukrainian Orthodox Church continues to serve the spiritual needs of its faithful. Trusting in God's continuing presence and blessing on our community, we looking ahead with hope, confidence and determination.



### OUR LOCATION

Saint George Church is located at 1100 Colville Road in the Municipality of Esquimalt. From North and West, take the Trans-Canada Highway 1 towards downtown Victoria. At the turn signal for Tillicum Road you will see a Chevron gasoline station. Turn right. Staying in the right lane, follow Tillicum Road past a shopping center and over the Gorge Bridge. After you pass through the traffic signal at Craigflower Road, follow the sign for Colville Road and turn right. Saint George is .5 km ahead on Tillicum on your right.

From downtown Victoria, take the Johnson Street Bridge and follow Esquimalt Road to Head Street. At this corner, turn right. Proceed straight ahead at the next signal. Head Street now becomes Lampson Street. Go over the railroad tracks, and then turn left onto Colville Road. The church is .5 km on your right.

# ST. GEORGE

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
1100 COLVILLE ROAD VICTORIA BC



WE WELCOME YOU!

Saint George Ukrainian Orthodox Church is a part of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC). The church was established in 1958 to serve the spiritual needs of Ukrainian immigrants and their families who lived in Victoria and Southern Vancouver Island. As we look ahead to the next fifty years, we invite you to join us to pray, to serve, to learn, to nurture and to grow!



## WHAT IS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY?

Orthodoxy holds that the eternal truths of God's saving revelation in Jesus Christ are preserved in the living Tradition of the Church under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Scriptures are at the heart of the Tradition and the touchstone of the faith. While the Bible is the written testimony of God's revelation, Holy Tradition is the all-encompassing experience of the Church under the abiding guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. Essentially, Orthodox Christians consider that their beliefs are very similar to those of other Christian traditions, but that the balance and integrity of the entire Apostolic faith once delivered to the Saints has been preserved inviolate.

We believe that God is One in substance and Triune in persons. We worship One God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. Creation is the work in time of the Blessed Trinity. The world is not self-created, neither has it existed from eternity, but it is the product of the wisdom, the power, and the will of the One God in Trinity. God the Father is the prime cause of creation and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit took part in creation, God the Son perfecting creation and God the Holy Spirit vivifying creation.

## THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA (UOCC)

*St. George is one of 270 parishes within the UOCC. Based in Winnipeg, it is led by our Metropolitan John. The UOCC has many parishes in Southern Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The UOCC also has neighboring parishes in Vancouver and the lower mainland in British Columbia. The UOCC celebrates its 90th Anniversary in 2008, and represents a proud heritage of Canadian pioneers*



# When you visit Saint George

## WILL I UNDERSTAND THE SERVICE?

Church services like Sunday Divine Liturgy are conducted in both English and Ukrainian. Prayer books, with parallel texts, are available for your use and study during your visit. Please feel free to consult with one of our members if you have a question during the service. Our Pastor can answer any other questions you may have, and you are welcome to join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship after the Divine Liturgy.

**I'M NOT ORTHODOX.**

**I'M NOT UKRAINIAN.**

## WILL I BE WELCOME AT SAINT GEORGE?

The Holy Apostle Paul's letter to the Hebrews reminds us to welcome strangers "for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

We welcome all visitors and guests to Saint George with an attitude of Christian hospitality, mutual respect and love. Those persons who would like to visit our church, to attend and pray with us at a Divine Liturgy or other service are welcome to join us.

## WHEN ARE YOUR SERVICES HELD?

Divine Liturgy is served twice monthly, on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. The service begins at 10 a.m. A fellowship hour, with coffee, refreshments and a light snack follow every Sunday Liturgy.

**I HAVE MANY QUESTIONS!**

**WHO SHOULD I ASK?**

Our Pastor, Father Charles Baxter, would be happy to respond to your questions about Orthodoxy, Sacraments, Divine Liturgy and other services, our family at Saint George Parish or any other matter during your visit. Please feel free to contact him by phone, e-mail or in person.

## WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES DO YOU OFFER?



Saint George Church has religious education classes for children on the second and fourth Sundays (when Liturgy is served). Students are in class during the early portions of the service, and are present upstairs in church to receive Holy Communion.



Our Church Choir sings responses at all Divine Liturgies. You are most welcome to come join us for a rehearsal. Many of our church members and visitors sing along with the choir during the Liturgy. Feel free to join us!

Adult Education Classes are held on the second and fourth Saturday evenings preceding Sunday Divine Liturgy. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Orthodox Church, its services and more.