



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

>>WE WELCOME ALL WHO JOIN US TODAY IN WORSHIP!<<

DECEMBER 3RD 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY PROPHET ZEPHANIAH (SOPHONIAS) (7TH CENTURY BC)

Troparion and Kontakia

Troparion: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

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

Kontakion: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaim You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his 'Rejoice!'* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:9-19

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians:

Brothers and Sisters, live as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose

them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

Please gather your children to hold candles for the Gospel.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Gospel

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord told this parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia .

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sunday Services:

8:30am - Ukrainian
10:30am - English
1:00pm - Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm - English

Weekday Services:

Monday - Thursday & Saturday
English @ 9:00 am
Friday at Westview - English
@ 10:00 am

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confession:

Weekdays: Before or after
Liturgies or by appointment.
Sundays: Before and during
liturgy

Marriage, Baptism-Chrismation- Eucharist, Funerals :

Arrangements with the office

Anointing of the Sick:

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Arrangements with the office

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LITURGICAL HELP

DECEMBER 3

EPISTLE READERS

8:30 am: KofC
10:30 am: KofC
5:00 pm: KofC

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30 am— KofC
10:30— KofC

ROSARY 10:00 KofC

ARK STORE: Longfield

DECEMBER 10

EPISTLE READERS

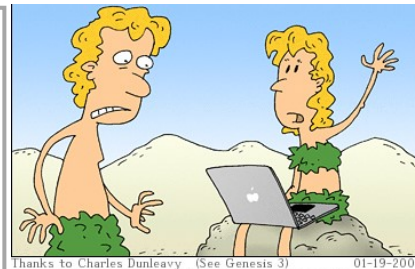
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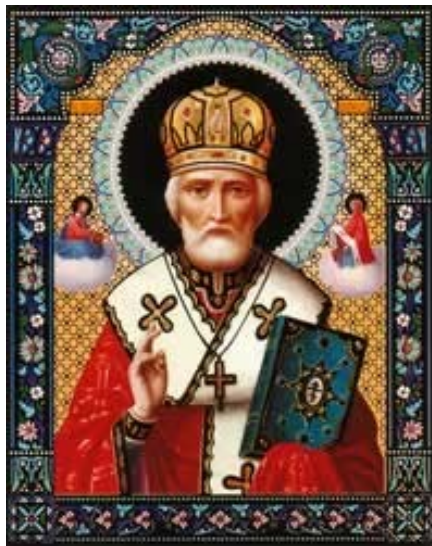
ROSARY 10:00 KofC

ARK STORE: Siroishka



THE REAL SAINT NICHOLAS

HOLY BISHOP AND WONDERWORKER OF MYRA



At this time of year we see and hear a lot about St. Nick, but who is he really? According to Church tradition, St. Nicholas was born near the end of the 3rd century to well-off Christian parents in what is today Turkey. Nicholas' parents taught their son to be God-centered and generous, encouraging him to read the scriptures from a very young age. When Nicholas was still young his parents died leaving him a comfortable fortune. Nicholas vowed to use his wealth to help others.

His most famous act of generosity occurred when he happened upon a poor man who could not provide dowries for his three daughters. Without dowries his daughters would have had to resort to prostitution to survive. To save them from this dissolute life, St. Nicholas took a bag of gold and threw it into the home of the man. After the first daughter was married, Nicholas again threw a bag of gold coins through the window. The second daughter was married and the poor man desperately wanted to find out

who was the generous benefactor. To avoid being found out, tradition has it that Nicholas delivered the third bag of gold through the chimney and it fell among the stockings and other laundry that was hanging there. Today we still keep his memory by hanging stockings upon our fireplaces and then filling them with good things when the recipients aren't looking.

At the urging of his uncle, who happened to be the local bishop, Nicholas gave away the rest of his fortune to families with young children, and became a monk. One day when he was traveling in the area of Myra, the local clergy and faithful were looking for a new bishop. Upon seeing Nicholas, and knowing him as a generous and faith-filled man they presented him to the Church to be ordained as their bishop.

As a young bishop loved by his people, Nicholas was imprisoned by the anti-Christian governments of the time. Enduring many hardships in prison, he still prayed and did many charitable deeds including saving three wrongly accused men from their executioners. Finally with the dawn of a pro-Christian government, Nicholas was freed from prison and returned to the service of the Church in Myra.

With Christianity now acceptable in the Roman Empire, great theological debates began. Emperor Constantine called forth all the bishops, including St. Nicholas, to settle the issues. As a passionate defender of the faith, Nicholas helped to show that Jesus Christ was both fully God and fully human, and not some super creature.

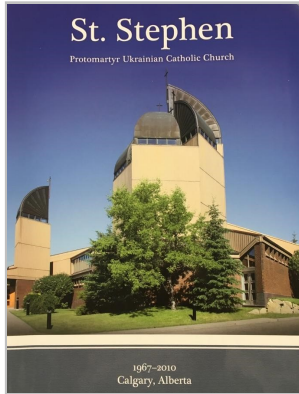
Nicholas also saved children from those who would do them harm, rescued sailors from drowning during a storm, and did many other miraculous things. Nicholas' reputation for charitable works, guiding people towards God and defending the true faith grew during his lifetime and even more after his death on December 6th, 343. The Church celebrates his memory on the anniversary of that day, with the people imitating his good works and asking him to help the community grow closer to God. It is quite common for Eastern Christians, such as Ukrainian Catholics to celebrate his feast day, and often the saint makes an appearance to the delight of the children.



On December 3rd this year "St. Nicholas" will make an appearance to the delight of the children (and most adults) at all three services!



2018 Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up in the atrium. Please pick yours up TODAY!!



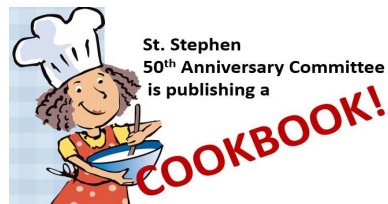
Looking for Christmas gift ideas?

As we prepare to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St. Stephen as a parish, the history book of our parish would make a great gift! This beautiful coffee table book is a narrative not only of the church history but also includes many colorful photos and explanations of the mosaics and stained glassed windows that surround us as we gather in prayer.


Consider giving the gift of music of the Divine Liturgy or Magnify the Lord CD from our church choir. These items as well as many other gift items are available for purchase in the **Ark gift store** open Sundays after morning Divine Liturgies. Stop in for a visit and check things out.



The men's dinner is fast approaching and we need your help with donations for the evening's silent auction. Ideally, we are interested in new items in original packaging at least \$150 in value (retail) such as electronics, sporting equipment, themed gift baskets, framed artwork and gift cards. Please contact Dave Ewanchyna (403-560-4003) to learn how you can help make this event a success.



We are thrilled to gather a collection of recipes from everyone in the parish and are proud to be selling our beautifully printed and bound cookbooks to celebrate our parish 50th Anniversary. Recipe forms are at the atrium to use as a template. For more information contact Trish Popel at 50anivcookbook@gmail.com or 403-835-3077



Eight Annual Bishop's Gala Celebrating Catholic Health Care
"Sharing in the Healing Ministry of Jesus"
 Thursday December 7th, 2017
 Chateau Louis Conference Centre Edmonton
 Cocktails 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm
 Honourary Chair Hon. Ed Stelmach—Chair, Board of Directors Covenant Health
 Tickets \$175 available at the Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral Centre 780-424-5496
 or chancery@edmontoneparchy.com



This challenging and engaging youth pilgrimage across the Western Prairie Provinces will be focusing on saints of our church over the past century.

This grand YOUTH PILGRIMAGE will take place on the extra long weekend of May 18 - 21, 2018. Youth: RSVP by contacting the parish office starting NOW. Not an option: You must bring some of your friends from school if you can.

The MOST AMBITIOUS Youth Ministry project for ELEMENTARY AGED CHILDREN is coming January 2018.



You will need armour...
 You will need a catapult...
 You will need training...
 because we are about to enter
 ... into the KINGDOM!

This program is for all Elementary aged kids and their friends from school to learn, play and adventure together over the course of several months (on 7 different Wednesday nights.)

Meeting December 8th at 6:30 pm



We are seeking Dynamic Volunteer leaders for all ages 0-35:

We have very exciting plans set for the rest of this year, but we need your help. Our goal is for youth to be motivated by the Gospel to live out their faith everyday. We hope that you'll join us on this goal! If you are interested, please contact Fr. Bo fatherbo@protomartyr.ca



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 3: 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Walter Bzovy

10:30am – for the repose of the souls of +Michelle and +Brian Pelletier

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Monday, December 4:

9:00am – keeping you in our prayers for Elizabeth Chrapko

Tuesday, December 5:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Walter Bzovy

Wednesday, December 6: FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER

9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 7:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Robert Lavey and comfort to his family

Friday, December 8:

10:00am – WestView – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, December 9:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Mary Chomicki – 40 day prayers (Theresa Lewchuk's Mother)

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Al Hober



Sunday, December 10: 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Walter Bzovy

10:30am – for blessings for peace and comfort for Josephine Procyk

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukrainian 10:30 am Divine Liturgy with Sunday School & St Nicholas visit 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy - Arabic 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: English -ST NICHOLAS VISIT -SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR -CAROL FESTIVAL @ THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy NO Open Icon Studio NO Bible Study 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Fr. Lacombe School Visit to St Stephen 6:30 pm Ukr Language Class 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy 7:00pm Ukrainian Language Class 7:00 pm Choir practice FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Light Weigh 6:00 pm UCWLC AGM 6:30 pm Property management Mtg 7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree Mtg 	8  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:30 pm Elementary Youth Mtg 7:30 pm Youth Ministry 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Nativity Play Practice
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St. Stephen's choir will be Christmas caroling on **SUNDAY, January 7th from 1:00pm - 7:00pm.**
 Please call Choir Director, Linda Dudar at 587-998-8566
 for more information and/or to schedule them to come to your home



The Calgary Ukrainian Cultural Foundation is pleased to announce the 2017 Scholarships were awarded to:

- Mark Bohdan – University of Calgary – Mechanical Engineering
- Christian Plesa – St Mary's University - Biology
- Anastasia Babej – Grant MacEwan University - Nursing
- Andriy Kharchenko – SAIT – Electronics Engineering

Congratulations to all successful recipients.



Come and join us for a special evening of meditation, painting and socializing while enjoying a glass of wine or two and some delicious tasty treats

Advent Paint Night
on December 15th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm @ St. Stephen Protomartyr Church
 \$60 per person includes all material (16+) - Cash or cheque accepted - Cancellation fees apply
 All funds raised from this event go to St Basil's Church
 No painting experience needed
 Deadline for registration December 10 For registration, please email PicturesqueCalgary@gmail.com



ST. STEPHEN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PLANNED EVENTS AND SPEAKER SERIES

Fatherhood. Jan. 24th, 2018

Grief Share. May23rd, 2018

50th Anniversary Home Coming, Weekend June 2 and 3, 2018