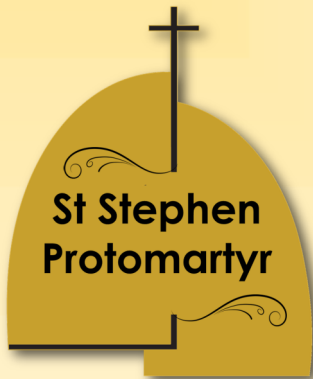


# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **DIVINE LITURGIES:**

### **Sunday Services:**

8:30 am—Bilingual

10:05—Rosary

10:30 am – English

### **Saturday**

4:00 pm—Great Vespers

### **Weekday Services:**

**Wednesdays and Thursdays** 9:00am

**Sunday school, Sundays** at 10:15 am



## **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus.**

Octoechos Tone 8. Holy Martyr Codratus and Those with Him (249-51)

Great Fast Day 28. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 8.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

**Anthology ribbons : Green 357, Yellow 630**

### ***Troparia and Kontakia***

***Troparion, Tone 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, Tone 1:*** O John, our God-bearing father,\* you were shown to be a citizen of the desert,\* an angel in bodily form,\* and a worker of miracles.\* Through fasting, prayers and vigils you received heavenly gifts\* to heal the sick and the souls of those who, in faith, run to you.\* Glory to Him who gives you strength.\* Glory to Him who crowned you.\* Glory to Him who works healing for all through you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Kontakion, Tone 4:*** On the heights of true abstinence,\* the Lord established you as a reliable star,\* giving light for guidance to the ends of the earth,\* O father John, our teacher.

### ***Prokeimenon, Tone 8***

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

***verse:*** In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. (*Psalm 75:12,2*)

### ***Prokeimenon, Tone 7***

The venerable ones will exult in glory\* and they shall be joyful in their beds. (*Psalm 149:5*)

### ***Epistle - Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19***

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters, when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Brothers and sisters, the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with



## **HOLY MYSTERIES**

### **CONFESSION:**

Saturdays 3:00 pm

Sundays 10:00 am

OR by appointment

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wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

### **Alleluia, Tone 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. (Psalm 94:1,2)

**verse:** They who are planted in the hose of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 91:14)

### **Gospel—Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12**

At that time, one of the multitude came to Jesus, bowed before Him, and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?"

And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

At that time, great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **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.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)

## **Неділя 4-та Великого посту. Св. мч. Кодрата і тих, що з ним:**

### **Кипріяна, Ніки, Галини та інших. 10 березня**

#### **Тропарі і Кондаки**

*Тропаріон (глас 8):* З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний,\* і триденне погребення прийняв Ти,\* щоб нас звільнити від страждань.\* Життя і воскресіння наше,\* Господи, слава Тобі.

*Тропар (глас 1):* Пустинним жителем і в тілі ангелом,\* і чудотворцем показав ти себе, богоносний отче наш Іване.\* Постом, чуванням, молитвою небесні дарування прийнявши,\* зціляєш недужих і душі, що з вірою прибігають до тебе.\* Слава тому, що дав тобі кріпость,\* слава тому, що вінчав тебе,\* слава тому, що діє тобою всім зцілення.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 4): На висоті правдивої повздержности\* Господь тебе поставив, як звізду необманну,\* що просвічує світокраї,\* наставнику Іване, отче наш.

#### **Прокімен (глас 8):**

Помоліться і хвалу віддайте\* Господеві, Богу нашому (Пс 75,12).

*Стих:* Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його (Пс 75,2).

#### **Прокімен (глас 7):**

Возхваляться преподобні у славі і возрадуються на ложах своїх (Пс 149,5).

#### **Апостол: (Євр 6,13-20):**

*Браття і Сестри,* коли Бог учиняв Авраамові обітницю, не маючи поклястися ніким вищим, то поклявся самим собою, кажучи: «Справді поблагословлю тебе щедро й розмножу тебе вельми.» І він, завдяки довгій терпеливості, досягнув обітницю: люди клянуться більшим від себе, і всякі їхні суперечки кінчаються клятвою на ствердження. Тому й Бог, бажаючи дати спадкоємцям обітницю якнайсильніший доказ, що його рішення непорушне, вжив клятви, щоб двома незмінними речами, в яких неможливо, щоб Бог казав неправду, ми мали сильну заохоту — ми, що прибігли прийняти надію, призначену нам. В ньому маємо, неначе якір душі, безпечний та міцний, що входить аж до середини за завісу, куди



ввійшов за нас, як предтеча, Ісус, ставши архиєреєм повіки, на зразок Мелхиседека.

**(Еф 5,9-19) (Преподобному):**

*Браття і Сестри*, поведіться, як діти світла, бо плід світла знаходиться в кожній добрості, і праведності, і правді. Допевняйтеся, що приємне для Господа, і не беріть участі в неплідних ділах темряви, а краще й докоряйте. Бо соромно навіть казати про те, що роблять вони потаємно! Усе ж те, що світлом докоряється, стає явне, бо все, що явне стає, то світло. Через це то й говорить: Сплячий, вставай, і воскресни із мертвих, і Христос освітить тебе! Отож, уважайте, щоб поводитися обережно, не як немудрі, але як мудрі, використовуючи час, дні бо лукаві! Через це не будьте нерозумні, але розумійте, що є воля осподня. І не впивайтесь вином, в якому розпуста, але краще наповнюйтесь Духом, розмовляючи поміж собою псалмами, і гімнами, і піснями духовними, співаючи й граючи в серці своєму для Господа,

**Алилуя (глас 8):**

Стих: Прийдімо з похвалами пере обличчя Його, і псалмами воскликнім Йому (Пс 94,1).

Стих: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 94,2).

Стих: Насаджені в домі Господнім, у дворах Бога нашого процвітуть (Пс 91,14).

**Євангеліє: (Мр 9,17-31):**

У той час один чоловік прийшов до Ісуса і, кланяючись, йому сказав: "Учителю, привів я до тебе сина того, що має многого духа, і де тільки його захопить, кидає його об землю так, що піниється, скрегоче зубами, дерев'яніє. Просив я учнів твоїх, щоб його вигнали, та не змогли." Він же у відповідь каже їм: "О роде невірний! Доки я буду з вами? Доки вас терпітиму? Приведіть но його до мене." І привели його до нього. Скоро дух угледів його, притомом того затряс, і повалившись той на землю, запінившись, почав качатися. Спитав же його батька: "Скільки часу, як це йому сталося?" – "З дитинства", – відповів той. "І часто він кидає його у вогонь і в воду, щоб його погубити. Та якщо можеш, поможи нам, змилосердившись над ним." Ісус же каже йому: "Щодо того – якщо можеш – то все можливо тому, хто вірує." І вмить батько хлопчини викрикнув кризь сльози: "Вірю, поможи моєму невірству!" Ісус же, бачивши, що збігається народ, погрозив нечистому духові, кажучи: "Німий та глухий душе! Наказую тобі: Вийди з нього й не входь більше в нього." І, закличавши та сильно його стряси, вийшов з нього. І наче змертвів той, тож многи казали: "Вмер він." Але Ісус, узявши його за руку, підвів його, і той устав. Коли ж увійшов у дім, то учні його питали його насамоті: "Чому ми не могли його вигнати?" Він відповів їм: "Цей рід нічим не можна вигнати, тільки молитвою та постом." Вийшовши звідти, проходили кризь Галилею, і він не хотів, щоб будь-хто знав. Навчав бо своїх учнів і казав їм: "Син Чоловічий буде виданий у руки людям, і вб'ють його, і, вбитий, по трьох днях, воскресне."

**(Мат 4,25-5,12) (Преподобному):**

Одного разу за Ісусом ішла велика сила людей з Галілеї, і з Десятимістя, і з Єрусалиму, і з Юдеї, і з Зайордання. І, побачивши натовп, Він вийшов на гору. А як сів, підійшли Його учні до Нього. І, відкривши уста Свої, Він навчати їх став, промовляючи:

Блаженні вбогі духом, бо їхнє Царство Небесне. Блаженні засмучені, бо вони будуть утішені. Блаженні лагідні, бо землю впадкують вони. Блаженні голодні та спрагнені правди, бо вони нагодовані будуть. Блаженні милостиві, бо помилувані вони будуть. Блаженні чисті серцем, бо вони будуть бачити Бога. Блаженні миротворці, бо вони синами Божими стануть. Блаженні вигнані за правду, бо їхнє Царство Небесне. Блаженні ви, як ганьбити та гнати вас будуть, і будуть облудно на вас наговорювати всяке слово лихе ради Мене. Радійте та веселіться, нагорода бо ваша велика на небесах! Бо так гнали й пророків, що були перед вами.

*Замість Достойно:* Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храм і раю словесний, дієвственна 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.

**Причасний:**

Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). \* В пам'ять вічну буде праведник,\* злих слухів не убоїться (Пс 111,6-7). Алилуя (х3).



## DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Friday, March 8:**

**LENTEN MISSION #1**

- ❖ 6:00pm – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Carolyn Taillon

**Saturday, March 9:**

**LENTEN MISSION #2**

- ❖ 10:00am - Sorokousty
- ❖ 3:00pm – Confessions
- ❖ 4:00pm – Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 10:**

**LENTEN MISSION #3**

- ❖ 8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Cynthia Misko
- ❖ 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Tetyana Shevago. Eternal Memory!
- ❖ 10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Rick Schatz

**Wednesday, March 13:**

- ❖ 9:00am – Lenten 6th Hour Typica w/ Eucharist

**Thursday, March 14:**

- ❖ 9:00am – Lenten 6th Hour Typica w/ Eucharist

**Friday, March 15:**

- ❖ 6:00pm – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Carolyn Taillon

**Saturday, March 16:**

- ❖ 10:00am – Memorial Service +Verna Rawlyk (w/ Panakhyda)
- ❖ 3:00pm – Confessions
- ❖ 4:00pm – Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 17:**

- ❖ 8:30am – for good health and healing for Sophie Babicz
- ❖ 10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Sviat Makarenko. Eternal Memory!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LENTEN FASTING DAYS:** On the weekdays of Lent we are asked to fast from meat and meat products **Mon, Wed and Fri**. During **Holy Week** we fast from meat **Monday through Friday**. Let us enter the fast with joy!
- **SOROKOUSTY SERVICE:** Saturday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- **EPARCHIAL LENTEN SERIES - THREE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRIST:** Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm. In Scripture we read the account of Jesus retreating to the desert to pray and to fast. There he is tempted by Satan three times and three times he refuses to accept what Satan has to offer. In our sessions, we will examine each of these three temptations to discover their meaning and how we may see ourselves in moments of temptation throughout our lives. We will also explore what spiritual strength we may gain from the example of Jesus. Sessions will consist of a presentation and will conclude with prayer.
  - **March 14 – Testing God - Presenter: Fr. Jim Nakonechny (Exaltation of the Holy Cross parish hall, 9003 – 153 Ave, Edmonton)**
  - **March 21 – Pride and Power - Presenter: Fr. Mike Bombak (St Stephen Protomartyr parish hall, 4903 – 45<sup>th</sup> St SW, Calgary)**

You are encouraged to attend in person and are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. No registration is necessary. If you cannot be there in person you may attend on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/rh6cjhwr> You can also find the Zoom link on the Eparchy of Edmonton website: [www.eeparchy.com](http://www.eeparchy.com)

- **ASK FR MIKE:** In this video interview with journalist Mario Toneguzzi, Father Michael Bombak discusses Lent. He talks about fasting, prayer and almsgiving, some of the Ukrainian Catholic traditions, and offers advice for those on the Lenten journey. The video can be seen here: [https://youtu.be/n9TL\\_wAS-WU](https://youtu.be/n9TL_wAS-WU).
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Please join us for this year's AGM on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the hall after 10:30am Divine Liturgy. A quorum of 36 is required. Parish Council is recruiting for volunteers to fill in roles that are or will be vacant: **Vice Chair, Without Portfolio, Liturgical, Parish Hall Management, Hospitality, and P.R. & Communications.** Please consider offering your talents to support the parish. Contact Father Michael (403) 249-4818 ext.1, Ambrose Comchi (403) 862-3269, Oliver David (403) 620-0441, or Len Beblow (403) 589-2086 to learn more or put your name up for nomination.
- **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023:** Now ready for pickup in the Narthex.
- **K OF C WINE RAFFLE:** Signature wines of Europe - ten bottles - over \$400 value. Only 600 tickets. \$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. **Draw on April 4, 2024.** Proceeds to support our activities in the Parish. Tickets available from any K of C member.
- **ST STEPHEN'S PUB NIGHT:** Back by popular demand on FRIDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>! Featuring the award-winning entertainment of the **Dueling Piano Kings**, plus Ukrainian food, games, and more. 18 years and older. Early Bird Tickets: \$50 until March 17. Regular price tickets: \$60. Bring your friends, bring your Baba, just don't wait too long as this was a SOLD OUT event last year! Proceeds go to Calgary Ukrainian newcomers.  
 For tickets: Call St Stephen's office at 403-249-4818 ext 0 or send e-transfer to [office@protomartyr.ca](mailto:office@protomartyr.ca) Question: April fundraiser, Answer: PubNight2024
- **FILM SCREENING – "UPROOTED":** Saturday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Vlad's Cultural Centre, 2-3pm. **FREE.** Produced by the War Crimes Investigation Unit of The Kyiv Independent team, this 50-minute film investigates the forced deportation of a group of 31 children from the occupied city of Mariupol. This happened in May 2022, and none of the children from this group have returned to Ukraine yet. This group of 31 children is part of nearly 20,000 Ukrainian children illegally deported by Russia since the start of the full-scale invasion. On December 7, 2023 the movie Uprooted had won the first prize in a national competition of journalists' investigations. "This is an honest and important documentary. It reveals the actual schemes of forced deportation of Ukrainian children by Russians from the occupied Ukrainian territories. The international community must see this film to fully understand the horrors committed by Russia against our children", - says Mykola Kuleba, Former Children's Rights Commissioner, head of the charity fund Save Ukraine. Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/56MgCd0Lh>
- **ST STEPHEN'S UCWLC SCHOLARSHIP for \$1000:** **Apply TODAY!** If you are a 16-24 year old daughter or granddaughter of a St Stephen's UCWLC Member who will be attending an undergraduate Post Secondary program. (E.g.) University, College, Apprenticeship, Technical School or Specialized program (Cosmetology, Hairdresser, Secretarial, etc....) **YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!**
  - Include a resume and a reference letter
  - Reasons for the choice and location of the Post Secondary School.
  - Include a description of your Parish, Community and School Involvement .
  - Explain your Financial Need to receive this scholarship.
  - Submit to Scholarship Committee c/o nettiekost@gmail.com
  - **Deadline is May 14, 2023**
- **HEROES OF THEIR DAY POKROVA ICON:** The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation's *Heroes of Their Day* project commemorates Ukrainian Canadian veterans by way of an icon of the Mother of God watching over servicemen and servicewomen. It is especially appropriate, since the Pokrova image – *The Protection of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos* – has historically been venerated by those praying for the safety of those serving in the defense of our country. This commissioned icon has been installed in the Cathedrals of both the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches across Canada. Acclaimed iconographers, Oleksandr Klymenko and Sofia Atlantova, have agreed to write one more Heroes Their Day Pokrova icon for St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor. Klymenko and Atlantova's icons are written on ammunition boxes sourced from Ukraine in its defense against Russia. Depending on the ammunition box acquired, the size of the icon is 32" x 18". For more information on Klymenko and Atlantova, please visit <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-artists-paint-religious-icons-on-ammunition-boxes/31189350.html>  
 The cost of the Heroes of Their Pokrova is \$2,000 CDN. Please consider your donation in memory of the Ukrainian Canadians who served in WWI. Please indicate on your donation envelope "Pokrova Icon." Work on the icon starts in March. We will have the icon blessed and presented at the Remembrance Day commemoration this year.
- **AXIOS MEN'S ENSEMBLE:** The Axios Men's Ensemble is presenting the premiere of two-time Grammy nominee, Benedict Sheehan's "Ukrainian War Requiem" on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The concert will feature a choir of 50 performers including members from Pro Coro Canada and select soloists from North America and Ukraine. Tickets are available at [www.axioschoir.com](http://www.axioschoir.com) or by contacting Adrian at 403-818-1900.
- **SHEVCHENKO FOUNDATION BOOKMARK CONTEST:** **To all aspiring young artists...** Embark on a creative adventure with the Shevchenko Foundation's 4th Annual Children's Bookmark Contest! This year we celebrate the enchanting imagery of Taras Shevchenko's "Knyazhna," inviting participants to craft bookmarks that capture the essence of a picturesque Ukrainian village, as vividly portrayed in the poem. The 2024 contest also marks the 60th anniversary of the Shevchenko Foundation and with the help of Nicola Institutional, participating young artists become philanthropists. **The contest is open to creatives up to 14 years old. Submission deadline is April 15, 2024. The winning entry from each province will be celebrated with a \$25 prize.** For complete contest details see attached flyer, scan the QR code provided or visit <https://shevchenkofoundation.com/creative-opportunities/young-creatives/>.