



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JANUARY 10 - 2016

## SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY & ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY

**Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletene**

### Antiphon 1

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

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

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

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

The sea beheld this and fled, the Jordan turned back on its course.

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

Why was it, O sea, that you fled, that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course?

*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 and Word of God, You are immortal, and You willed for our salvation to be made flesh of the Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and without change You became man. You were crucified O Christ our God, and trampled death by death. You are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

### Antiphon 3

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

*Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

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

*Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

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

*Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

### Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

*Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

### Troparia and Kontakia

*Troparion:* 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:* When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

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

*Kontakion:* Today, You have appeared to the world and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us, who with knowledge sing Your praises. You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

### 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.

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in you.

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403-249-4818, press 9

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<stephens\_office@shaw.ca>

### Parish Website:

<protomartyr.eeparchy.com>

### Eparchy Website:

<www.edmontoneparchy.com>

### DIVINE LITURGIES

#### Sundays:

8:30am – Ukrainian [chanted]  
10:30am – English [choir]  
1:00pm – Arabic / English [Melkite]  
5:00pm – English [recited]

#### Weekdays:

8:00am – English  
[9:00am – on Statutory Holidays]

#### Saturdays:

9:00am – English

#### Feast Days: (subject to change)

9:00am – English  
7:00pm – English

## HOLY MYSTERIES

### Confession:

Sundays and Feast days one-half hour  
before Divine Liturgies, and by  
appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements with Fr. Mark.

**Baptism-Chrismation-Eucharist:**  
Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For emergencies  
call 403-249-4818, press 9.

**Funeral:** Arrangements with either  
Pastor: Fr. Mark or Fr. Bo.

## CLERGY and RELIGIOUS

Pastor:  
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Deacons:  
Deacon John Doll (retired)  
Deacon Richard Nibogie (retired)

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## HALL RENTAL INQUIRIES

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Director, Parish Centre Management  
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<blebernak@gmail.com>

## HALL KITCHEN

403-249-4818, ext. 204

## Epistle

Ephesians 4:7-13

**B**rothers and Sisters, each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high, He made captivity itself a captive: He gave gifts to His people." (When it says "He ascended", what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He Who ascended is the same One Who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

**At the end of the Epistle parents may send their children to the back of the church to get candles for the reading of the Holy Gospel.**

## Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

**A**t that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made His home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of

Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned." From that time, Jesus began to proclaim: "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

## Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you

## Communion Hymn

The Grace of God has appeared\* bringing salvation to all. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Instead of "Blessed is He who comes..."

we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

### Instead of "We have seen the true light..."

we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

### Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan. (3)

**A COLLISION OF TWO SEASONS:** The Christmas season starts 40 days before Christmas as we begin St. Philip's Fast (Nov 15) and continues till 40 days after Christmas on the feast of the Presentation of our Lord into the Temple (Feb 2). This is why we keep up the Christmas décor and caroling in our parish.

The Easter Cycle has a 4 week Pre-Lenten season, which is followed by 40 days of Lent, then Holy Week, then Easter itself, followed by 40 days of feasting till the feast of the Ascension and another 10 more till the Feast of Pentecost.

Sometimes, when Easter comes early, like this year, the two seasons overlap. We sing Christmas Carols and we start planning our Lenten Journey. Today is both, the Sunday after Theophany as well as the Sunday of Zacchaeus which marks the beginning of Pre-Lent. Since the former ranks higher than the latter the readings are taken from the Sunday After Theophany, but we still recognize that the preparation for Lent begins tomorrow. Lent itself begins on Monday February 8 (Roman Catholic's start 2 days later).

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aving received so many Christmas cards, chocolates, and other gifts, the Padres would like to thank all those who are kind to us this way. Personally I find it overwhelming, especially this year. It is clear love and thoughtfulness abound. We pray your continued journey with Jesus Christ bring you closer to the Father and the Spirit, who were made manifest at the Feast of Theophany, where "worship of the Trinity was revealed." God's blessings! -Fr Mark, Fr Bo

The church camera video archives are now available on the Internet! Many of the liturgical services can be seen, downloaded onto your computer, along with other programs of a cultural nature. In particular, we received permission from Bell Canto String Ensemble to include their music in the Christmas Eve service Dec 24-2015! And there are videos of Fr Rendy, too!

Time permitting, I hope to make available Stan Kwasniowski's Wonderful Picture Montages, taken the last decade, of St Stephen's church interior, and so much more. It's a great testimony to the life of the parish!

In my private office I have set up a computer server that, ... well ... *serves* files and *plays* them when you click the link.

Here is how to get to it and see all the juicy stuff.

Go to your web browser and type in the following location:

**<http://protomartyr.asuscomm.com:8096/web/login.html>**

After a moment, window opens up, asking you to sign in.

For the User, type:

**Protomartyr**

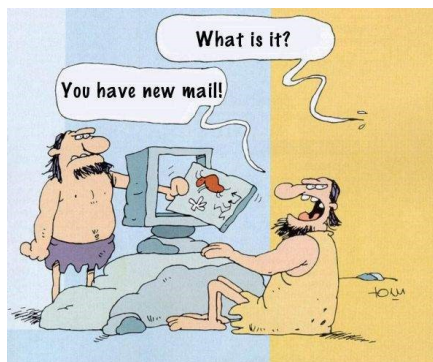
For the Password, type:

**OurLadyofPochaiv2009**

Click on the green line that says "sign in" That's it! Happy hunting!

Please let me know if you have any issues. Hope you like the cartoon!

All the best! -Fr Mark, wearing the "Techie" hat



## Liturgy Intentions for this week:

*Sunday, January 10 – Sunday After Theophany / Zacchaeus Sunday:*

*8:30am – in memory for the repose of the soul of +Walter Gardzilewich*

*10:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*5:00pm – for the repose of the soul of +Peter Franko*

*Monday, January 11:*

*8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*Tuesday, January 12:*

*8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*Wednesday, January 13:*

*8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*Thursday, January 14:*

*8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*Friday, January 15:*

*8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*Saturday, January 16:*

*9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*Sunday, January 17 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee:*

*8:30am – the repose of the soul of +Ellen Lukey*

*10:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners*

*5:00pm – in memory for the repose of the soul of +Nestor Ficzyz*



**ST. STEPHEN CHARITABLE  
COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES &  
ORGANIZATIONS**

**Charity Subcommittee:** Coordinate and market the efforts of all parish charitable activity.

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn  
587-891-9898;

<eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com>

**Inn From The Cold:** Monthly provides food & shelter for Calgary's homeless.

Contact: Ambrose Comchi

403-220-9624; <awc@shaw.ca>

**Pass It On:** Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary.

Contact: Theresa Lewchuk

403-208-0850; <lewchukt@hotmail.com>

**Men's Dinner:** Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavours.

Contact: Greg Bobyn

403-271-0011; <greg.bobyn@mnpc.ca>

**The Helping Others Network:**

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

Contact: Des Peplinski

403-238-0804; <dlp238@shaw.ca>

**Art Committee:** discusses religious artwork for parish.

Contact: Jim Ochitwa

<jim.ochitwa@maryngroup.com>

**UCWLC:** Responds to parish and community needs through volunteerism, pastoral works, Ukrainian culture & aid.

Contact: Stacey Bobyn

403-860-2185

<sbobyn1@telusplanet.net>

**Knights of Columbus:** Provide financial aid & support for members and their families, and help the sick, needy and disabled in our parish, city and abroad.

Contact: David McMillan

<s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com>






**Plus 50 Club:** Provides social interaction for parish seniors, promotes Ukrainian cultural events, and raises funds for the parish.

Contact: Ed Tysowski

403-547-3226; <tysow@shaw.ca>

# JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Sunday After Theophany; Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletena</b>	<b>Post-Feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenoebitic Monastic Life (529)</b>	<b>Post-Feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Tatiana</b>	<b>Post-Feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Hermogenes (313-319)</b>
<b>10 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY / ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	<b>13</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Bible Study
<b>17 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE</b> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. <b>SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Playdate 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class  <b>INN FROM THE COLD</b>	<b>20 MONDAY</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study
<b>24 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</b> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>25</b> No Divine Liturgy	<b>26</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Group Luncheon and Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	<b>27 TUESDAY</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Bible Study
<b>31 SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE</b> 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>01</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>02 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD</b> 9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Festal Divine Liturgy	<b>03 WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Bible Study Set-up for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Feast of Theophany; Holy Martyrs Cyril and Stratonice (324)</b>	<b>Leaving-taking of the Feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Fathers Massacred in Sinai and Rhaithu (370); the Repose of the Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of Georgia</b>	<b>Our Venerable Fathers Paul of Thebes (312-37) and John the Hut-Dweller (465-74)</b>	<b>The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and Illustrious Apostle Peter</b>
am Divine Liturgy am Adult Language Class	<b>14</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Calgary Deanery Meeting 1:00 pm Light Weigh Program Orientation 7:00 pm UCWLC General Meeting 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting	<b>15</b>  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Meeting & Playdate 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>IN FROM THE COLD</b> am Divine Liturgy am Adult Language Class am Property Management Committee Meeting	<b>21</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:30pm Men's Dinner Committee Meeting	<b>22</b>  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers
am Divine Liturgy am Adult Language Class	<b>28</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:30pm Men's Dinner Committee Meeting	<b>29</b>  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/Sorokousty 5:00 pm Vespers  <b>Removal of Christmas Decorations</b>
am Divine Liturgy am Adult Language Class <b>o for Men's Dinner</b>	<b>04</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy  <b>Set-up for Men's Dinner</b>	<b>05</b>  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview  <b>Men's Dinner 2016</b>	<b>06</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy No Vespers

**Prayer & Support Group:** Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.  
Contact: Marilyn Comchi  
403-220-9624;  
<marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>

**Support Network:** Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.  
Contact: Marilyn Comchi  
403-220-9624  
<marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>

**International Trust Fund:** Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.  
Contact: Steve Groch  
403-239-4699; <swgctc@aol.com>

**Family Support Trust Fund:** Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to parishioners in need.  
Contact: Eugene Woychishyn  
587-891-9898;  
<eugene.woychishyn@gmail.com>

**Calgary Pro-Life Association:** Raises funds for educational awareness programs.  
Contact: John Siroishka  
403-271-2128;  
<johnsiroishka@shaw.ca>

**Snowflakes for Zambia:** Raises funds to build schools for orphaned/at risk children in developing countries.  
Contact: Jeanette O'Reilly  
403-826-5481  
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**Parish Library:** A great place to borrow great books about our faith.  
Contact: Olga Kizlyk-Scarpari  
<ststephens.library@gmail.com>

**ARK Store:** Looking for the perfect religious item? Check it out at the entrance to our hall. Open most Sunday mornings after Liturgy.  
Contact: Donna Chelack  
403-764-0811 <dchelack@shaw.ca>

## LITURGICAL HELP

### **Mothers and Fathers in Action**

**(M.A.F.I.A.):** A group for parents and little ones from 'in utero' to Preschool.

Contact: Zenon Berg

<zenonberg@gmail.com>

**Sunday School:** A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children.

Contact: Lynsey Lowey

<lklowey@hotmail.com>

### **First Solemn Communion (FSC):**

Sacramental Classes for children around GRADE 2 who are ready to approach for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.

Contact: Kathrine Strashok

<kathrine@strashok.com>

### **Children of Mary & Altar Servers:**

Elementary school children who have completed their FSC, are encouraged to get involved by serving at the Altar, learning, playing and growing together.

Contact: Dan Oryschak

<Daniel.Oryschak@gmail.com>

**Junior Youth & Senior Youth:** This is an active group of Jr. & Sr. High School students who work, play and grow together in Christ.

Contact: Dan Oryschak

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**Young Adults:** Those aged 18 - 35 are encouraged to gather as a community and learn, embrace and celebrate their faith.

Contact: Dan Oryschak

<Daniel.Oryschak@gmail.com>

**Adult Catechism (RCIA):** This program is open to Adults and Teens who want to receive the sacraments or just understand the faith.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

<fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com>

**Bible Study:** On many Mondays we study our faith through Sacred Scripture. Join us.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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### **EPISTLE READERS**

8:30am - Myron Gellela

10:30am - Linda Woitas

5:00pm - Cynthia Tremblay

### **HOSTS/USHERS**

8:30am - Myron & Larysa Gellela Family

10:30am - Clayton & Linda Woitas Family

**ROSARY** (10:00am): Allan Oryschak

**ARK STORE - OPEN:** Ritchie Family

## PRAYER & CATECHESIS

**GREAT VESPERS:** on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 5:00pm. We invite all to join in these beautiful evening prayers.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATECHESIS CLASS:**

**Class resume today** from 10:00am - 10:25am in the classroom, for all children grades 2 -6 who have completed their First Solemn Communion.

**FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION:** classes **begin today**, at 9:00am. Please meet in the Knights room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** classes **resume today** at 10:30am in the classrooms.

**BIBLE STUDY:** will **resume on Monday**, Jan. 11 at 7:00pm in the hall. All are welcome!

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE:** for all parents who are wanting to have their child (ren) baptised in the coming months, the next course will be on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Please register through the parish office <stephens\_office@shaw.ca>.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** for all couples who are planning to be married in 2016 or early 2017 (and hopefully have already spoken with Fr. Mark), the course will take place Friday evening, Feb. 19, Saturday, Feb. 20 and culminating on Sunday, Feb. 21. Please register by emailing the parish office at <stephens\_office@shaw.ca>.

## PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

**REFUGEE COMMITTEE MEETING:** on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** will be on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7:00pm.

### **ADULT UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES:**

The winter session of Ukrainian classes will commence on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 for the Beginners level and Wednesday, January

13, 2016 for advanced level students. For registration or more information, contact Deborah Johnson 403-201-6225 or e-mail <lornejn@telusplanet.net>.

**LIGHT WEIGH PROGRAM:** session Orientation meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 1:00pm in the boardroom. For information contact Arlene at 403-246-0633 or <arlenejfranko@gmail.com>.

**UCWLC GENERAL MEETING:** on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:00pm.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th DEGREE MEETING:** will be on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:00pm.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3rd DEGREE MEETING:** will be on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 8:00pm.

**M.A.F.I.A. MEETING AND PLAYDATE:** on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 10:00am in the hall.

**SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE:** next collection date is Sunday, Jan. 17.

**INN FROM THE COLD:** next hosting is on Tuesday, Jan. 19 (dinner at 6:30pm) and Wednesday, Jan. 20 (breakfast at 6:00am).

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

**2016 PARISHIONER DONATION ENVELOPES:** are available **until the last Sunday in January** for pick-up in the atrium, for both registered weekly and PAD donors (in alphabetical order). If you do not have an assigned number, please pick up a set of unassigned envelopes, complete a parishioner registration form for either a full set or the PAD special envelopes only (#500s) and place it in the envelope provided.

**UCWLC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2016:** The fee is \$25.00 for both new members and renewals. The fee can be paid in the atrium after any Sunday Divine Liturgy in January. If you have plans to be away please pay your dues before leaving. This would be greatly appreciated. Thank you ladies for the renewals and welcome to the new members.

**FAMILY SOROKOUSTY RECORDS:** In advance of the Lenten season and before the first Sorokousty service (Saturday, Jan. 30th at 9:00am), parish families are encouraged to review their existing listing of names of those to be remembered. Please contact the parish office to review your family's list, or to create a new one. As Sorokousty is a special remembrance of your departed relatives and friends, every effort should be made to attend these services.

**THANK YOU:** to all the very generous St. Stephen's Choir members for their Christmas *Inn from the Cold* project, which resulted in a donation of 45 back packs, some tote bags, many socks, various other clothing items, and toiletries.

- Ambrose Comchi, IFTC Co-ordinator



### MEN'S DINNER SILENT AUCTION – Did you know the St. Stephen's Men's

Dinner is our parish's major fundraiser? We need your help with donations for the evening's silent auction. We are looking for donations of new items such as electronics, sporting equipment, themed gift baskets, framed artwork and gift cards. Please contact Mike Siroishka (403-990-8299) or Dave Ewanchyna (403-560-4003) to learn how you can help make this event a success.



- Men's Dinner Auction Committee

### PARISH SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN FAMILY - UPDATE

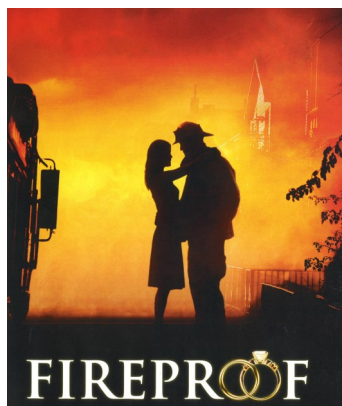
Over the past 2 weeks the Oubed family has been living with the Kennedy family in their home. The Kennedy's and others have helped Samer and Katrin meet with various organizations daily to begin the settlement process, while the boys enjoy tobogganing and winter fun! Meanwhile with significant effort from many parishioners we have assembled furniture, household goods, food, cleaning supplies, computers and moved the Oubeds into their new apartment. Thanks to all of you for your time, money, effort and Christian love for others.

The Oubeds are now focused on getting sons George and Hanna settled into their new school on Monday and learning about their new community. Samer is also preparing his resumé as we hope to help him find work in the financial management industry.

Thanks to everyone who got involved on short notice over the Holiday season to make so much happen for the Oubeds. They will be attending St. Basil's (Melkite) Parish who celebrate here every Sunday afternoon so we will all have a chance to get to know them over time.

Further updates will be forthcoming. For additional information please contact:

Mark Ewanchyna: 403.880.0905 or Greg Bobyn: 403.973.0101



### This Valentine's Day Weekend Ignite Your Marriage

With a Romantic and Spiritual "Dinner and a Movie" Retreat for Married Couples.

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> here in our parish.

More details to come.

Would you like to help with this event? See Fr. Bo

To the parents of our young children may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. But do prevent them from kicking people in the pews.

Sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear.

Quietly explain the parts of the Liturgy to your children.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviours by copying you.

If you need to leave Liturgy with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. You can also take advantage of the "cry room".

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, to God and to Christ. Let them know that they are at home in this sacred space.

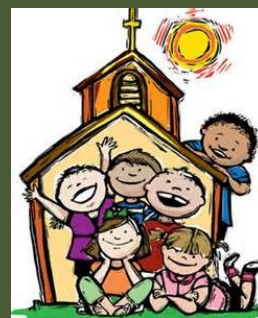
We love pew art! Please use the blank papers and colouring sheets provided in the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for your child to draw us some beautiful art. We can hang them on our parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.

Do your best to attend Liturgy on time.

In fact we'd love it if you would come up to the priests before service and give them a "high five". When kids know the priest they feel more comfortable.

To the members of our parish...

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.





At St. Stephen Protomartyr we know that we are not perfect, but we strive to grow closer to God in all that we do.

Our faith is Christ-Centered, saturated with sacred scripture, holy Tradition, authentic, profound, and ancient - yet completely relevant.

As a community we understand that we must know, love and serve God and all people in order to become balanced and complete. This call to profound personal intimacy is beautiful and real; both solemn and joyful at the same time.

What's a Byzantine - Ukrainian Catholic Church?

Byzantine Christians are those whose traditions, theology and spirituality flow from the early Church in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Most Eastern Christians are commonly called Orthodox.

Byzantine Catholics are those who proudly maintain their rich Eastern (Orthodox) liturgical, spiritual and theological ways, and yet are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We recognize the leadership of the Pope of Rome, but are not ourselves Roman Catholic.

Our liturgical life is rich with meaning and actions, that speak to our whole beings. Much of our worship remains unchanged from that of our Fathers and Mothers of the early centuries of Christianity.

At St. Stephen Protomartyr, ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME who wish to live a Christian and Catholic way of life, regardless of their ethnic, economic, history or any other backgrounds. We are part of God's Holy Church, here to joyfully lead the life taught by the Risen Christ, reaching out with love and proclaiming His word to all people for the glory of God.

If you are spiritually hungry, and if you are looking for a vibrant community to grow with, we welcome you to check us out at <protomartyr.ca> or visit us in person. We look forward to getting to know you.



## BLESSING OF HOMES

Every priest has their own style and ritual for a blessing of a home; but the essence is the same - to dedicate the family and dwelling into a living temple for the Lord. Call Fr. Mark or Fr. Bo to book your house blessing.



**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
**MALANKA**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016**

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**Cocktails: 6:00pm    Dinner: 7:00pm**  
**Tickets: \$65.00/Person or**  
**Reservations only for tables of 8 or 10: \$520/\$650**

**Last chance to get your Malanka tickets**  
 and ensure your seat at the table and spot on the dance floor.  
**To reserve your tickets for a delicious meal and a fun evening call:**  
 Ed T. 403-547-3226 or Harry K. 403-238-1774 or Ed D. 403-239-0871

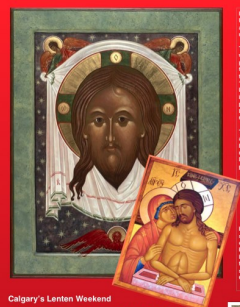
Sponsored by St. Stephen's Plus 50 Group.

**Many Exciting weekends, programs and events are lined up for the next few months.**

## CHECK OUT THE POSTERS IN THE ATRIUM TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON



**YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT**  
**ICON WRITING WORKSHOP**  
 For students in Junior & Senior High.  
 5pm Fri. March 4 - 8pm Sun. March 6, 2016



Calgary's Lenten Weekend  
**ICON WRITING WORKSHOP**  
 Fri. March 11 - Sun. March 13, 2016  
 approximately 10 am till 8 pm each day

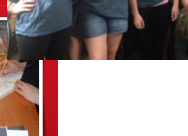
More info can be found at: [www.protomartyr.ca](http://www.protomartyr.ca)

Icons are images of Christ and His saints that teach us about, and challenge us to, deeper spiritual lives.

This interactive, practical weekend retreat workshop will allow all participants to complete a traditional Byzantine "egg tempera" icon of Christ Pantocrator (see image to the right) and will receive us closer to Christ this Lent.

This weekend retreat will be facilitated by Fr. St. Basil, who is in addition to being a married Ukrainian Catholic priest with three children, has been writing spiritual letters since 1990 and producing youth retreats since the 1990's.

To register please contact the parish office at (403) 248-0418 or by email: [stephens\\_office@ststephens.ca](mailto:stephens_office@ststephens.ca)



Are you ready and willing to begin a **Spiritual Journey this Lent?**

"Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ."

Join our **BIBLE STUDY** as we start looking at the Gospel of Matthew.

We begin this new section of Holy Scripture on Monday February 8th (the first day of Lent), at 7pm, and continue most Mondays till June.



Bible Study: It's free. It's fun. It's profound. ...and it's kinda necessary for Salvation. ...and the cookies aren't bad either.