



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JANUARY 17 - 2016

## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

**Our Venerable and God-Bearing Father Anthony the Great**

### *Troparia 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.

*Troparion:* By your life you imitated the zealous Elias and by following straight paths you emulated the Baptist, John. O Father Anthony, you peopled the desert and strengthened the world by your prayers; intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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

*Kontakion:* You rejected earthly worries and finished your life in silence imitating the Baptist in every way and so with him we honour you, O Anthony, most venerable, first of the Fathers.

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Kontakion:* Let us bring sighs of sorrow to the Lord as did the Publican and approach the Master as sinners, for He desires salvation for everyone. He grants forgiveness to all who repent. For as God, the One-who-is, co-eternal with the Father, He became flesh for us.

### *Prokeimenon*

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in you. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

*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. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

### *Epistle*

2 Timothy 3:10-15

**T**imothy, my son, Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**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:* God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me. Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*verse:* Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### *Gospel*

Luke 18:10-14

**T**he Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and began to pray thus within himself:

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403 685-9001

### **For Pastoral Emergencies:**

403-249-4818, press 9

### **Email:**

<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:

Fr. Mark A. Bayrock  
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Fr. Bo (Bohdan) Nahachewsky  
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### Deacons:

Deacon John Doll (retired)  
Deacon Richard Nibogie (retired)

### Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate:

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## PARISH OFFICE

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Director, Parish Centre Management  
403-615-9561  
<blebernak@gmail.com>

## HALL KITCHEN

403-249-4818, ext. 204

'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, robbers, dishonest, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all I possess.' But the Publican, standing far off, would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went back to his home justified rather than the other; for anyone who exalts himself shall be humbled,

and anyone who humbles himself shall be exalted."

### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



### What's the buzz in the news recently about Catholic Schools, the Government, Bishop Henry and the LGBT guidelines?

This past Wednesday (Jan 13) Bishop Henry, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Calgary, wrote a letter in response to the government's (Alberta Education's) new guidelines for transgender policies. Bishop Henry basically said that the guidelines are trying to force the Catholic Schools to deal with transgendered persons in a non-Catholic (secular) way which is not acceptable. The media (who's job it is to make news interesting) stirred the pot and tried, sometimes successfully, to get people emotionally charged about it. In the end many people were given the (false) impression that Bishop Henry and the Catholic Community is anti LGBT.

The reality is that as Catholics we teach that all people are made in the image of God and deserve respect and dignity. Our Schools and Churches already have policies in place that protect the dignity of all people including the LGBT community. We also teach that chastity is necessary for all people; straight, gay, married or single. One's sexual orientation is never a sin, but unchaste sexual behavior is, regardless of one's orientation.

Bishop Henry fears that "Gay Straight Alliances", as mandated by these guidelines, are tools that can be used to legitimize all sexual activity, which is contrary to Catholic Church teachings.

Below are a couple excerpts from Bishop Henry's letter. The full letter can be found on the Roman Catholic Diocese's website at this address:

<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/messages-from-the-bishop/1367-pastoral-letter.html>

*"The Alberta Government "Guidelines" issued on January 13th show no evidence of consultation with or sensitivity to the Catholic community. They breathe pure secularism."*

*"Our Catholic schools are committed to supporting inclusive communities that teach care and compassion for every person, regardless of age, race, sex, gender or sexual orientation, and require that every person be treated with dignity and respect."*

*"GSAs and QSAs are highly politicized ideological clubs which seek to cure society of "homophobia" and "heterosexism," and which accept the idea that all forms of consensual sexual expression are legitimate. The view of sexuality that they espouse is not Catholic."*



# Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

The theme of this parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term *metanoia* means “change of mind.” To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others. The fault of the Pharisee is that he has no desire to change his outlook; he is complacent, self-satisfied, and so he allows no place for God to act within him. The Gospel depicts him as a man that is pleased only with himself who thinks that he has complied with all of the requirements of religion. But in his pride, he has falsified the meaning of true religion and faith. He has reduced these to external observations, measuring his piety by the amount of money he gives.

The Publican, on the other hand, truly longs for a “change of mind.” He humbles himself, and his humility justifies him before God. He becomes, in the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3), “poor in spirit.” He acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he knows that salvation is only found in the mercy of God. Here we find an example of true humility, an essential aspect of repentance. A “change of mind” and the transformation of our lives can only happen when we humble ourselves before God, acknowledge our willingness to turn from sin, and receive His grace into our lives.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.



*This description of the Pre-Lenten Sunday was taken from [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)*

## Liturgy Intentions for this week:

*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*

*- following DLiturgy: 15-yr memorial Panakhyda for the repose of the soul of +Lorraine Samoil*

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

*Monday, January 18:*

*8:00am – for the health and needs of Joe Karapinka*

*Tuesday, January 19:*

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

*Wednesday, January 20:*

*8:00am – for the successful surgery, healing and blessings for Tasha Otto*

*Thursday, January 21:*

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

*Friday, January 22:*

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

*Saturday, January 23:*

*9:00am – in memory for the repose of the soul of +Wayne Michalyshyn*

*Sunday, January 24 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son:*

*8:30am – for the successful surgery, healing and blessings for Cecile Chychrun*

*10:30am – for the health and needs of Lyall and Marilyn Carter*

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

**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


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
**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 of the Publican and the Pharisee; Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great (356)</b>	<b>Our Holy Fathers and Archbishops of Alexandria Athanasius (373) and Cyril (444)</b>	<b>Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (c. 390)</b>	<b>Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt (c. 390)</b>
<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 IN</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class  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>Pancake Breakfasts sponsored by K of C</b>	<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</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class
<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 Bible Study 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</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class  <b>Set-up</b>
<b>07 SUNDAY OF CHEESE-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>08 FIRST DAY OF LENT</b>  6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>09</b> 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Venerable and God-fearing Father Euthemius Great (473)</b>	<b>Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662); the Holy Martyr Neophytus (284-305); the Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquilas</b>	<b>The Holy Apostle Timothy; the Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628)</b>	<b>The Holy Priest-Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; the Holy Martyr Agathangel; Blessed Vincent Levonik &amp; His Twelve Companions Martyred at Pratulin (1871); Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Olimpia Bida, Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and Martyr</b>
<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 10:30am Removal of Church Christmas Decorations 5:00 pm Vespers
am Divine Liturgy am Adult Language Class  up for Men's Dinner	<b>04</b> 8:00 am Divine Liturgy  Set-up for Men's Dinner	<b>05</b>  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview  Men's Dinner 2016	<b>06</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy No Vespers
 am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy am Adult Language Class am Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 11:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Play-date 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	<b>12</b>  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 4:00 pm Prosfhora Preparation 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Tentative Youth Event	<b>13</b> 8:00 am Prosfhora Baking Group 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Meeting and Playdate 5:00 pm Vespers  Married Couples Evening Retreat and Dinner

**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 Woychyshyn  
587-891-9898;  
<eugene.woychyshyn@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  
<jhendrickson689@gmail.com>

**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>

### **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

<Daniel.Oryschak@gmail.com>

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

Contact: Dan Oryschak

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**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

<fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com>

## **LITURGICAL HELP**

### **EPISTLE READERS**

8:30am - Del Yaskiw

10:30am - Dave Wandzura

5:00pm - Christine Knights

### **HOSTS/USHERS**

8:30am - Del & Donna Yaskiw

10:30am - Dave Wandzura & Family

**ROSARY** (10:00am): Katherine Wright

**ARK STORE - OPEN:** Lewchuk Family

### **SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE:**

please place your loaves of sandwiches in the trays at the front of the church for blessing at each Divine Liturgy.

## **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:**

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 **today**, at 9:00am. Please meet in the Knights room.

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

**BIBLE STUDY:** on Monday, Jan. 18 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**

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

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

Beginner's level on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall and advanced level

students on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:30pm in the boardroom.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MEETING:** on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

**LIGHT WEIGH PROGRAM:** on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 1:00pm in the boardroom. For information contact Arlene at 403-246-0633 or <arlenejfranko@gmail.com>.

**MEN'S DINNER COMMITTEE MEETING:** on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7:30pm.

**CALGARY FRIENDS OF UCU MEETING:** on Monday, Jan. 25 at 7:00pm.

**PLUS 50 GROUP LUNCH AND MEETING:** on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 11:00am.

## **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).

### **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:** Before the first Sorokousty service (Saturday, Jan. 30th at 9:00am), parish families are encouraged to review their existing remembrance list of names. Please contact the parish office to update 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 personally attend these services.

## **COMMUNITY**

The **ASSUMPTION PARISH CHOIR, CALGARY** will be performing in a concert with AKOLADA UKRAINIAN VOCAL ENSEMBLE from Edmonton **TODAY** at 2 pm at the Assumption Parish.

### **UKRAINIAN PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS**

**ASSOCIATION OF CALGARY** Dinner Meeting: *Maximizing Your Social Media Presence* with Sarah Copeland of Social Expansion on Jan. 21, 2016, 6:30pm. Learn how to use Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social media to the advantage of your company and your career. **RSVP by Jan. 18.** Details at <www.ucpbacalgary.ca>.





## 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.

**MEN'S DINNER SILENT AUCTION** – Are you interested in helping but not sure how? A very popular silent auction item is bidding for someone's time or expertise. Are you able to offer your services in a unique way? Perhaps you are an accountant, artist, IT expert, photographer, chef, personal trainer or other expert. Contact us and we can work on crafting a very unique silent auction item: Mike Siroishka (403-990-8299) or Dave Ewanchyna (403-560-4003).



*Men's Dinner Auction Committee*



**SS PETER & PAUL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC PARISH IN LETHBRIDGE** with the support of the St. Patrick K of C Council **are celebrating their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> with a dinner, dance and auction. The celebration will be held at the Lethbridge German-Canadian Club (902-6 Street N). It will be an evening with great food, dancing and several items to bid on at the silent and live auctions. Auction items range in price from \$20 to \$2,500. Sealed bids are available for larger items; credit cards, cash and cheques accepted for all auction items. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$35 each and include one free drink ticket. You may reserve your dinner tickets by calling Omer Corbiere at 1-403-320-8246.



**This Valentine's Day Weekend**

### Ignite Your Marriage

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

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

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 per Couple

For tickets, please contact the Parish Office.

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 re-  
sponses. 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.*

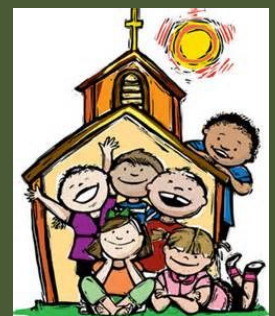
*We love pew art! Please use the blank  
papers and colouring sheets provided in  
the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for  
your child to draw us some  
beautiful art. We can hang them on our  
parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.*

*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.

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



## What kind of programming does our parish have for young people?

- **M.A.F.I.A. (Mothers and Father's In Action)** is our happy group of Young Parents with little ones. They meet regularly to play together, to socialize and to learn about our faith as it affects young families. Their next gathering is on Feb 13th. Talk to Zenon if you want more info: <zenonberg@gmail.com>
- **Sunday School** is our program for children up to grade 2. It occurs most Sundays (except long weekends) during the 10:30 Divine Liturgy. Come and join us after the Gospel.
- **First Solemn Communion (F.S.C.)**. This sacramental prep program is for students in grade 2 who are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Classes begin today at 9 am and continue till Palm Sunday.
- **Children of Mary & Altar Servers**: well...

this particular parish ministry is ready for a reboot. We hope to relaunch the program with fresh parent volunteers after Easter. If you would like to help with this important, exciting and fun ministry, please contact Fr. Bo.

- **Elementary Catechesis**: Sunday school for those who have finished their F.S.C. Sundays at 10 am in classroom #3. Come visit us for more info.
- **Youth**: Our next gathering of Jr. & Sr. High school students will be on February 12. We also are planning a big Iconography workshop weekend for the beginning of March. Check out the bulletin board for more details.
- **Young Adults**. Are you a young adult looking for an informal church group to hang out with? Contact Fr. Bo and we can make things happen.

