



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JANUARY 24 - 2016

## SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

**Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman**

### *Troparia and Kontakia*

*Troparion:* When You went down to death,  
O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with  
the blazing light of Your divinity. When You  
raised the dead from the nether world, all the  
powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life,  
Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

*Kontakion:* Foolishly have I fled from Your  
glory, O Father, wasting the wealth You gave  
me on vices. Therefore, I offer You the words  
of the Prodigal: Loving Father, I have sinned  
before You. Take me, for I repent, and make  
me as one of Your hired hands.

### *Prokeimenon*

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,  
and He has become my salvation.

*verse:* The Lord has indeed chastised me, but  
He has not delivered me to death.

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise,  
and He has become my salvation.

### *Epistle*

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

**B**rothers and Sisters, "All things are lawful  
for me," but not all things are beneficial.  
"All things are lawful for me," but I will not be  
dominated by anything. "Food is meant for  
the stomach and the stomach for food," and  
God will destroy both one and the other. The  
body is meant not for fornication but for the  
Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God  
raised the Lord and will also raise us by his  
power. Do you not know that your bodies are  
members of Christ? Should I therefore take  
the members of Christ and make them  
members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not  
know that whoever is united to a prostitute

becomes one body with her? For it is said,  
"The two shall be one flesh." But anyone  
united to the Lord becomes one spirit with  
him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person  
commits is outside the body; but the fornica-  
tor sins against the body itself. Or do you not  
know that your body is a temple of the Holy  
Spirit within you, which you have from God,  
and that you are not your own? For you were  
bought with a price; therefore glorify God in  
your body.

**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:* The Lord will hear you in the day of  
tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will  
shield you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*verse:* Lord, grant victory to the king and hear  
us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### *Gospel*

*Luke 18:10-14*

**T**he Lord told this parable: "A certain man  
had two sons. And the younger of them  
said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of  
the property that falls to me.' And he divided  
his possessions between them. And not many  
days later, the younger son gathered up all his  
wealth and traveled to a far country; and  
there he squandered his fortune in loose  
living. And after he had spent all, there came a  
severe famine over that country, and he began  
to suffer from it. And he went and joined one  
of the local landowners, who sent him to his  
fields to feed the pigs. And he longed to fill  
himself with the pods the pigs were eating,  
but no one offered to give them to him. But  
when he had come to his senses, he said,

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2:00pm - 6:00pm  
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403-249-4818, press 0

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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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### Deacons:

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

### Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate:

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## PARISH OFFICE

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## HALL KITCHEN

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'How many hired men in my father's house have bread in abundance, while I am perishing with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.' And he got up and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came close to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the

servants he asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.' But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to beg him. But he answered and said to his father, 'Look, these many years I have been serving you, and have never disobeyed any of your orders; and yet, you have never given me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours comes, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you have killed for him the fattened calf!' But he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours; but -we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life; he was lost, and is found.'"

### Communion Hymn

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



**R**embrandt's final word is given in his monumental painting of the Return of the Prodigal Son. Here he interprets the Christian idea of mercy with an extraordinary solemnity, as though this were his spiritual testament to the world. It goes beyond the works of all other Baroque artists in the evocation of religious mood and human sympathy. The aged artist's power of realism is not diminished, but increased by psychological insight and spiritual awareness. Expressive lighting and colouring and the magic suggestiveness of his technique, together with a selective simplicity of setting, help us to feel the full

impact of the event. The main group of the father and the Prodigal Son stands out in light against an enormous dark surface. Particularly vivid are the ragged garment of the son, and the old man's sleeves, which are ochre tinged with golden olive; the ochre colour combined with an intense scarlet red in the father's cloak forms an unforgettable colouristic harmony. The observer is roused to a feeling of some extraordinary event. The son, ruined and repellent, with his bald head and the appearance of an outcast, returns to his father's house after long wanderings and many vicissitudes. He has wasted his heritage in foreign lands and has sunk to the condition of a swineherd. His old father, dressed in rich garments, as are the assistant figures, has hurried to meet him before the door and receives the long-lost son with the utmost fatherly love.

<[http://www.rembrandtpainting.net/rembrandt's\\_prodigal\\_son.html](http://www.rembrandtpainting.net/rembrandt's_prodigal_son.html)>



January 19, 2016

### **ACSTA Statement in Response to Guidelines for Best Practices**

"ACSTA (Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association) reaffirms that all Catholic schools in Alberta have been and will continue to be inclusive, welcoming, safe and caring environments.

Guided and grounded by our faith, every child is seen as a precious and unique child of God deserving of individualized love and attention to reach their full God-given potential.

The ACSTA appreciates the leadership of Catholic school boards, Catholic school divisions/authorities, and the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) in the development and implementation of overarching Safe & Caring school policies, strong anti-bullying policies and the *LIFE Framework (Lived Inclusion for Everyone)* document which have long ensured that all students, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, etc. are treated with equal respect and dignity.

ACSTA reaffirms the rights of parents and/or guardians as primary educators to make informed choices for their child/children.

ACSTA reaffirms the responsibility and the role of the Alberta Catholic Bishops to provide moral and theological leadership to the Catholic community including Catholic education communities.

ACSTA reaffirms its commitment to work with Alberta Education and regrets Alberta Education's lack of consultation during the development of the Guidelines for Best Practices resource material.

ACSTA is confident that all Catholic School Boards will continue (as has been their foundational practice and moral imperative) to be responsive to the individual needs of all their students-without exception!"

"The ACSTA has 24 member boards, representing 412 schools in Alberta, serving over 160,000 students.

For more information or to speak with an ACSTA representative please contact ACSTA at 780-484-6209.

To the Clergy of the Edmonton Eparchy:

Христос Раждається! Christ is Born!

Dear brothers in the Lord,

Further to the question of Catholic schools as inclusive communities, I am forwarding the recent press release from the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA) which, I understand, was drafted with guidance from our Catholic bishops.

З Богом!

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Very Rev. Stephen Wojcichowsky

Chancellor and Vicar General

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton

9645 - 108 Avenue

Edmonton, AB

## **Liturgy Intentions for this week:**

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

*8:30am – for the successful surgery, healing and blessings for Cecile Chy-chrun*

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

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

*Monday, January 25:*

*No Divine Liturgy*

*Tuesday, January 26:*

*8:00am – for the health and needs of Orest Sachkiw*

*Wednesday, January 27:*

*8:00am – for a happy retirement and blessings for Fr. Brian Hubka*

*Thursday, January 28:*

*8:00am – for the recovery and healing of Ron Gnyra*

*Friday, January 29:*

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

*Saturday, January 30:*

*9:00am – Sorokousty - in memory for the repose of the souls of the deceased*

*Sunday, January 31 – Sunday of Meat-Fare:*

*8:30am – for blessings for Bill Kennedy for his work with the Syrian refugee family*

*10:30am – in memory for the repose of the souls of the +Swidzinski family*

*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  |
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| <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman</b>   | <b>Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (390)</b>  | <b>Our Venerable Father Xenophon and His Wife Maria</b>  | <b>The Precious Blood of Our Father Saints</b>   |
| <b>24 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</b><br>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr.<br>9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class<br>10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis<br>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng.<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy<br>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.<br><br><b>Pancake Breakfasts sponsored by K of C</b> | <b>25</b><br>No Divine Liturgy<br>9:00 am Perogie Workbee - Part 1 (Prep)<br>7:00 pm Calgary Friends of UCU Meeting  | <b>26</b><br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>9:00 am Perogie Workbee - Part 2 (Pinching)<br>11:00 am Plus 50 Group Luncheon and Meeting<br>7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class | <b>27</b><br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class   |
| <b>31 SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE</b><br>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr.<br>9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class<br>10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis<br>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng.<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy<br>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.   | <b>01</b><br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  | <b>02 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD</b><br>9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Festal Divine Liturgy  | <b>03</b><br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class<br><br><b>Set-up for Lent</b> |
| <b>07 SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE</b><br>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr.<br>9:00 am First Solemn Communion Class<br>10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis<br>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng.<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy<br>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.   | <b>08 FIRST DAY OF LENT</b><br><br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting | <b>09</b><br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class<br>7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  | <b>10</b><br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy<br>6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class<br>7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting      |
| <b>14 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr.<br>10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis<br>10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. (Children's Homily)<br>1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy<br>5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.  | <b>15 FAMILY DAY</b><br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy   | <b>16</b><br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class<br><br><b>Inn From The Cold</b>   | <b>17</b><br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy<br>6:30 pm Adult Beginner Language Class<br>7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting      |

| WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
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| Transfer of the<br>ous Relics (438) of<br>ather among the<br>John Chrysostom  | Our Venerable Father<br>Ephrem the Syrian (373)  | The Three Holy And<br>Great Hierarchs: Basil<br>The Great, Gregory The<br>Theologian And John<br>Chrysostom  | Saturday before Meatfare:<br>All Souls Saturday  |
| am Divine Liturgy<br>am Adult Language<br>Class   | <b>28</b><br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>1:00 pm LightWeigh<br>Program<br>7:30pm Men's Dinner<br>Committee Meeting   | <b>29</b> <br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>at Westview  | <b>30</b><br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>w/Sorokousty<br>10:30am Removal of<br>Church Christmas<br>Decorations<br>5:00 pm Vespers  |
| am Divine Liturgy<br>am Cabbage Roll<br>Workbee<br>am Adult Language<br>Class<br>p for Men's Dinner   | <b>04</b><br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>1:00 pm LightWeigh<br>Program<br><br>Set-up for Men's Dinner                | <b>05</b> <br>8:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>at Westview<br><br><b>MEN'S DINNER<br/>FUNDRAISER</b>                              | <b>06</b><br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>No Vespers  |
| <br>am Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy<br>am Adult Language<br>Class<br>am Choir Practice w/<br>Open House                                | <b>11</b><br>10:00 am M.A.F.I.A.<br>Playdate<br>1:00 pm LightWeigh<br>Program<br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy | <b>12</b> <br>10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>at Westview<br>4:00 pm Prospora<br>Preparation<br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Youth Event | <b>13</b><br>8:00 am Prospora Baking<br>Group<br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 am M.A.F.I.A.<br>Meeting and Playdate<br>5:00 pm Vespers<br><br><b>"FIREPROOF"<br/>Married Couples<br/>Evening Retreat and<br/>Dinner</b> |
| <br>n From The Cold<br>am Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy<br>am Adult Language<br>Class<br>am Property<br>Management<br>Committee Meeting | <b>18</b><br>1:00 pm LightWeigh<br>Program<br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy                                    | <b>19</b> <br>10:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>at Westview<br>6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified<br>Liturgy   | <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>w/Sorokousty<br>5:00 pm Vespers<br><br><b>MARRIAGE<br/>PREPARATION<br/>WEEKEND</b>  |

**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>

## 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

<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

<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

<fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com>

### **EPISTLE READERS**

8:30am - Gerald Strashok

10:30am - Annette Kozicki

5:00pm - Jay Lalach

### **HOSTS/USHERS**

8:30am - Gerald Strashok & Family

10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki

**ROSARY** (10:00am): Randy Ritchie

**ARK STORE - OPEN:** Chubaty Family

**PANCAKE BREAKFASTS TODAY:** hosted by our gentlemen Knights of Columbus after each of the morning Divine Liturgies. Come enjoy!

## PRAYER & CATECHESIS

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

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

### **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.

**NO DIVINE LITURGY on Monday, Jan 25.**

**BIBLE STUDY: no session** on Monday, Jan. 25. Sessions resume on Monday, Feb. 1.

**GREAT VESPERS:** on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 5:00pm. We invite all to join in these beautiful evening prayers.

**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.

**SOROKOUSTY SERVICE (Remembrance of the Deceased):** will be held with the 9:00am Divine Liturgy on each of the following Saturdays: January 30; February 20 and 27 March 5 and May 21

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD:** on Tuesday, Feb. 2 with Festal Divine Liturgies at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

**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>.

**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>.

## PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

**UCWLC PEROGIE WORKBEES:** on Monday, Jan. 25 (prep) and Tuesday, Jan. 26 (pinching) at 9:00am in the kitchen.

**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.

### **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.

**LIGHT WEIGH PROGRAM:** on Thursday, Jan. 28 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. 28 at 7:30pm in the boardroom.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** on Monday, Feb. 1 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

### **2015 PARISHIONER DONATION TAX**

**RECEIPTS:** are available for pick-up in the atrium. Please help us save postage by not having to mail these to you. Thank you.

**UCWLC 2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** The fee is \$25.00 (both new members and renewals) and can be paid in the atrium after any Sunday Divine Liturgy in January. Thank you renewing members and welcome to the new members.

## COMMUNITY

**SADOCHOK OPEN HOUSE:** Feb. 3, 5pm - 7pm at St. Vladimir's 404 Meredith Rd NE. Sadochok is Calgary's only accredited Ukrainian bilingual preschool. Contact: 403-264-3437 or <www.ukrainianpreschool.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 able to donate to our parish's major fundraiser? We are looking for donations of new items such as electronics, sporting equipment, themed gift baskets, framed artwork and gift cards. Do you have extra loyalty points that you can use to donate an item? Can you offer your own time/expertise as an auction item? All donations are appreciated and items \$300 and greater will receive a tax receipt. Contact 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> (in our hall)  
Time: 6:00pm  
Cost: \$50.00 per Couple  
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.*

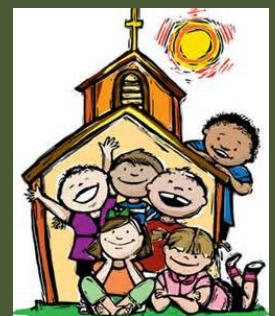
*We love pew art! Please use the blank  
papers and colouring sheets provided in  
the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for  
your child to draw us some  
beautiful art. We can hang them on our  
parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.*

*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.

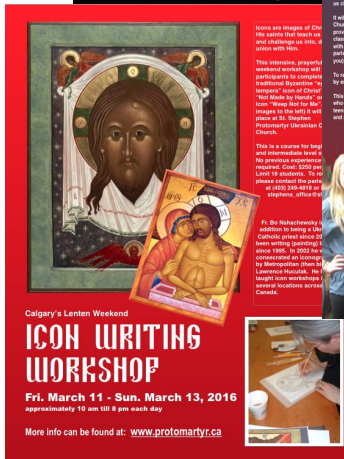
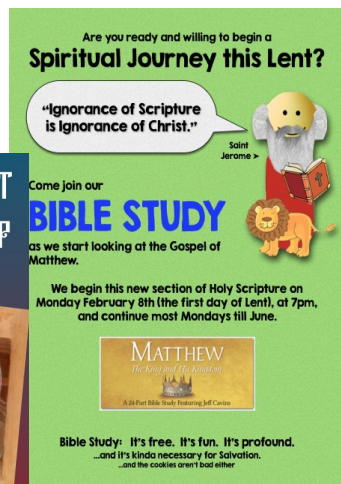
Our liturgical life is rich with meaning and actions, that speak to our whole beings. Much of our worship remains unchanged from that of our Fathers and Mothers of the early centuries of Christianity.

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.

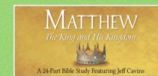
Many Exciting weekends, programs and events are lined up for the next few months.

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



Come 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.

are you, the lifting up my hands as an offering sacrifice."

Join us every weekday of Lent Feb 8 through March 22 at 6pm for Liturgy of the

**Presanctified Gifts**



St. Stephen's choir welcomes all parishioners to a choir "Open House" on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. This evening is dedicated to those who may be interested in joining

the choir or are simply choir fans. The evening will consist of a little singing, sharing of a few ideas and lots of fun. An informal reception will be provided.



"He's here to hit the high notes."