

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

THE REPOSE OF OUR VENERABLE FATHER CONSTANTINE THE PHILOSOPHER, IN THE MONASTIC LIFE CYRIL, TEACHER OF THE SLAVS (869); AND OUR VENERABLE FATHER AUXENTIUS (457-74); AND THE VENERABLE MARON THE WONDERWORKER AND HERMIT

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion: We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: by coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy.

Troparion: From your childhood you befriended wisdom, O God-inspired Cyril. Behold her as a pure virgin all radiant you took her as a brie for yourself, and as with beads of gold she adorned your mind and soul. O blessed Cyril, like your namesake of Alexandria we have found you wise in name and truth.

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

Kontakion: With teaching that was sound and divinely inspired you enlightened the world as with luminous rays. Flashing like lightning and surrounding the world you scattered the radiant word of God in the west, the north, and the southern lands, bringing light to the world with your wonders, O blessed Cyril.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God, and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory, He suffused it with the beauty of God. Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word, we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided

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

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Deacon Richard Nibogie (retired)

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something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name. They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

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

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the One of Whom

Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see," Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him and said of him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to Him, "Where do you know me from?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him and said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God, You are the King of Israel." Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. Greater things than these shall you see." And He said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Hymn to the Mother of God

O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider that all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

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

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he meeting between Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill

is important for a number of reasons and we should pray that it be guided by the Holy Spirit. For Christians and all people of good will it is a welcome sight when estranged brothers take a new first step towards each other. The separation between Christian Churches and denominations is the greatest scandal among the followers of Christ, one that undermines the witness of all Christians. It reflects an ignorance of Christ's prayer on the eve of His Passion (Jn 17:21 "that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You!")

The meeting in Havana should be neither hyperbolised nor underestimated. It is historic: an encounter of church leaders, who are emblematic characters in an asymmetric relationship with many paradoxes and nuances. No Church has a monopoly on the virtues, nor on the vices. In God's eyes a Church's qualities are not necessarily a question of quantity. But the two hierarchs come with different legacies. Francis is the leader of a billion Catholics and is the single most respected moral authority in the world. He is meeting the head of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), still limping from a century of persecution, still looking for its moral voice in post-Soviet Russian society.

Many internal observers say that in the Putin years the leadership of the ROC, increasingly wedded to state power, has sacrificed its freedom and undermined its prophetic vocation while receiving lucrative government support. Today, Patriarch Kirill's civic standing in the Russian population is much lower than that of Vladimir Putin. The role in society of the ROC is rather marginal. Sunday liturgical participation among the Orthodox in Russia is less than 2%, lower than that in the most secularised countries of the West, while abortion, divorce and alcoholism rates are among the highest in the world, not to mention the corruption at every level in every institution in Russian society. While critical of moral problems in the West, Kirill, the ROC, and Vladimir Putin have not had much success in promoting a Christian world view or way of life in Russia.

While Pope Francis' ecclesial mandate in the Catholic communion and his social role in the world are manifest Patriarch Kirill represents just part of the global Orthodox community struggling to establish unity. He has been in an lasting dialectic with the Patriarchate of Constantinople over influence in the Orthodox communion, making shaky and modest the outlook for the first Pan-Orthodox Council in centuries, now scheduled for June of this year.

The ROC presents itself as the biggest Orthodox Church. But approximately half of the flock claimed by the ROC is in Ukraine. Ever more vocally Ukrainian Orthodox are expressing their desire for real ecclesial independence from Moscow whence war is being waged against them. In fact there may be more practicing Orthodox in Ukraine than in Russia. An autocephalous and united Ukrainian Orthodox Church would probably be the most numerous one in world Orthodoxy, something both Putin and Kirill are striving to prevent at all costs. The asymmetry of the encounter between pope and patriarch—who they represent and what they stand for—needs to be understood in order to avoid misconstruing the nature and impact of the Havana rendezvous.

The encounter does have serious ecumenical import and potential, but it should be remembered that significant and more substantive meetings between pope and patriarch have occurred long ago. The groundbreaking meeting between Pope Paul IV and the Patriarch of Constantinople Athenagoras I in 1674 led to the mutual lifting of mutual 900-year-old anathemas. Over the last half century Popes St. John Paul II, Benedict and Francis have regularly met with the senior Orthodox Patriarchs—the Patriarchs of Constantinople—in Rome and Istanbul and Jerusalem, if not in Cuba.

This brings us to the significance of the location. The Pope is demonstrating humility: he is going to the territory of the other. In the eyes of nostalgic Russians Cuba is almost home territory, a last outpost of a lost Soviet Empire that Putin explicitly is trying to reconstruct at great political expense and human cost. The Pope is travelling to Mexico – the place of his scheduled pastoral visit – and makes a stop in Cuba where the patriarch will be waiting for him. In a very real sense the Pope is going to the Patriarch. In November 2014, Francis publicly stated his unconditional readiness to meet Kirill. "I will go wherever you want. You call me and I'll go." In coming to Cuba again, after last years visit, Francis makes good his promise.

During this Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy Pope Francis is carrying everywhere the message of God's grace, solidarity, and limitless love. The visit to Mexico promises to be an emotional pastoral trip and the call for mercy will resonate throughout the entire Latin American world. Before embracing and being embraced by millions the Pope will fly to a private meeting one-on-one.

The meeting is a symbolic breakthrough which could allow for substantial steps in the future. Over the last 25 years the Russian Orthodox rejected Rome's proposals for a meeting of pope and patriarch based on objections to the revival and vitality of the Eastern Catholic Churches, especially the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Whatever these objections might be it is finally clear that they are no longer as real as once claimed. The fact of the meeting is recognition of the fact that the Ukrainian Catholics will not simply disappear.

... Let us pray for good spiritual fruit.

Mgr. Borys Gudziak *Évêque de l'Éparchie Saint Volodymyr-le-Grand de Paris des Ukrainiens pour la France, le Bénélux et la Suisse, Head, Department of External Church Relations, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church*

Liturgical Intentions

for this week:

Sunday, February 14 – First Sunday of Lent:

8:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

10:30am – in memory for the repose of the soul of +Nestor Ficzyz

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

Monday, February 15 – Family Day:

6:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Tuesday, February 16:

6:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Wednesday, February 17:

No Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – Clergy Conference

Thursday, February 18:

6:00pm – for the health and needs of Darija Kyszka

Friday, February 19:

6:00pm – for the repose of the soul of +Ellen Lukey

Saturday, February 20:

9:00am – SOROKOUSTY Panakhyda

Sunday, February 21 – Second Sunday of Lent:

8:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

10:30am – for blessings, guidance and well-being of the Marriage Preparation couples

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@mnp.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

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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>

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WE
<p>First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy; The Repose of Our Venerable Father Constantine the Philosopher, in the monastic life Cyril, Teacher of the Slavs (869); and our Venerable Father Auxentius (457-74); and the Venerable Maron the Wonderworker and Hermit</p>	<p>The Holy Apostle Onesimus</p>	<p>The Holy Martyrs Pamphilus the Priest (c. 309) and Porphyrius and Their Companions</p>	<p>The H Martyr cruit (</p>
<p>14 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. (Children's Homily) 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.</p>	<p>15 FAMILY DAY 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class</p>	<p>17 6:30 p 7:00 p</p>
<p>21 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 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.</p> <p>MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND 10:30AM - NOON</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>23 11:00 AM Plus 50 Lunch and Meeting 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>24 6:00 p 6:30 p</p>
<p>28 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 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.</p> <p>LENTEN MISSION</p>	<p>29 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:15 pm Mission Presentation</p> <p>LENTEN MISSION</p>	<p>01 12:00 pm FSC Icon Mounting 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:15 pm Mission Presentation</p> <p>LENTEN MISSION</p>	<p>02 6:00 p 7:15 p 8:00 p</p>
<p>06 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 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.</p>	<p>07 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>08 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class 7:15 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>09 6:00 p 6:30 p 7:15 p</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Holy and Great- r Theodore the Re- (286-305)</p>	<p>Our Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome (461)</p>	<p>The Holy Apostle Archippus</p>	<p>Second Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Satur- day; Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania</p>
<p> om Adult Language Class om Property Management Committee Meeting</p>	<p>18 1:00 pm LightWeigh Program 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>19  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p> <p>MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND 7pm - 9pm</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/Sorokousty 5:00 pm Vespers</p> <p>MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND 9am DLiturgy - 4:30pm</p>
<p> om Pre-Sanctified Liturgy om Adult Language Class</p>	<p>25 1:00 pm LightWeigh Program 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>26  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Youth Event</p>	<p>27 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/Sorokousty 5:00 pm Vespers</p> <p>BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE 10am - 4pm</p>
<p> om Pre-Sanctified Liturgy om Mission Presen- tation om Choir Practice</p> <p>LENTEN MISSION</p>	<p>03 1:00 pm LightWeigh Program 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm UCWLC General Meeting 7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree</p>	<p>04  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm World Day of Prayer Service</p> <p>YOUTH LENTEN ICON RETREAT 5pm - 8pm</p>	<p>05 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/Sorokousty 5:00 pm Vespers</p> <p>YOUTH LENTEN ICON RETREAT 9am - 8pm</p>
<p> om Pre-Sanctified Liturgy om Adult Language Class om Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Babka Workbee 1:00 pm LightWeigh Program 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm KofC 4th Degree</p>	<p>11  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy</p> <p>ADULT LENTEN ICON WORKSHOP 6pm - 9pm</p>	<p>12 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Execu- tive Meeting & Play 5:00 pm Vespers</p> <p>ADULT LENTEN ICON WORKSHOP 9am - 9pm</p>

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 2nd and 3rd 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
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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
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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
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Bible Study: On many Mondays we study our faith through Sacred Scripture. Join us.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
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LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - K of C 4th Degree
10:30am - K of C 4th Degree
5:00pm - K of C 4th Degree

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - K of C 4th Degree
10:30am - K of C 4th Degree

ROSARY (10:00am): K of C 4th Degree

ARK STORE - OPEN: Dwulit Family

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2015 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS IN THE ATRIUM TODAY.

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS:

During the Great Fast (Lent), weekday morning Divine Liturgies will be replaced by evening Pre-Sanctified Liturgies at 6:00pm until Friday, March 18. **Please note: there is no liturgical service on Wednesday, Feb. 17 due to the Eparchial Clergy Conference.**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: No class today - Children's Homily. Classes resume at 10:30am Sunday Feb. 21.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATECHESIS CLASS: from 10:00am - 10:25am in the classroom.

BIBLE STUDY: next session on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

GREAT VESPERS: next on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 5:00pm. We invite all to join in these beautiful evening prayers.

FAMILY SOROKOUSTY RECORDS: 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: February 20 and 27
March 5 and May 21

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

ADULT UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES: beginner level: Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7:00pm in the boardroom, advanced level: Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30pm in the boardroom.

LIGHT WEIGH PROGRAM: on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE: next collection date is Sunday, Feb. 21.

PLUS 50 GROUP LUNCH AND MEETING: on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11:00am in the hall.

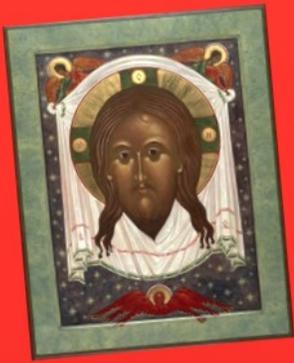
PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

PYSANKY (EASTER EGG) WRITING WORK-SHOP: Save the date! PYSANKY Open House Sunday, Feb. 28 from 2pm - 4:30pm. Bring the family and make your own pysanka for your Easter Basket! Sponsored by the UCWLC.

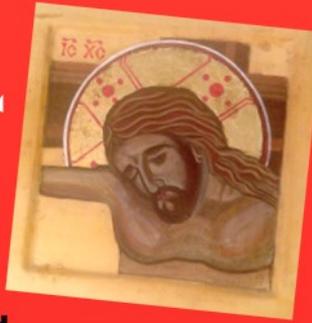
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St. Stephen's is hosting World Day of Prayer, Friday Mar. 4 at 6:00pm. This service will replace the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy for this evening. This is an annual international event involving Christians around the world, including more than 2000 communities in Canada. Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ASSUMPTION OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN PARISH, CALGARY: *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book *Hail, Holy Queen*, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! The series will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at 7pm, downstairs in the ABVM Church Hall, and continue every Wednesday evening (except for March 23 and 30 during Easter Holy Week) to June 1. This event is free and all are welcomed! To watch a trailer, visit <http://www.bibleandthevirginmary.com/#greatest-woman>.



**THIS LENT:
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**all are welcome
but space is limited**

**ADULT
ICON WRITING
WORKSHOP**

**Fri. March 11 -
Sun. March 13, 2016**

**\$250 per person,
includes all materials**

**YOUTH
ICON WRITING
WORKSHOP**

**Fri. March 4 -
Sun. March 6, 2016**

**\$75 per person,
includes all materials**

Register by calling or emailing the parish office.



2016 LENTEN MISSION

FEB. 28 - MAR. 2

Sr. Gerardine (Ger) Curran, fcJ joined the FCJ Christian Life Centre resource team in the Fall of 2015. A former teacher and principal, Ger most recently served as Counselor at the secondary high school level, helping students develop self-management skills and offering personal counseling to students. Ger is a skilled professional with over 20 years experience as a Counsellor.

LENTEN MISSION LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Feb. 28: Regular Divine Liturgies (8:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm)

Monday, Feb. 29:

- 5:00pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- 7:15pm Mission Presentation

Tuesday, Mar. 1:

- 5:00pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- 7:15pm Mission Presentation

Wednesday, Mar. 2:

- 5:00pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- 7:15pm Mission Presentation



*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.*

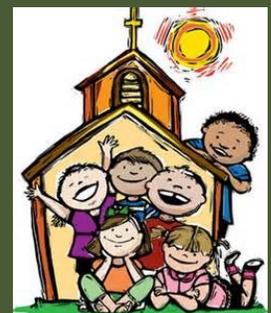
*We love pew art! Please use the blank
papers and colouring sheets provided in
the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for
your child to draw us some
beautiful art. We can hang them on our
parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.*

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.

2016 - 2017 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Every year parishioners have questions about what our Parish Pastoral Council does and how its members contribute to the parish community. Often good people who have gifts and skills that could benefit our parish miss the opportunity to use these talents in this forum of pastoral ministry because of a lack of knowledge and understanding of what is involved.

So, check out the descriptions of the PPC positions and roles that are posted on the board in the atrium and see how diverse and all-encompassing the PPC ministries serve the parish: all of the catechetical programs, social and cultural activities for all ages, financial planning and investments, charitable undertakings, facilities infrastructure, rentals, liturgical seasons, and so much more.

Talk to the current PPC members to get a fuller sense of what makes this parish work, as well as challenges that we face. Mark Ewanchyna (Chair) and Jay Lalach (Vice-Chair) can offer great insights on current and future plans.

A vibrant parish comes from vibrant people. All of us - not just a small group - make this a healthy, spiritual, caring, welcoming and fun community of God's people. There's always a place for you to share your gifts as God intended. Let's get involved!

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♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥