

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR BASIL, ASCETICAL COMPANION OF PROCOPIUS (716-40)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

Kontakion: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden; the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously. The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished, and You O my Saviour came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

Instead of Holy God, we sing:

To Your Cross, O Master,
we bow in veneration,
and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

Prokeimenon

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brothers and Sisters, we have a great high priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our

weaknesses, but we have One Who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the One Who said to Him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as He says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

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: Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of

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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the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes with the holy angels in the glory of His Father." And He said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

Hymn to the Mother of God

O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the an-

gelic 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

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord shine upon us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HEAD OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SKEPTICAL OF PAPAL-ORTHODOX DECLARATION



By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service
February 18, 2016 WASHINGTON - The joint declaration signed Feb. 12 in Cuba between Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow has met with a tepid reaction from Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, major archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. "In general it is positive," he said in a Feb. 12 interview with Ukrainian Father Ihor Yatsiv and translated from Ukrainian. "In it are raised questions, which are of concern to both

Catholics and Orthodox, and it opens new perspectives for co-operation. I encourage all to look for these positive elements. However, the points which concern Ukraine in general and specifically the (Ukrainian Church) raised more questions than answers." One positive is that the Russian Orthodox "no longer seem to object to our right to exist. In reality, in order to exist and to act, we are not obliged to ask permission from anybody," Shevchuk said. The joint declaration says that "the ecclesial communities which emerged in these historical circumstances have the right to exist" and to do what is necessary to minister to their faithful. On the other hand, he added, "this text has caused deep disappointment among many faithful of our Church and among conscientious citizens of Ukraine. Today, many contacted me about this and said that they feel betrayed by the Vatican, disappointed by the half-truth nature of this document, and even see it as indirect support by the Apostolic See for Russian aggression against Ukraine. I can certainly understand those feelings." He said, "I encourage our faithful not to dramatize this declaration and not to exaggerate its importance for Church life. We have experienced more than one such statement, and will survive this one as well." In analyzing the first meeting in at least 1,000 years between a sitting pope and the patriarch of Orthodoxy's largest branch, "one notices immediately, especially from their comments after the meeting, that the two sides existed on two completely different planes and were pursuing different goals. His Holiness Pope Francis experienced this encounter primarily as a spiritual event," the archbishop said. "From the Moscow patriarch, one immediately sensed that this wasn't about any Spirit, or theology or actual religious matters." He added: "Did these two parallel realities intersect during this

meeting? I don't know, but according to the rules of mathematics, two parallel lines do not intersect. "For a document that was intended to be not theological, but essentially sociopolitical, it is hard to imagine a weaker team than the one that drafted this text," which Shevchuk said was "beyond their capabilities." He was speaking of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, responsible for drafting the declaration, and whose members, he said, were "exploited" during the drafting process by the Russian Orthodox Department of External Affairs. "One gets the impression that the Moscow Patriarchate is either stubbornly refusing to admit that it is a party to the conflict (the separatist war in eastern Ukraine), namely, that it openly supports the aggression of Russia against Ukraine, and, by the way, also blesses the military actions of Russia in Syria as a 'holy war,' or it is appealing first of all to its own conscience, calling itself to the same prudence, social solidarity, and the active building of peace. I do not know," Shevchuk said. In the declaration, the two leaders insisted on the need to stop the persecution of Christians in the Middle East. "The very word 'conflict' is obscure here and seems to suggest to the reader that we have a 'civil conflict' rather than external aggression by a neighbouring state," the major archbishop said. Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill said in the declaration, "We deplore the hostility in Ukraine that has already caused many victims, inflicted innumerable wounds on peaceful inhabitants and thrown society into a deep economic and humanitarian crisis," and called on their churches "to refrain from taking part in the confrontation and to not support any further development of the conflict." The Ukrainian Catholic Church, which is one of 22 Eastern churches in communion with Rome and shares a spiritual and liturgical heritage with its Orthodox counterparts, "has never supported nor promoted the war. However, we have always supported and will support the people of Ukraine. We have never been on the side of the aggressor," Shevchuk said. "Our priests have never taken up arms, as opposed to what has happened on the other side. Our chaplains, as builders of peace, suffer the freezing cold together with our soldiers on the front and with their very own hands carry the wounded from the battlefield, wipe away the tears of mothers who mourn their dead children. We care for the wounded and for those who have suffered as a result of the fighting, regardless of their national origin, their religious or political beliefs," he added. "No one invited me to express my thoughts and so, essentially, as had already happened previously, they spoke about us without us, without giving us a voice," Shevchuk said. "From our experience, gained over many years, we can say that when the Vatican and Moscow organize meetings or sign joint texts, it is difficult to expect something good." But he cautioned against Ukrainian Catholics criticizing Pope Francis. "I would invite all not to rush in judging him, not to remain on the reality level of those who expect only politics from this meeting and want to exploit a humble Pope for their human plans at all costs." On the papal flight from Mexico to Rome Feb. 17, Pope Francis was asked about the major archbishop's interview. "When I read this, I was worried," said the Pope, who explained that he has known and respected Shevchuk for years. The archbishop's criticism seemed "a bit strange," he said, but when people speak, their words must be read in the context of what they are living. The Ukrainians have the experience of Russian aggression toward the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Russian support for separatist fighting in Eastern Ukraine. That experience cannot be ignored, he said. "You can understand how people in that situation feel this way," the Pope said. The archbishop's right to express his opinion must be respected, he said, "especially in this situation."



Liturgy Intentions for this week:

*Sunday, February 28 – Third Sunday
of Lent & Veneration of the Holy
Cross:*

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

*10:30am – for the repose of the soul
of +Olga Burdyk*

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

*Monday, February 29 – Lenten Mis-
sion:*

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

Tuesday, March 1 – Lenten Mission:

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

*Wednesday, March 2 – Lenten Mis-
sion:*

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

Thursday, March 3:

*6:00pm – in memory for the repose
of the soul of +Ed Sakundiak*

Friday, March 4:

*6:00pm – World Day of Prayer
Service*

Saturday, March 5:

9:00am – SOROKOUSTY Panakhyda

*Sunday, March 6 – Fourth Sunday of
Lent:*

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

*10:30am – for the repose of the soul
of +Ed Filipowich*

*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

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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

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FEBRUARY / MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Ascetical Companion of Procopius (716-40)	Our Venerable Father Casian (Commemorated every fourth year) (430-35)	The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia (98-117)	The Holy Theodora (98-117)
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. LENTEN MISSION BEGINS EASTER EGG WRITING WORKSHOP (2:00 - 4:30PM)	29 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:15 pm Lenten Mission Presentation LENTEN MISSION	01 Fr. Bo's Ordination Anniversary 12:00 pm FSC Icon Mounting 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:15 pm Lenten Mission Presentation LENTEN MISSION	02 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:15 pm Adult Beginner Language Class 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
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20 WILLOW/PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. with First Solemn Communion 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. EASTER BAKE SALE	21  8:00 am Divine Liturgy	22  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	23 H 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Priest-Martyr Photius, Bishop of Constantinople (c. 321)	The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus (286-305)	Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan (475)	Fourth Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Saturday; The Holy Martyr Conon (249-251)
 6:00 am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 8:00 am Lenten Mission Presentation 9:00 am Choir Practice LENTEN MISSION	03 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm UCWLC General Meeting 7:00 pm KofC 3rd Degree 7:30 pm Men's Dinner Committee Meeting	04  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm World Day of Prayer Service YOUTH LENTEN ICON WORKSHOP 5pm - 8pm	05 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/Sorokousty 5:00 pm Vespers YOUTH LENTEN ICON WORKSHOP 9am - 8pm
 6:00 am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 8:00 am Adult Language Class 9:00 am Choir Practice	10 9:00 am Babka Workbee 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm KofC 4th Degree	11  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy ADULT LENTEN ICON WORKSHOP 6pm - 9pm	12 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Executive Meeting & Play 5:00 pm Vespers ADULT LENTEN ICON WORKSHOP 9am - 9pm
 6:00 am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 8:00 am Adult Language Class 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Property Management Committee Meeting	17 10:30 am Calgary Deanery Meeting 1:00 pm LightWeigh Program 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	18  10:00 am Divine Liturgy at Westview 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	19 LAZARUS SATURDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am First Solemn Confessions 11:30 am FSC Luncheon 5:00 pm Vespers SET-UP FOR EASTER BAKE SALE
 HOLY WEDNESDAY 6:00 am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Anointing of the Sick 8:00 am Choir Practice	 24 HOLY THURSDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 6:00 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Twelve Gospels of the Passion of Christ 8:30 pm Confessions	 25 GOOD FRIDAY & FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION 9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy: Annunciation 1:00 pm Veneration of the Holy Shroud 7:00 pm Jerusalem Matins 8:00 pm Vigil at the Tomb	 26 HOLY SATURDAY 2:00 pm Paska Blessing in Hall 3:00 pm Vespers w/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 5:30 pm Paska Blessing in Hall 6:00 pm Nadhrobne Service by the Tomb

Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
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Support Network: Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.
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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.
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Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
Contact: John Siroishka
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Snowflakes for Zambia: Raises funds to build schools for orphaned/at risk children in developing countries.
Contact: Jeanette O'Reilly
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Parish Library: A great place to borrow great books about our faith.
Contact: Olga Kizlyk-Scarpari
<ststephens.library@gmail.com>

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

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

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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.

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

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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: Popel Family

WE WELCOME SR. GERALDINE (GER) CURRAN WHO WILL BE PRESENTING OUR LENTEN MISSION.

PYSANKY (EASTER EGG) WRITING WORKSHOP: TODAY in the parish hall from 2:00pm - 4:30pm. Bring the family and make your own pysanky for your Easter Basket!

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS:

During the Great Fast (Lent), weekday morning Divine Liturgies are replaced by Pre-Sanctified Liturgies at 6:00pm until Friday, March 18.

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

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

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

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

GREAT VESPERS: next on Saturday, Mar. 12 at 5:00pm. We invite all to join in these beautiful evening prayers.

SOROKOUSTY SERVICE (Remembrance of the Deceased): will be held with the 9:00am Divine Liturgy on each of the following Saturdays: March 5 and May 21.

FAMILY SOROKOUSTY RECORDS: Please contact the parish office to update your family's list, or to create a new one.

PARISH EVENTS

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!

LENTEN ICON WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH: see poster next page!

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

CHOIR PRACTICE: on Wednesday, Mar 2 following the conclusion of the Lenten Mission.

UCWLC GENERAL MEETING: on Thursday, Mar. 3 at 7:00pm in the hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3rd DEGREE MEETING: on Thursday, Mar. 3 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

MEN'S DINNER COMMITTEE MEETING: on Thursday, Mar. 3 at 7:30pm in the boardroom.

PARISH NOTICES

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 29 through Wednesday, Mar. 2. Emails and phone messages will be responded to upon the return of our Office Administrator.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM: is being installed for our church facilities. Effective this week, all active access cards will cease to work.

A review of current holders is underway and those currently authorised will be advised if they may qualify to receive a new card. For further information, please contact: Facilities Director Perre Loczy, Fr. Mark or Fr. Bo.

Fasting is an important Lenten practice, but it is also commonly misunderstood. I invite you to check out healthy and positive attitudes towards fasting by checking out the bulletin board in the entrance of the church, and also by taking a "Lenten Fasting 101" booklet for yourself.



Congratulations: and best wishes to the Harrison family on the occasion of the Baptism and Chrismation of the servant of God Samuel, son of Ben and Melanie Harrison (Blazenko). We welcome Samuel into the family of God, and to complete the mysteries of Initiation, Samuel will be receiving his first Communion at service today. *Mnohaya lita! Many happy years!*

Congratulations: and best wishes to Fr. Bo who will celebrate his 13th anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood on March 1st. *Mnohaya lita! Many happy years!*

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.

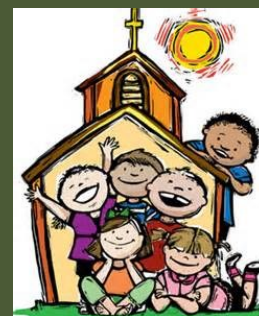
We love pew art! Please use the blank
papers and colouring sheets provided in
the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for
your child to draw us some
beautiful art. We can hang them on our
parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.

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.



THIS LENT: WRITE A REAL BYZANTINE ICON

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 counselling 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



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 Ewan-chyna (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!

PETITION: STOP PLAN TO FORCE CANADIAN CHRISTIAN HOSPITALS TO EUTHANIZE PATIENTS <https://www.lifesitenews.com/petitions>

The federal committee released on February 25 its recommendations to govern the practice of doctors helping to kill their patients. The recommendations will provide the foundation for the Liberal government's forthcoming law that will be voted on in June.

The criteria established for who is eligible to be euthanized are so open ended that practically anyone feeling pressure to die — including those with non-terminal illnesses, those with mental illnesses, and even minors — will not be protected. The so-called “safeguards” are so loosely worded as to practically protect no one. In fact, Recommendation 1 states that the terms “relating to medical assistance in dying” should NOT be specifically defined, adding that there was a “strong consensus in the testimony and briefs that there should be no list of included conditions” that would have to be fulfilled to make someone eligible for death.

Extremely concerning is Recommendation 11, which states that the government must ensure that “all publicly funded health care institutions,” including Catholic and Christian ones, “provide medical assistance in dying.” Christians believe that assisted suicide is contrary to the 5th Commandment against murder. For the government to force Catholic and Christian hospitals to act directly against one of the laws of God is simply outrageous

