



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MARCH 20 - 2016

PALM / WILLOW SUNDAY THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

First Antiphon

I am filled with love for the Lord will hear the voice of my plea.

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

For He has inclined His ear to me, and I will call to Him all the days of my life.

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

The pangs of death encircled me, the trials of Hades befell me.

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

I met with anguish and pain, and called upon the name of the Lord.

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

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

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

Third Antiphon

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God: and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory and cry to You, the conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Assuring us before Your Passion

Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Assuring us before Your Passion

Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Assuring us before Your Passion

Entrance

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, we bless You from the house of the Lord, the Lord is God and has appeared to us.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God: and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory and cry to You, the conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Troparion: Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, we have been granted immortal life by Your resurrection, and we sing Your praises, crying out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: Mounted on the throne in heaven, O Christ God, and on a colt here on earth, You accepted the praise of the angels, and the hymn of the children who cried to You: Blessed are You Who have come to call Adam back.

Prokeimenon

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; God the Lord has appeared to us.

verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

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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

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.

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Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the
Lord; God the Lord has appeared to us.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

Brothers and Sisters, rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord
is near. Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God. And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever
is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is
pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and
if there is anything worthy of praise, think
about these things. Keep on doing the things
that you have learned and received and
heard and seen in me, and the God of peace
will be with you.

**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: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He
has worked wonders.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came
to Bethany the home of Lazarus, He had
raised from the dead. And they made Him
a supper there; and Martha served, while

Lazarus was one of those sitting at table with
Him. Mary therefore took a pound of oint-
ment, genuine nard of great value, and
anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair
wiped his feet dry. And the house was filled
with the odour of the ointment. Then one of
His disciples, Judas son of Simon the Iscariot,
the one who was about to betray Him, said,
"Why was this ointment not sold for three
hundred denarii, and given to the poor?"
Now he said this, not that he cared for the
poor, but because he was a thief, and holding
the purse, used to take what was put in it.
Jesus therefore said, "Let her be: she was to
keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor
you have always with you, but you do not
always have me." Now the great crowd of the
Jews learned that He was there; and they
came, not only because of Jesus, but that
they might see Lazarus, the man He had
raised from the dead. But the chief priests
planned to put Lazarus to death also. For on
his account many of the Jews began to leave
them and to believe in Jesus. Now the next
day the great crowd which had come to the
feast, when they heard that Jesus was
coming to Jerusalem, took up palm fronds
and went out to meet Him. And they cried
out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One Who
comes in the name of the Lord, the king of
Israel!" And Jesus found a young colt, and sat
upon it, as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of
Sion; behold, thy king comes, sitting upon the
colt of a donkey." These things His disciples
did not at first understand. But when Jesus
was glorified, then they remembered these
things were written about Him, and that they
had done these things to Him. The crowd
therefore, which was with him when He
called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him
from the dead, bore witness to Him. And the
reason why the crowd also went to meet Him
was that they heard He had worked this sign.



I am reluctant to admit that I do not remember much of my First Holy Communion. It took place at the Cathedral of St Josaphat's in Edmonton, likely when I was about seven years old (1965). There must have been pictures taken but unfortunately I do not have any. (Today, naturally, there is more attention paid to these details with not only pictures but videos! We'll be videoing the event today. But I digress.)

What I do remember, however is significant and sustained me—that of reverence.

And so in our Solemn Communion classes, while we try to teach an articulation of the faith, what this means, what that means, the real heart of the matter is the posture we place before God. Everything that makes us to be who we are: how we are dressed, how we walk towards the altar, how we think, how we love, how we pray, how we treat one another, and especially how we see God in people and places. Everything changes in us the closer we approach the Divine Mysteries.

Reverence.

Fr Bo did a great job of explaining this to the children yesterday as we prepared to celebrate First Confession.

Holy Week is the Home Stretch to the Passion and Resurrection stories. St John Chrysostom from the fifth century made a very passionate sermon, addressing “those who have kept the fast and those who have not.” He anticipated that even in the final moments approaching Pascha, Easter, there may be persons who despair or give up their spiritual life, thinking it is too late or thinking one has not done enough. Perhaps we fall into the camp of late bloomers, or alternately, the camp of those who not even begun.

The antidote: consider attending more services this Holy Week than ever before. Immerse yourself in the Gospels. Pay attention to the spiritual poetry, composed centuries ago. Pay less attention to the daily cares that will always be with us. Let the special music vibrate within your heart and mind.

Keep attuned to reverence, in other words.

The Lord honors what we give Him. If you offer meagre portions, then you will receive portions in return that are meagre. He wants everything so He can give us everything.

God's blessings upon you this Holy Week and Easter. It is a joy to serve!

-Fr Mark



Liturgy Intentions for this week:

Sunday, March 20 – Willow/Palm Sunday:

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

10:30am – for blessings, guidance and joy for the First Solemn communicants and their families

5:00pm – for peace, comfort and healing for Larry and Gladys Plishka

Monday, March 21:

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

Tuesday, March 22:

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

Holy Wednesday, March 23:

6:00pm – Anointing of the Sick

Holy Thursday, March 24:

9:00am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

7:00pm – Twelve Gospels of the Passion of Our Lord

Friday, March 25 – Feast of the Annunciation, and Good Friday:

9:00am – Festal Divine Liturgy

1:00pm – Veneration of the Holy Shroud

7:00pm – Jerusalem Matins

8:00pm – Vigil at the Tomb

Saturday, March 26:

3:00pm – Vespers w/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

6:00pm – Nadhrobne Service by the Tomb

Sunday, March 27 – HOLY & GLORIOUS PASCHA SUNDAY:

8:00am – Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy

10:30am – Divine Liturgy

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

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

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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.

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Art Committee: discusses religious artwork for parish.

Contact: Jim Ochitwa

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

Contact: Stacey Bobyn

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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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MARCH / APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Willow/Palm Sunday - The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem	Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania (813-20)	The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Presbyter of An-cyra (363)	The Holy Martyr Disciple with H
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  9:00 am Liturgical Director's Meeting 5:00 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	22  5:00 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	23 H 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm
27 HOLY & GLORIOUS PASCHA / EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy: Eng./Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. BLESSING OF PASKA IN THE CHURCH AT THE END OF EACH DIVINE LITURGY	28 BRIGHT MONDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	29 BRIGHT TUESDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Pot-luck Lunch & Meeting 1:00 pm Pass it On Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	30 BR V 9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm C
03 THOMAS SUNDAY 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	04 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Icon Open Studio 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	05 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	06 8:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
10 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN 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.	11 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Icon Open Studio 7:00 pm Bible Study	12 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	13 8:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Venerable St. Nicon and his Disciples, Martyred in 270-75)	Fore-feast of the An- nunciation of the Mother of God; Our Venerable Father Zach- ary; Our Father Arte- mon, Bishop of Selesia	GOOD FRIDAY & FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER- VIRGIN MARY	Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel
WEDNESDAY Divine Liturgy Anointing of the Sick 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 12:00 pm Confessions 1:00 pm Veneration of the Holy Shroud 6:00 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Jerusalem Matins 8:00 pm Vigil at the Tomb (until 9:00am)	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 6:00 pm Confessions
BRIGHT WEDNESDAY Divine Liturgy LightWeigh Program Adult Language Class	31 BRIGHT THURSDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	01 BRIGHT FRIDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Parish Games Night	02 BRIGHT SATURDAY 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers
Divine Liturgy LightWeigh Program Adult Language Class Choir Practice	07 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting 7:00 pm UCWLC General Meeting	08 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Youth Meeting	09 5:00 pm Vespers CHOIR RECORDING (PT. 1) 
Divine Liturgy LightWeigh Program Adult Language Class Choir Practice	14 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	15 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm Prospora Group: Preparation 6:30 pm Children of Mary & Altar Servers	16 9:00 am Prospora Group: Baking 5:00 pm Vespers CHOIR RECORDING (PT. 2) 

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.
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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.
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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
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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
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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

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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

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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.

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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.

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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: Chubaty Family

FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION: TODAY!

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATECHESIS CLASS:

from 10:00am - 10:25am in the boardroom.

HOLY WEEK AND HOLY PASCHA LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Please check the calendar or pick up a copy in the atrium for this year's services as some have changed from previous years.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION and GOOD FRIDAY:

are both celebrated the same day this year, Mar. 25. There will be a Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:00am; Vespers with Veneration of the holy Shroud will begin at 1:00pm.

VIGIL AT THE TOMB:

will begin at 6:00pm

Good Friday following Jerusalem Matins.

BIBLE STUDY: next session on **Monday, Apr. 4** at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

GREAT VESPERS: next on **Saturday, Apr. 2** at 5:00pm. We invite all to join in these beautiful evening prayers.

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

LITURGICAL DIRECTORATE MEETING:

on Monday, Mar. 21 at 9:00am in the boardroom.

ADULT BEGINNER LANGUAGE CLASS:

on Tuesday, Mar. 22 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

CHOIR PRACTICE: on Holy Wednesday, Mar. 23 following the Anointing of the Sick service (approx. 7:30pm).

PLUS 50 GROUP POT-LUCK LUNCH & MEETING:

on Bright Tuesday, Mar. 29 - a special documentary on sculptor Leo Mol will be shown at 11:00am, followed by the luncheon and meeting.

LIGHTWEIGH PROGRAM: on Bright Wednesday, Mar. 29 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

PASS IT ON COMMITTEE MEETING: on Bright Tuesday Mar. 29 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

copies are available in the atrium for parishioners to pick up in advance of the Parish Annual General Meeting which will take place on Sunday, Apr. 10 following the 10:30am Divine Liturgy.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM: has being installed for our church facilities.

All former active access cards will no longer work. A review of current holders is underway and those previously authorised are asked to submit a request to receive a new card indicating the rationale for why they require one. For further information, please contact: Facilities Director Pierre Loczy, Fr. Mark or Fr. Bo.

REMINDER: all bulletin announcement requests should be emailed to the parish office by Wednesday noon latest for review for the next Sunday publication.

PARISH EVENTS

UCWLC EASTER BAKE SALE TODAY IN THE HALL!

Come tempt your tastebuds with a variety of desserts and other goodies.

Congratulations: and best wishes to the O'Donnell family on the occasion of the Baptism and Chrismation of the servant of God Ellie, daughter of Brad and Nicole O'Donnell (Tymko). We welcome Samuel into the family of God, and to complete the mysteries of Initiation, Ellie will be receiving her First Communion at service today (10:30 along with the First Solemn Communicants).

Mnohaya lita!

Many happy years!

FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION 2016

Please keep in your prayers our children who professed their Solemn Confession yesterday and today are receiving their First Solemn Communion:

Jayleen Baradoy

Tyler Bomak

Emma Bowes

Ethan Bowes

Caitlyn Bulych

Elisha Carpay

Emily Ewanchyna

Azaria Groch

Samantha Hanas

Christopher Hanik

Alea Hnatick

Emily Katrytch

Patrick Livesay

Philip Livesay

Weston Lonsberry

Michael Strashok

Evelyn Tysowski

Colton Zabinsky

This is an important spiritual milestone in our children's lives and we walk with them in encouragement, love and support. We pray also for their parents and siblings, course instructor Kathrine Strashok, and for our pastors and spiritual leaders Fr. Mark and Fr. Bo. Mnohaya lita! Many happy years!

In a very special way we want to say thank you to our wonderful teacher Kathrine for her 3 years of service as our teacher.

Kathrine: Your ministry to our children has been invaluable, and we are greatly in your debt. May God bless you abundantly and may he always guide you ever closer into union with Him. Thank you for your hundreds of hours of work. Mnohaya Lita!



WHAT IS FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION?



First Solemn Communion is an important step in our spiritual lives. It is the first major opportunity for a child to learn about their faith, and **fully participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.**

In one sense this is a spiritual graduation from being a child who passively receives the faith from their parents, to a young person who actively participates in their own spiritual development.

Usually children are presented as infants to the Church to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation (aka Confirmation) and Eucharist. These children are then brought forward at each Divine Liturgy by their parents, God-parents, or grand-parents to continue receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. When they become old enough to understand the basic truths of the faith, and to recognize the meaning of their own actions, they are prepared to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then approach the Holy Eucharist, no longer being brought forth, but on their own.

This is what "First Solemn Communion" is all about. It is a program designed to recognize a child's growth in maturity, to teach him or her what Life with Christ is about, and to encourage the child to take more responsibility for his or her own spiritual well-being.

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

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

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

Quietly explain the parts of the Liturgy to your children.

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

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

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

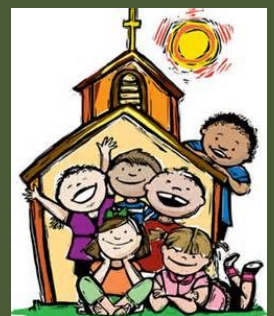
We love pew art! Please use the blank papers and colouring sheets provided in the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for your child to draw us some beautiful art. We can hang them on our parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.

Do your best to attend Liturgy on time.

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

To the members of our parish...

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



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

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

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

What's a Byzantine - Ukrainian Catholic Church?

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

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

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

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

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



2016 EASTER PASCHAL SCHEDULE

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us: O Lord, cleanse us of our sins; O Master, forgive our transgressions; O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

**PALM/WILLOW SUNDAY,
MARCH 20**

Regular Sunday Divine Liturgy Schedule with
Blessing of Pussy Willows at all Liturgies
10:30am – with First Solemn Communion celebrants

MONDAY, MARCH 21

5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Anointing of the Sick

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

9:00am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
6:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Twelve Gospels of the Passion of our Lord
8:30pm Confessions

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25
FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

9:00am Festal Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation
12:00pm Confessions
1:00pm Vespers with Veneration of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanitsia)
6:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Jerusalem Matins
8:00pm Vigil at the Tomb (until 9:00am Holy Saturday)
8:00pm Confessions

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

2:00pm Blessing of Paska (in the Hall)
3:00pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil / Adult Baptism
5:30pm Blessing of Paska (in the Hall)
6:00pm Nakhrobne Service by the Tomb
6:00pm Confessions

**HOLY PASCHA, MARCH 27
EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00am Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy w/Paska Blessing in Church
10:30am Divine Liturgy w/Paska Blessing in Church
No 5:00pm Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT MONDAY, MARCH 28

9:00am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT TUESDAY, MARCH 29

9:00am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

9:00am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT THURSDAY, MARCH 31

9:00am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 1

9:00am Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 2

9:00am Divine Liturgy
5:00pm Great Vespers

*Fr. Mark and Fr. Bo prayerfully extend to all Parishioners and their Families
the Joys and Blessings that flow from
the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!*