

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

APRIL 24 - 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates ("the General") (364-78)

After the priest has exclaimed, "Blessed be the Kingdom..." and the people have responded, "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it.

Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death; and to those in the tombs giving life.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

Troparion: At the mid-point of the Feast, O Saviour, water my thirsty soul with streams of true godliness; for You cried out to all: Let any who thirst, come to Me and drink. O Source of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

Kontakion: Drawn to the well by faith, the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of Wisdom, and drinking abundantly of You, she inherited the heavenly Kingdom for ever, becoming everlastingly glorious.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: At the mid-point of the Feast according to the Law, Maker of all things and Master, You said to those present, O Christ God: "Come, and draw the water of immortality." And so we fall before You crying out with faith: Grant us Your mercies, for You are the source of our life.

Prokeimenon

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Epistle

Acts 11:19-36, 29-30

In those days, those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

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: Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



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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.

Funeral: Arrangements with either Pastor: Fr. Mark or Fr. Bo.

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Gospel

John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sichar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, wearied as He was from the journey, was sitting at the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink," for His disciples had gone away into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to Him, "How is it that you, 'although you are a Jew, ask drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman?' For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you only knew the gift of God, and Who it is who says to you, 'Give me to drink,' you perhaps would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have no pail, and the well is deep. Where can you get living water from? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank from it, himself, and his sons, and his flocks?" In answer Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water I will give him shall never thirst; but the water I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, or come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have said well, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I see you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called Christ), and when He comes he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak with you am He." And at this point His disciples came; and they wondered that He was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or "Why do you speak with her?"

The woman therefore left her water-jar and went away into the town, and said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me all I have ever done. Can he be the Christ?" They went out from the town and came to meet Him. Meanwhile, His disciples begged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." The disciples therefore said to one another, "Has someone brought Him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One Who sent me, to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Well, I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold that the fields are already white for the harvest. And the one who reaps receives a wage, and gathers fruit unto life everlasting, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For herein is the proverb true: 'One sows, another reaps.' I have sent you to reap that on which you have not laboured. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours." Now many of the Samaritans of that town believed in Him because of the word of the woman who bore witness, "He told me all I have ever done." When, therefore, the Samaritans had come to Him, they begged Him to stay there; and He stayed two days. And far more believed because of His word. And they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you have said, for we have heard for ourselves and we know this is in truth the Saviour of the world, the Christ."

In place of: "It is truly right ..."

Virginity is alien to mothers and child-bearing is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore, we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

At the end of Liturgy, after the "Amen":

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death; and to those in the tombs giving life. [3x]

And to us He has granted life eternal; we bow down before His resurrection, on the third day.

**ристос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть
подолав,**

і тим що в гробах життя дарував. [3x]

**І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось
Його тридньовому воскресінню!**

Congratulations: and best wishes to Alexander Mark Chubaty & Jessica Dawn Nottell who were joined together in Marriage in our parish on Friday evening, and to Sean Robert Lagimodiere & Erika Alexandra Worger who were joined together in Marriage in our parish on Saturday afternoon. May both sets of couples forever know the love and peace of the Lord, and be blessed by Him abundantly.

Mnohaya lita! — Many happy years!

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

<http://orthodoxengland.org.uk/sermsosw.htm>



...As a man, Christ was a Jew, and His disciples are therefore astonished to find Him conversing not only with a woman, but with a Samaritan Woman. A Jew would never even have talked to a Samaritan, let alone a Samaritan Woman, for as the Apostle John says in his Gospel, 'the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans'.

As God, however, Christ does not hesitate to talk to one who is able to accept Him as the Messiah, for the vocation of Christ is universal. 'Salvation comes forth from the Jews', but salvation is only for those who accept Christ and few were the Jews who did accept Him.

True, from the Jewish viewpoint, the Samaritans, Jews who had intermarried with pagans, were heretics; they had rejected the importance of Jerusalem and much of the Old Testament, including the Prophets; they had confused pagan idolatry with the Old Testament.

On the other hand, the Jews had rejected Christ. The Jews had turned the truths and revelations of the Old Testament into legalism and territorial racism, an arrogant, nationalistic and racist ideology; they had denied that Christ, as a man a Jew, could, as God, come for the salvation of all peoples. It is that ideology which still to this day insists on the ownership of Jerusalem and has brought even the contemporary world to the brink of war on several occasions. For the Jews had kept the letter of the Law but had rejected the spirit of the Law. And without the Spirit they were unable to recognise Christ.

The Samaritans had rejected the letter of the Law, but some of them, at least, did not stubbornly insist on their errors but were open to its spirit, for they were open to Christ, the Word of God, the Inspirer of the Law. Whereas the Jews had rejected Christ, the Samaritans kept Him with them for two days and many believed in Him. As Our Lord said on His return from Samaria to Judea, 'a prophet has no honour in his own country'.

Why does the Church commemorate the Samaritan Woman today? Because this is the first Sunday after Mid-Pentecost, the feast that stands half-way between Easter and Pentecost. At Easter the great truths of the Church are revealed - that Christ is both God and man, that He is crucified and risen from the dead. However, these truths, may remain rather abstract until at Pentecost we understand their inner meaning, their implications for our daily life. By the Coming of the Holy Spirit, these truths become living, and we worship Christ in spirit and in truth. Thus the Church reads to us the words that, 'the hour is coming when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth'.

Liturgy Intentions for this week:

Sunday, April 24 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman:

8:30am – for peace and comfort for Bernadette Lukey

10:30am – for a private repose intention

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

Monday, April 25:

8:00am – for “keeping in prayers” William and Nancy Gnyra

Tuesday, April 26:

8:00am – for “keeping in prayers” Morris Leschyshyn

Wednesday, April 27:

8:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Ellen Lukey

Thursday, April 28:

8:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Sandra Boyda

Friday, April 29:

8:00am – memorial w/Panakhida for the repose of the soul of +Ann Jumaga

Saturday, April 30:

9:00am – for blessings for good health for Ann

Sunday, May 1 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind:

8:30am – for strength and comfort for Ann

10:30am – for the repose of the soul of +William Lewchuk, Sr.

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
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Pass It On: Donates clothing to needy families in Calgary.

Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
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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.

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APRIL / MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Fifth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman; The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates ("the General") (364-78)	The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (54-68)	The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia (c. 322)	The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Baptist (109)
24 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 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.	25 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Icon Open Studio 6:00 pm Pastoral Director's Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study	26 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Group Lunch and Meeting 4:30 pm Youth Director's Meeting 7:00 pm UCEF Meeting	27 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy
01 SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School First Solemn Communion 2016 Reunion During 10:30 Liturgy's coffee 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy w/ Bishop Ibrahim 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	02 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	03 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	04 No Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy
08 SUNDAY OF THE NICEAN FATHERS MOTHERS' DAY 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 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.	09 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Open Icon Studio 7:00 pm Bible Study	10 EPARCHIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE No Divine Liturgy	11 No Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study
15 PENTECOST! 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 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. SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE	16 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Open Icon Studio 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Play-date 7:00 pm Bible Study	17 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Camp Meeting	18 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Priest-Martyr John, Relative of the Holy Prophet; Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Tiumna in Volhynia (c. 4)	The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater; the Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintilianus (286-305); Our Father among the Saints Cyril of Turau (1183)	The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus (313-24); the Venerable Memnon the Wonderworker	The Holy Apostle James, Brother of Saint John the Theologian (c. 44)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy pm LightWeigh Program	28 8:00 am Divine Liturgy MELKITE BISHOP IBRAHIM'S VISIT TO HIS NEW PARISH 6:00 PM PONTIFICAL LITURGY FOLLOWED BY 8:00 PM BANQUET (SEE PAGE 7)	29  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy 7:30 pm Parish Movie Night	30 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers
8:00 am Divine Liturgy pm LightWeigh Program	05 FEAST OF ASCENSION 9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Festal Divine Liturgy	06  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy 7:00 pm Youth Meeting	07 9:00 am Divine Liturgy HIKE FOR LIFE 9:00AM PRINCES ISLAND 
8:00 am Divine Liturgy pm LightWeigh Program pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	12 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm UCWLC General Meeting 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting	13  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	14 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Executive Meeting 5:00 pm Vespers
8:00 am Divine Liturgy pm LightWeigh Program	19 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 pm M.A.S.I. Presentation "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK."	20  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy 4:00 pm Prospora Group - Prep 7:00 pm Youth Meeting	21 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/ Sorokousty 9:00 am Prospora Group - Baking BLESSING OF GRAVES

St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
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Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
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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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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.
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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
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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 Grade 6.

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.

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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.

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Bible Study: On many Mondays we study our faith through Sacred Scripture. Join us.

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KHRISTOS VOSKRES! CHRIST IS RISEN!

LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - Paul Kyba

10:30am - Dave Wandzura

5:00pm - Jay Lalach

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - Paul Kyba

10:30am - Dave Wandzura

ROSARY (10:00am): David McMillan

ARK STORE - OPEN: Chelack Family

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

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

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

BIBLE STUDY: next session on **Monday, Apr. 25** at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY: our Pastors join with our Melkite brethren in co-celebrating this special liturgy with the Melkite Bishop Ibrahim and Roman Catholic Bishop Henry on Thursday, Apr. 28 at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

PLUS 50 GROUP LUNCH AND MEETING: on Tuesday, Apr. 26 at 11:00am in the hall.

UCEF MEETING: on Tuesday, Apr. 26 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

LIGHTWEIGHT MEETING: on Wednesday, Apr. 27 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

SUMMER CAMP SAVE THE DATE! This year camp will run July 11th to 15th. The theme this year is *Cave Quest: Following Jesus The Light of The World*. Registration information is in the Atrium.

PARISH NOTICES

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE: On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, all donations collected from our parish for the annual eparchial "Aid to the Missionary Church in the World" will be sent to the eparchy by May 31, 2016. In turn, the chancery office will forward the entire eparchial collection to his beatitude patriarch Sviatoslav for humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.

"Christ died for our sins on the life-giving wood of the Cross. His message of love, mercy and forgiveness is needed ever more in our broken world. As Christians, we are called to continue Jesus' mission of spreading the Good News, each according to our ability and means. Concretely, the Church invites us to collaborate in the mission of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, by giving generously...."

May the Risen Lord bring about peace in Ukraine and in all places of conflict and war."

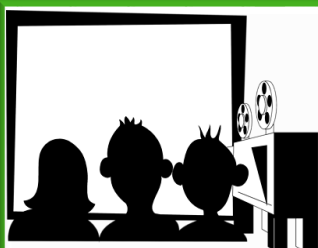
God bless.

Bishop David

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HIKE FOR LIFE PLEDGES: We are off to a good start with the Pledges for the "RESPECT LIFE Programs". These CALGARY PRO LIFE Educational programs cover life from conception to death. This past year 6300 students in grade 6 classes participated in the presentations, made possible through pledges and donations. **HIKE:** Saturday May 7. Consider hiking or just showing your support. Details at the PLEDGE table in the atrium or call CALGARY PRO LIFE: 403 243 0692 or John Siroishka: 403 271 2128.


St. Mary's University Presents Three Outstanding **WORKSHOPS IN BYZANTINE SACRED ART:** Beautiful Byzantine Calligraphy with Georgia Angelopoulos (April 28-May1); Byzantine Iconography Painting with Mariana Savaryn (June 13-17), and Carving Icons in Wood with Jonathan Pageau (August 22-26). For information: <www.stmu.ca/sacred-arts> or email <mark.charlton@stmu.ca>.



PARISH MOVIE NIGHT: next Friday night Apr. 29 we will be featuring : **"Winter on Fire"** - a Netflix documentary exclusive on the Ukrainian fight for freedom. Movie starts at 7:30pm. All are welcome.


Warning: Some scenes display violent realities, these may be disturbing to some viewers.

This Thursday



PONTIFICAL VISIT FORMAL DINNER
IN HONOUR OF HIS EXCELLENCY,
BISHOP IBRAHIM M. IBRAHIM
MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CANADA

WITH HONOURED GUEST
BISHOP FREDERICK B. HENRY
BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY



ST. BASIL'S MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC PARISH
AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
4903 45 STREET SW, CALGARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 28th, 2016
FOLLOWING THE PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 6:00PM
DRESS CODE: BUSINESS FORMAL

TICKET PRICE: \$75
AVAILABLE THROUGH ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR'S PARISH OFFICE
MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ST. BASIL'S MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Bishop David has appointed Deacon Andrij Nykyforuk to our parish to assist Fr. Bo and to begin his pastoral internship starting September 1st. He and his wife, Maria, and family will be living in the rectory while Fr. Mark is on sabbatical.

Note: Fr. Mark's sabbatical will start on July 1st.

PARISH OFFICE TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE:

Our Office Administrator, Teri, will be taking a leave for approximately 8 weeks and we are accepting resumés from qualified individuals to cover the administrative duties on a full-time basis during her absence.

Duties include: Scheduling, correspondence, general office administration work and more.

Skills Required: Good computer skills, organization and communications skills, as well as the ability to hold confidentiality are essential. A general knowledge of the Catholic Faith is also an asset. A more detailed job description is available upon request.

Details: 37.5 hours per week, starting as soon as possible until approximately the end of June.

If interested, please email your resumé immediately to <stephens_office@shaw.ca> or contact one of the following:

- Mark Ewanchyna, PPC & HR Chair
- Fr. Mark Bayrock, Pastor
- Fr. Bo Nahachewsky, Assistant Pastor

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*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.

CAMP OSELIA <www.camposelia.com>

SPRING WORK BEE

Join us for lunch, snacks and a little volunteer work as we get camp ready for the summer! May 7th from 9 am – 5 pm. Please send emails to oselia@edmontoneparchy.com to register.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Ocean Commotion: Diving Into Noah's Flood We've extended our programming to 3 weeks for individual age groups July 10th - 30th. Registration information available at <www.camposelia.com>.

CAMP COUNSELLOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for students to take on leadership roles as Summer Camp Counsellors. Counsellor Training July 10th – 15th.



S.E.R.V.E. (Summer Endeavour in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience)

June 2-17, 2016 at The Welcome Home in Winnipeg, MB

This could be a game-changer for YOU! SERVE 2016 has now been changed to June 2-17, 2016. Finish up your spring courses in May and then join us at The Welcome Home in June! **Application deadline is now May 5th!** This experience is free and all participants receive an honourarium. It really can't get much better! Experience 2 weeks that could very well change your life! Enjoy community life, learn about Redemptorist spirituality, volunteer in various inner-city organizations and relax during a weekend lake retreat! For young adults ages 18-35 years. For more information or to request an application contact Michelle at <rymcscr@gmail.com> or call/text 1-204-799-1060.

AUGP CENTENARY PIONEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

The Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project is accepting nominations until May 6, 2016. "Only two years remain to honour our pioneers, and a lot of work remains to be done", reminds Radomir Bilash, Project Manager. "We continue to work towards our goal – to pay tribute to those who settled and developed east central Alberta, Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian alike, and see their names added to our monument [at the Ukrainian Cultural Village]". For further information, please call **1-780-431-2324**.

FROM THE EPARCHY

The 7th Annual "BISHOP'S PRAYER BREAKFAST" on **Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 from 7:30 am – 9:00 am, at St. Josaphat Cathedral Hall Verkhovyna** (9637-108 Avenue) in Edmonton. The event supports through prayer our clergy, religious, monastics and laity in their leadership roles in continuing the mission of Christ in sharing the Good News. Tickets are available at the Eparchial Chancery Office: ph: 780- 424-5496, email: <chancery@edmontoneparchy.com>. Cost: \$25.00/person (\$200.00 for a table of 8 people).

2017 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - a TEN DAY Cathedral pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being organized for February 12-22, 2017. The pilgrimage will focus on the ministry of Jesus in Galilee and the important events of salvation in Jerusalem and Judea. The tour includes three nights at the Rimonim Galei Kinnereth Hotel, located on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, and six nights at the Notre Dame Centre in Jerusalem, just outside the walls of the old city (total, nine nights). Cost per person: \$1,750USD, plus airfare. The rate includes accommodation, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), transportation, guide and entrance fees, and tips. For more information or to sign up, please contact Fr. Peter Babej at 780-422-8131, <peterbabej@telus.net>.

2016 JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE to Medjugorje and Rome, October 3-16, 2016 - 7 nights in Medjugorje with daily Divine Liturgy, rosary on Apparition Hill, Stations of the Cross on Mount Krizevac, talks by Franciscan Priests, interviews with visionaries where available; and 5 nights in Rome with a visit to the Saint Peter's Basilica and the Doors of Mercy, the Vatican, Papal Audience, tour of Christian Rome and main Basilicas, day trip to Assisi and Orvieto. \$3,749 double occupancy, including airfare from Edmonton.