

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA - THOMAS SUNDAY

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicius (824)

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.

First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

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

Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You."

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

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High!

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

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great King over all the earth.

Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

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

Kontakion: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

Epistle

Acts 5:12-20

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the

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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apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

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: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: For God is the great Lord and the great King over all the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

When it was late, that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side I will not believe." And after eight days, his disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be to you!" Then He said to Thomas. "Bring here your finger, and see my hands; and bring here your hand, and put it into my side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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

The angel cried out to the One full of grace: "O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day and raised the dead." Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exalt now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Sion. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA (FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA)

THOMAS SUNDAY

INTRODUCTION

The Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

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Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6.

BIBLICAL STORY

The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews. On the evening of the Sunday after Pass-over, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, "Peace be with you." (v. 19) He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side. (v. 20)

Thomas was not present with the disciples when Jesus appeared, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ's Resurrection. He stated, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." (vv. 24-25)

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst he said, "Peace be with you." He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (vv. 26-27) Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied by saying, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (v. 29)

ICON OF THE SUNDAY OF THOMAS

The icon of the Sunday of Thomas depicts Christ standing in the midst of the disciples. He has appeared to the eleven in the upper room, and he is inviting Thomas to come and examine his hands and his side. Thomas is reaching out to touch the side of Jesus. He is also looking to Jesus in a manner that indicates his faith and the proclamation recorded in Scripture.

- Sourced from <www.oca.org>

Liturgy Intentions for this week:

Sunday, April 3 – Thomas Sunday:

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

10:30am – for birthday blessings for Annette Kozicki and Josephine Procyk

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

Monday, April 4:

8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Tuesday, April 5:

No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 6:

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 7:

8:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Friday, April 8:

8:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Stefan Holub

Saturday, April 9:

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 10 – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women:

8:30am – for the health and well-being of Ann

10:30am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

5:00pm – memorial w/Panakhida for the repose of the soul of +Ed Sakundiak

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

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

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Inn From The Cold: Monthly provides food & shelter for Calgary's homeless.

Contact: Ambrose Comchi

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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.

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The Helping Others Network:

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Art Committee: discusses religious artwork for parish.

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

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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.

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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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Second Sunday of Pascha: Thomas Sunday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicius (824)	Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer (886) and George of Maleum	The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopedes and Those with Them (c. 305)	The Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopedes and Those with Them (c. 305)
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 No Divine Liturgy 9:30 am UCWLC Executive Meeting 2:00 pm KC Convention Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	06 No Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study
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. PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AT NOON IN THE HALL)	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 Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study
17 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. w/ Installation of New PPC 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. INSTALLATION OF NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (CHURCH) FOLLOWED BY PARISH EASTER BUFFET (IN THE HALL)	18 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Icon Open Studio 7:00 pm Bible Study	19 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Adult Beginner Language Class	20 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study
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 7:00 pm Bible Study	26 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Group Lunch and Meeting	27 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rest of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs (885) and our Father Eutychius, Bishop of Constantinople (87)	Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene (829-42); Passing into Eternal Life (1919) of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate	The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Phlegontus and Hermes	The Holy Martyr Eupsichius (360-63)
Divine Liturgy om LightWeigh Program om Adult Language Class om 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 Religious Education and Youth Joint Town Hall Meeting (all are welcome)	09 5:00 pm Vespers CHOIR RECORDING (PT. 1) 
am Divine Liturgy om LightWeigh Program om Adult Language Class om Choir Practice	14 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	15  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm Prospora Group: Preparation	16 9:00 am Prospora Group: Baking 5:00 pm Vespers CHOIR RECORDING (PT. 2) 
am Divine Liturgy om LightWeigh Program	21 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Playdate 7:00 pm Pass It On Committee Meeting	22  8:00 am Divine Liturgy	23 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers
am Divine Liturgy om LightWeigh Program om Property Management Committee Meeting	28 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	29  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Children of Mary / Altar Servers Meeting	30 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers

Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
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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.
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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.
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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.

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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.

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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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KRISTOS VOSKRES!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - Vince Letwin

10:30am - Craig Pichach

5:00pm - Patricia Harasym

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - Vince Letwin

10:30am - Craig Pichach

ROSARY (10:00am): Bill Lewchuk

ARK STORE - OPEN: Longfield Family

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

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

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

GREAT VESPERS: next on **Saturday, Apr. 9** at 5:00pm. We invite all to join in these beautiful evening prayers.

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: on Monday, Apr. 4 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

UCWLC EXECUTIVE MEETING: on Tuesday, Apr. 5 at 9:30am in the boardroom.

KC CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: on Tuesday Apr. 5 at 2:00pm in the boardroom.

ADULT BEGINNER LANGUAGE CLASS: on Tuesday, Apr. 5 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

LIGHTWEIGH PROGRAM: on Wednesday, Apr. 6 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

CHOIR PRACTICE: on Wednesday, Apr. 6 at 7:00pm.

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

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

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 coming soon.

PARISH EVENTS

TOWN HALL MEETING



Attention all who care about our parish's future, our young people (0-35), and those who care about understanding our faith. Also attention to St. Basil's Melkite parish: come join us and let's work together.

We invite you to a parish consultative "Town Hall" Meeting about how we can move our community forward in regards to both Religious Education for all Ages, and various Programming for our Youth. Then we will write a report and give it to the soon to be elected Parish Pastoral Council and the priests. **It's at Friday, April 8 @ 7pm in our hall.** Child care available!

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH MEDIA SERVER IS ONLINE:

a repository of parish videos is available for viewing (think of it as a private YouTube®) courtesy of techie Fr. MArk.

To access the site go to:

<<http://protomartyr.asuscomm.com:8096/web/login.html>>

Username <Protomartyr>

Password <OurLadyofPochaiv2009>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

36th ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE: will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Princes Island Park. Registration: 8:30am. Hike: 9:00am - noon. This is in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Respect for Life program. Think of sponsoring someone or entering the Hike yourself. More details and forms coming soon or go to: <<http://calgaryprolife.com/#events-news>>.



NOTICE OF Annual General Meeting

2016 PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will take place on Sunday, Apr. 10 in the parish hall following the 10:30am Divine Liturgy. Election of the 2016 - 2017 Parish Pastoral Council will take place, as well as a review of parish finances, directorate reports, projects and issues of concern to all

parishioners. We need a quorum of 70 eligible voting members. The current Council Executive and Directors will be available to answer questions. Please plan to attend. Come for the pancakes, stay for the meeting!

Copies of the PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS as well as DIRECTORATE REPORTS are available in the atrium for parishioners to pick up in advance of the Parish Annual General Meeting.

If you are interested in serving on Council and would like your name to be included in the list of nominees for election, please speak to Chair Mark Ewanchyna, Vice-Chair Jay Lalach or Nominating Committee member Ambrose Comchi. You may also step forward at the AGM.

Let's make St. Stephen's a truly vibrant parish!



Church Roof Repairs During April

As approved at last November's semi annual general meeting, we are moving forward with the much needed repairs to our Church's roof. Work is anticipated to start in early April and run for a period of 3 to 4 weeks depending on weather conditions. Access to both church and hall will not be impacted. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding for any inconvenience (likely some noise) during this period of repairs. Also, with construction work on site and the presence of workers and equipment, please stay clear of the marked off construction areas to help us maintain a safe work environment.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Pierre Loczy
Director - Property Management

*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.*

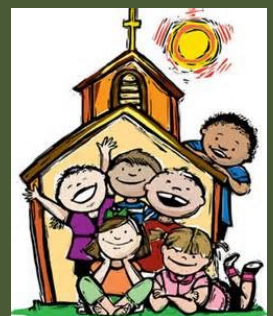
*We love pew art! Please use the blank
papers and colouring sheets provided in
the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for
your child to draw us some
beautiful art. We can hang them on our
parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.*

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.

COMING VERY SOON:



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT
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MISSION OF THE REDEEMER MINISTRIES

Friday, April 15

6:15 pm: Doors open and Registration

7:00 pm: Welcome

EVENING SPEAKERS

- **Christopher West:** Best Selling Author, Speaker, Teacher and World-Renowned Expert in John Paul II's Theology of the Body: **"Theology of the Body and the New Evangelization"**
- **Angele Regnier:** Co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach: **"Actually Evangelizing – Best practices in sharing Christ so that people can respond"**

9:00 pm: Dismissal

Saturday, April 16

9:00 am: Mass Available at St. James Parish, Okotoks

9:40 am: Day begins

MORNING SPEAKERS

- **Bishop Riesbeck:** Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa: **"Key Principles of Parish Renewal: A Pastor's Experience"**
- **Sherry Weddell:** Author, speaker, leading thinker on evangelization, and Co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute: **"Parish Renewal: The Fruit of Forming Intentional Disciples"**
- **Father Cantalamessa:** Preacher to the Papal Household (via link from Rome): **"The Holy Spirit and the New Evangelization"**

Lunch: 45 minutes

AFTERNOON SPEAKERS

- **Dr. Peter Kreeft:** Convert, philosopher, author, professor: **"The Three Big Questions"**
- **Michael Dopp:** Founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries and the New Evangelization Summit: **"Welcome to NES and Living Our Mission"**

4:15 pm: Dismissal