



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MAY 8 - 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS - 1ST COUNCIL OF NICEA

**The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
and Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (408-50)**

First Antiphon

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

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

For the Lord most high is awesome, a great
king of all the earth.

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

He has subdued peoples to us, and nations
under our feet.

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

God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord at
the sound of the trumpet.

*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, Who ascended in glory, save us
who sing to You: Alleluia.*

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

*Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us
who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord, the great king over
all the earth.

*Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us
who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before
Christ.

*Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us
who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Angelic powers were upon Your
tomb and the guards became like dead men;
Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your
most pure body. You captured Hades without
being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and
granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory
be to You!

Troparion: Christ our God, You are glorified
above all, You established our fathers as
beacons on earth and through them guided
all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most
compassionate Lord.

Troparion: O beloved apostle of Christ our
God, hasten, deliver a people without defense.
He who received you when you leaned upon
His breast accepts you as you bow in prayer.
Implore Him, O Theologian, to scatter the
cloud of nations that besets us, asking peace
and great mercy.

Kontakion: The apostles' preaching and the
Fathers' doctrine confirmed the Church's one
faith, and wearing the garment of truth woven
from theology that descends from on high, she
rightly imparts the mystery of godliness and
sings its glory.

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

Kontakion: O virgin apostle, who can recount
your mighty works? For you pour out wonders
and healings and you pray for our souls as
Theologian and friend of Christ.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: When you had fulfilled Your plan

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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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for us and united things on earth with those in heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, in no way distant, but remaining inseparable, You cried to those who love You: I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokeimenon

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

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

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

Epistle

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: "Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that He obtained with the blood of His own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of His grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

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: The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting. Gather to Him His devout ones, Who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, even as You have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all You have given Him He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work You have given me to do. And now do You, Father, glorify me with Yourself, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the men You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have learned that whatever You have given me is from You; because the words that You have given me I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You did send me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given me, because they are Yours; and all things that are mine are Yours, and Yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given me, that they may be one even as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given me I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have my joy made full in themselves."

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

O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens. O Mother of God, you transcended both mind and word, and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One: it is you who, with one accord, we, the faithful, magnify.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their word unto

the ends of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen the true light..."

we sing:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above

all the earth be Your glory.

Instead of and "Let our mouths be filled..."
we sing:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above
all the earth be Your glory.

May the Lord God bless all mothers with His great abundance of
peace and joy.

Happy Mother's Day.



Lord Jesus Christ, please send down upon us your
quenching rain, to extinguish the fires that de-
stroy the north, to refresh and uplift those who
respond to emergencies, and to strengthen and
give peace to the hearts of us all, especially those
who lost their homes and workplaces. Fort
McMurray, our prayers are with you.

The Major Feast Of The Ascension Of Our Lord

Celebrated this past Thursday

INTRODUCTION

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.



BIBLICAL STORY

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The

Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Article taken from goarch.com

Liturgy Intentions

for this week:

Sunday, May 8 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Nicea:

8:30am – for the repose of the soul of +Ellen Lukey

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

5:00pm – in memory for the repose of the souls of +Mike and +Marie Plishka

Monday, May 9:

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

Tuesday, May 10:

Clergy Conference – No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 11:

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 12:

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

Friday, May 13:

8:00am – for healing and comfort for Corinne

Saturday, May 14:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Sandra Boyda

Sunday, May 15 – PENTECOST!:

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

10:30am – for blessings for Fr. Walter Klimchuk on his 50th Ordination Anniversary

5:00pm – in memory for the repose of the soul of +Carl Rutko

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

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

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

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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:

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

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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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MAY / JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Seventh Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Council of Nicea; The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian and Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (408-50)	Post-feast of the Ascension; The Transfer of the Relics (1087) of Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra to Bari; Holy Prophet Isaiah (8th c. BC); Holy Martyr Christopher (249-51)	Post-feast of the Ascension; The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot	Post-feast of the Ascension; The Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian and Our Venerable Father Arsenius the Great (408-50)
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 Summer Camp Meeting	18 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study
22 8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:00 am Elementary School Catechesis 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. with Children's Homily 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. KOFC SPONSORED PANCAKE BREAKFASTS	23 Victoria Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	24 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm UCEF Meeting 7:00 pm PR Committee Meeting	25 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Bible Study
29 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. UCWLC MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCH	30 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Open Icon Studio 7:00 pm Bible Study	31 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Lunch and Meeting	01 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post-feast of the Ascension; Holy Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), Teachers of the Slavs and Equals to the Apostles and the Dedication of the City of Constantinople (330); the Holy Martyr Mocius (284-291)	Post-feast of the Ascension; Our Holy Father Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403); Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (733)	Leave-taking of the Ascension; The Holy Martyr Glyceria (138-61)	Saturday Before Pentecost - All Souls Saturday; The Holy Martyr Isidore (249-51)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am LightWeigh Program 10:00 am 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 9:00 am 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 Prosphora Group - Prep 7:00 pm Youth Meeting	21 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/ Sorokousty 9:00 am Prosphora Group - Baking BLESSING OF GRAVES
8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am LightWeigh Program 10:00 pm Property Management Meeting	26 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Retreat	27  8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	28 9:00 am Divine Liturgy PASTORAL CARE COURSE AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH
8:00 am Divine Liturgy	02 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	03  9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy 7:00 pm Youth School Year-End Event	04 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE

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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 Grade 6.

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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):

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Children of Mary & Altar Servers:

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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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LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - UCWLC

10:30am - UCWLC

5:00pm - UCWLC

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - UCWLC

10:30am - UCWLC

ROSARY (10:00am): UCWLC

ARK STORE - OPEN: Dwulit 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, May 9** at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

NO MORNING DIVINE LITURGIES on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday May 11.

GREAT VESPERS: the final three **Saturday Vesper services at 5:00pm will take place on May 14, 21 and 28.** Everyone is welcome.

After the end of May, services will resume in September.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: will take place on Saturday, May 21 at St. Mary's, Queen's Park and Edenbrook Cemeteries.

Edenbrook: 10:30am

Queen's Park (St. Joseph's): 11:00am

St. Mary's: 2:00pm

At each cemetery, the Panakhyda Prayers for the Deceased will be celebrated at the central cross or meeting area, to be followed by a short prayer blessing at individual gravesites. Parishioners may call the Parish Office to confirm they will be in attendance.

NOTE: EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, REGULAR WEEKDAY MORNING DIVINE LITURGIES (M-F) WILL CHANGE TO 9:00AM.

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

LIGHTWEIGH MEETING: on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00pm in the Knights' room.

UCWLC GENERAL MEETING: on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00pm in the hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3RD & 4TH DEGREE MEETINGS: on Thursday, May 12.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: will run July 11 - 15. The theme this year is *Cave Quest: Following Jesus The Light of The World*. Registration information and volunteer sign-up sheets are in the atrium.

PARISH NOTICES

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR

UKRAINE: Next Sunday 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, which in turn, will forward the entire eparchial collection to his beatitude patriarch Sviatoslav for humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.



PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATION: We are pleased to welcome Linda Buck, who will be training (May 9 -18) and then covering the parish office duties (May 19 - late July) while our Office Administrator, Teri, is on leave. We know you will extend to Linda your patience, assistance and warmest greetings during her time in the office. Office hours will change during this coverage period.

COMMUNITY

SSMI - "CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING": Our Calgary home of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate has closed. A Thanksgiving **Divine Liturgy** will be celebrated by Bishop David and clergy at **11:00am, Saturday, June 11, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Calgary.** Sr Patricia Lacey, Provincial Superior, and members of the SSMI Community will be attendance. Reception to follow in the hall. For tickets for the reception and more information, contact AVBM Parish at 403-230-7013 or <abvm@shaw.ca>.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

~ Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSVCE)

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTORATE

Pastoral Care Needs Your Help. Join our Pastors at the regular Friday **Ukrainian Catholic Liturgy** at Westview Seniors Lodge 5033 - 45 Street SW and stay for coffee afterwards to visit with seniors who live there. They will be delighted to see you.

Consider joining the St. Stephen's Pastoral Care Team? We invite you to take part in the excellent program "May I Sit With You Awhile? The Basic Arts of Pastoral Care" from the Christian Pastoral Care Association, to be offered at St Bernard's Church (711 - 37 St NW, Calgary) on three successive Saturdays: May 28, June 11 and 18 (9:00am - 1:00pm daily). St Stephen's Parish will cover registration costs. To learn more, please contact Marilyn Comchi, Pastoral Care Director, at 403-220-9624 or <marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>.

Also note: there will be a training session at the end of June for those chosen to become Pastoral Eucharistic Ministers. More details to come. You can put your name forward to Marilyn Comchi (see contacts in paragraph above)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE

For all parents who wish to have their child(ren) baptised in the next few months, our next parish course will be held on Saturday, June 4 from 10:00am to 3:30pm/4:00pm. Baptismal prep is required before any baptism may take place. To register, please contact the parish office at <stephens_office@shaw.ca> or 403-249-4818, ext 0.

God-parents are encouraged to attend with the parents to understand their roles and responsibilities, and they need to have a firm and healthy understanding of the faith.

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray."

~ Proverbs 22:6 New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

Calgary is celebrating two huge anniversaries: 125 years of Ukrainian settlement in Canada and 25 years of Ukraine's Independence! Gala Banquet and Dance/Zabava with live dance music and much more, will be held at St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Hall. Tickets: \$75/person. Proceeds are in support of the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta (UCAMA) and the Guardian Angels-Ukraine Project. Organized by the League of Ukrainian Women in Canada, Calgary Branch. St. Stephen parish contact: Eileen Boyko (403-607-7927) or LUWC president, Oksana Kuzyshyn (403-685-1030) or Maria Shysh (403-288-5981).

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2016

The **Calgary Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU)** announce that their 8th annual fundraiser in support of UCU will be held on Thursday October 13, 2016, with the participation of a special guest, the Most Reverend Bishop Borys Gudziak, Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in France and also the President of UCU. More details to follow.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY??

WANT TO HELP OUT?

We are looking for anyone interested in helping Father Bo and myself with our website and social media to help spread the good news about St. Stephens Parish.

Join us on Tuesday May 24 at 7:00 PM in the Knights Room. Please contact me Laurie Kindrachuk at 403-614-5581 or <laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca> with your RSVP or with questions.



Please keep the people of Fort McMurray and all who are fighting the fires, providing evacuation assistance, emergency services, counselling and other support. Lord, hear our prayer!

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.

Get to know your Church...

Catholics:

A Colourful Family of Churches

"The Catholic Church is bigger than you realize"



A FUN & FREE Eye-Opening Seminar for ALL
7pm, Thurs. May 19, 2016

St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukr. Cath. Church
4903-45 Street, SW, Calgary

Fr. Andriy Chirovsky will present the broad reality of twenty-four Catholic Churches that are in full and visible communion with each other, all acknowledging the leadership of the Pope of Rome. Fr. Andriy will show how many of the Eastern Catholic Churches have a close twin in an Orthodox Church that is not in communion with Rome. It will be a fascinating romp through the history and geography of Christianity. The lecture will also pay particular attention to those Christians who are facing martyrdom in the Middle East and compare and contrast some major emphases of Eastern and Western Catholic traditions, showing how they are complementary, not contradictory. A question and answer period will follow.

Andriy Chirovsky is the Founder and First Director of Canada's Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. He holds the Peter and Doris Kule Chair of Eastern Christian Theology and Spirituality.



2016 UKIE STAMPEDE STOMP

Saturday June 25th 2016
St. Stephen's Parish Centre
4903 - 45th Street SW

Doors open @ 6:00PM
BBQ Steak and Perogie Supper
@ 7:00PM
Entertainment & Dance @ 9:00 PM

For Tickets Contact:
Terry 403-540-0411
Ron 403-239-5555
Ambrose 403-862-3269



HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!

TO ALL WHO NURTURE, TEACH
PROTECT, ENCOURAGE, GIVE
SELFLESSLY, IMPART WISDOM
AND COMFORT, FUEL DREAMS,
BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION
OF FAITH, LEAD BY GODLY EX-
AMPLE, AND LOVE THEIR OWN
AS WELL AS OTHERS' CHILDREN
- FOR LOVE IS A CHOICE THEY
MAKE EACH DAY.