



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MAY 15 - 2016

HOLY AND GLORIOUS PENTECOST!

Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great (346)

First Antiphon

The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of his hand.

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

Day to day pours forth the message and night proclaims this knowledge to night.

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

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

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

O Lord, by Your power the king shall rejoice and greatly exult in Your salvation.

Troparion: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

You gave him his heart's desire and did not deny the request of his lips.

Troparion: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them

You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

For You have gone before him with gracious blessings, you have placed upon his head a crown of precious stones.

Troparion: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

Entrance

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and make music to Your might.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

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

Kontakion: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He parted the nations. When He divided the tongues of fire, He called all to unity; thus with one voice we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

Instead of Holy God...

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3x)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. You have put on Christ! Alleluia! All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokeimenon

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

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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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verse: The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Epistle

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

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: By the Lord's words the heavens were established, and by the Breath of His mouth all their host.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: The Lord has looked down from heaven and beheld the whole human race.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 7:37-52;8:12

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Anyone who believes in me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say it is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a division among the crowd because of him. And some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid hands on him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought him?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this man." The Pharisees then I answered them, "Have you also been fooled? Has any one of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, the man who had come to him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first gives him a hearing, and knows what he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

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

O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons. Rejoice, O Queen, boast of the virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

Communion Hymn

Your good Spirit will lead me to the land of righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SAYINGS OF THE CHURCH FATHERS: "God does not only pay attention to the small ones, but also to those who pay attention to the small ones. Do you want Him to love you? Love the small ones. Love the poor. Love the humble."

-Archimandrite Joel Giannakopoulos

The Eastern icon representing the Great Feast of Pentecost is probably unfamiliar to most Westerners. In the Western painting tradition, the tongues of fire and the presence of the Holy Mother of God are emphasized along with, of course, the twelve apostles. At times, depending on the artist and style of the period in which the work was created, the scene can be quite animated with gesticulating figures and a composition suggesting confusion or wonderment. Excitement may seem to permeate the atmosphere. In the Eastern tradition, icons of the Pentecost don't always depict tongues of fire. Instead, at the top of the icon a circle or semicircle represents heaven and from its center, twelve rays point downward toward the twelve apostles, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit. ... The Pentecost icons of the Eastern Church ... stress the underlying ecclesiological meaning of Pentecost and less so the narrative details of the descent of the Spirit or observable physical facts, as reported in Acts. Along the same lines, in the icon at the bottom of (many) Eastern icons, is an image of something not reported in Acts. It appears to be a tomb with a king standing in the blackness of the interior. He holds a white cloth supporting twelve written scrolls. The king actually personifies the great multitude of people gathered in Jerusalem for the holy day. The image is called "Cosmos" and the dark place in which the king stands represents the whole world which had formally been without faith and had suffered under the weight of Adam's sin. The red garment the king wears symbolizes pagan or the devil's blood sacrifices, and the crown he wears signifies sin which ruled the world. The white cloth and twelve scrolls symbolize the twelve apostles who brought Christ's light to the world through their teaching. That is the core message of



the Eastern depiction of Pentecost. The message is not so much about the physical manifestations of the descent of Holy Spirit as it is the substantial presence of the Spirit in the Church, acting through the Church, to sanctify the world. The Ascension of the Lord represented the end of Christ's earthly mission and Pentecost represented the beginning of the residency of the Holy Spirit in the Church ... Eastern icons of the event express an overall sense of order, calm and solemnity. Here we see the unity and singleness of purpose of the hierarchic Church in converting the world. A formal arrangement of the apostles in a semi-circle surrounding

the tomb and king is broken only by an empty space in the seating arrangement at the top of the bend. It is the seat reserved for Christ, the head of the Church. On close inspection, you will notice that the apostles are depicted in inverse perspective: the size of the figures grow bigger the closer they are to the seat reserved for

Christ. St. Peter sits to the right (our left) and St. Paul, to the left (our right). St. Paul, of course, was not present at Pentecost, but that fact is not relevant here where the meaning of the icon is the substantial presence of the Spirit in the institutional Church. Actually, there are a few others also represented here who were not of the original twelve apostles: Luke the Evangelist (third from the top on the left) and Mark the Evangelist (third from the top on the right). They hold their gospel books. Paul also holds a book, symbolizing his letters. Others hold scrolls, symbols of having received the gift of teaching ... No two figures strike the same pose. This goes to the inner meaning of the icon: although there is the one Spirit – one Body – each member is given special gifts.

- "The Meaning of Icons," by Vladimir Lossky

Liturgy Intentions for this week:

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

Monday, May 16:

8:00am – for a private repose Intention

Tuesday, May 17:

8:00am – for blessings for good health for Tony Makarchuk

Wednesday, May 18:

8:00am – for blessings for full recovery from surgery for Don Bobyn

Thursday, May 19:

8:00am – for blessings for good health for Ann Kostiuk

Friday, May 20:

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

Saturday, May 21: SOROKOUST

9:00am – for the repose of all souls

Sunday, May 22: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

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

10:30am - for the repose of the soul of +Ellen Lukey

5:00pm – for blessings for strength, comfort and healing for Teri

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

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

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
587-891-9898;

<eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com>

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

Contact: Theresa Lewchuk
403-208-0850;

<lewchukt@hotmail.com>

Men's Dinner: Annual major church fundraiser for capital expenses plus Inn From the Cold endeavours.

Contact: Greg Bobyn
403-271-0011; <greg.bobyn@mnpc.ca>

The Helping Others Network:

Distributes used furnishings and clothing to the needy.

Contact: Des Peplinski
403-238-0804; <dlp238@shaw.ca>

Art Committee: discusses religious artwork for parish.

Contact: Jim Ochitwa
<jim.ochitwa@maryngroup.com>

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

Contact: Stacey Bobyn
403-860-2185
<sbobyn1@telusplanet.net>

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
<s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com>

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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MAY / JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Holy and Glorious Pentecost; Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great (346)	Monday of the Holy Spirit; Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified, Disciple of Saint Pachomius (364)	Post-feast of Pentecost; The Holy Apostle Andronicus and Those with Him; Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Ivan Ziatyk, Protohegumen of the Redemptorists and Martyr	Post-feast of Pentecost; The Holy Apostle Andronicus and Those with Him; Passing into Eternal Life (1952) of Blessed Ivan Ziatyk, Protohegumen of the Redemptorists and Martyr
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 Summer Camp Meeting
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 UCEF Meeting 7:00 pm PR Committee Meeting
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 1:00 pm Plus 50 Lunch and Meeting
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post-feast of Pentecost; Holy Martyr Theodotus Ankyra (284-305); Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and Those with Them; the Seven Holy Virgins	Post-feast of Pentecost; The Holy Priest-Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and Those with Him (361- 463)	Post-feast of Pentecost; The Holy Martyr Thaleleus (283-84)	Leave-taking of Pentecost; The Holy Great Rulers Constantine (337) and Helen (330), Equals to the Apostles
8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am LightWeigh Program	19 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 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	21 9:00 am Divine Liturgy w/ Sorokousty 9:00 am Prospora Group - Baking 5:00 pm Vespers BLESSING OF GRAVES
8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am LightWeigh Program 10:00 am 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 5:00 pm Vespers PASTORAL CARE COURSE AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH
8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am LightWeigh Program	02 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting at ABVM	03  9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	04 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am M.A.F.I.A. Meeting & Playdate 6:00 pm Youth and Young Adult Laser Tag 10:00 AM BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE
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St. Stephen's Choir: Provides music ministry to the parish for liturgical services and other events.
Contact: Linda Dudar
403-238-0461; <linda.dudar@stmu.ca>

Prayer & Support Group: Accepts prayer requests for the confidential needs and intentions of parishioners.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
403-220-9624;
<marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>

Support Network: Provides support, encouragement & help for parishioners facing various difficulties/situations with referrals to services or help they need.
Contact: Marilyn Comchi
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International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.
Contact: Steve Groch
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Family Support Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to parishioners in need.
Contact: Eugene Woychysyn
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Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.
Contact: John Siroishka
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Snowflakes for Zambia: Raises funds to build schools for orphaned/at risk children in developing countries.
Contact: Jeanette O'Reilly
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Parish Library: A great place to borrow great books about our faith.
Contact: Olga Kizlyk Scarpari
<ststephens.library@gmail.com>

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

Mothers and Fathers in Action

(M.A.F.I.A.): A group for parents and little ones from 'in utero' to Grade 6.

Contact: Zenon Berg

<zenonberg@gmail.com>

Sunday School: A program run on most Sundays during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy for preschoolers age 4 through grade 2 children.

Contact: Lynsey Lowey

<lklowey@hotmail.com>

First Solemn Communion (FSC):

Sacramental Classes for children around GRADE 2 who are ready to approach for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own.

Contact: Karen McMillan

<s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com>

Children of Mary & Altar Servers:

Elementary school children who have completed their FSC, are encouraged to get involved by serving at the Altar, learning, playing and growing together.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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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.

Contact: Philip Bird

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

Contact: Philip Bird

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Adult Catechism (RCIA): This program is open to Adults and Teens who want to receive the sacraments or just understand the faith.

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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

Contact: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

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LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - UCWLC

10:30am - UCWLC

5:00pm - UCWLC

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - UCWLC

10:30am - UCWLC

ROSARY (10:00am): UCWLC

ARK STORE - OPEN: Lewchuk Family

PRAYER & CATECHESIS

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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATECHESIS CLASS:

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

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

BIBLE STUDY: on **Monday, May 16** at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

DIVINE LITURGY WITH SOROKOUSTY: on Saturday May 21 at 9:00am. This is the last Sorokousty reading of the names of the Deceased for this season.

GREAT VESPER: the final two Saturday Vesper services at 5:00pm will take place on **May 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.

VICTORIA DAY, MONDAY, MAY 23: Please note Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00am.

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

M.A.F.I.A. PLAYDATE: on Monday, May 16 at 10:00am in the Hall.

LIGHTWEIGH MEETING: on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00pm in the boardroom.

PROSPHORA GROUP: Preparation on Friday, May 20 and baking on Saturday, May 21.

PR DIRECTORATE COMMITTEE MEETING: on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm in the Knights Room.

UCEF MEETING: on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm in the Boardroom.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00pm in the Boardroom.

PARISH NOTICES

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE: TODAY 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 HOURS: Office hours will change during the period of May 16 - July 22, 2016 as follows:

Monday - Friday

Open: 8:30am - 12:00pm noon

Closed: 12:00pm - 12:30pm

Open: 12:30pm - 4:00pm

The Parish Office is closed on weekends and statutory holidays.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: next Sunday, May 22 after each of the morning Divine Liturgies.

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 in attendance. Reception to follow in the hall. Tickets are \$15. For tickets or more information, contact Dennis Yurkiw at 403-818-9883.

CATHOLICS: A COLORFUL FAMILY OF CHURCHES

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 - 7:00 PM AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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.

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

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 13th, 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. 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.

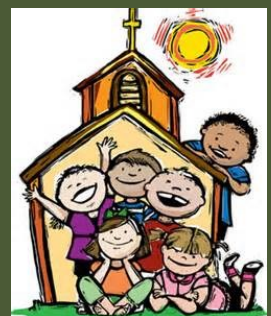
We love pew art! Please use the blank papers and colouring sheets provided in the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for your child to draw us some beautiful art. We can hang them on our parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.

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.

"MEN'S SILENT RETREAT WEEKEND": June 10-12 2016

At **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre** near Cochrane. <mtfrancis@shaw.ca>

Begins with Dinner at 6pm Friday June 10th, through Lunch on Sunday June 12. 1pm. Lecture sessions based on; "CREATION: Loving gift of God"

Silent Retreat is where you can take advantage of the quiet and peaceful environment for reflection and prayer. Opportunities also exist for reconciliation and private interviews with the Franciscan staff. Please call **Ken Moen Jr 403-452-7868** or e-mail: <ken@certifiedalarms.ca> (email is preferred) for further information or to Register. Car Pooling is an option.



START SAVING TO PASS IT ON!

This event is a partnership between St. Stephen's and the Calgary Catholic School District and is a great way to help Calgary families in need receive free winter clothing! The annual Clothing Collection and Give Away will be held on Saturday September 24, 2016 at Calgary Marlborough Community Association. We will be looking for clean and gently used clothing donations, with a focus on winter items and boots. We will also need volunteers to help with St. Stephen's clothing collection on Sunday September 18, the clothing sort day on Monday September 19, event set up on Friday September 23 and the Giveaway day on Saturday September 24. Please consider helping with this event as last year we helped make winter bearable for almost 800 people in 4 hours! For information or more details please contact Theresa Lewchuk at 403-815-6055 or <lewchukt@hotmail.com>.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE



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:
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