

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

MAY 29 - 2016

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Venerable-Martyr Theodosia the Virgin (286-305)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

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

Kontakion: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaims You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 1: When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his 'Rejoice!'* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Epistle

Romans 2:10-16

rothers and Sisters, glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all

who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

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: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:18-23

t that time as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea (for they were fishermen). And he said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." And at once they left the nets and followed him. And going farther on, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

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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 – effective June 1 for summer)

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.

CLERGY and RELIGIOUS

Pastor:

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403-249-4818, ext. 204

And immediately they left their nets and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. *

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



number of Sundays ago, April 10th, I made an announcement, read from the pulpit, about a sabbatical granted to me by Bishop David. I'd like to offer you that original text and bring things up to speed on the latest developments.

Christ is Risen!!!

St John of the Cross, a medieval saint and Doctor of the Church, once said:

"There is no spiritual state so high that often it is necessary to go back to the beginning." In my soon-to-be thirty two years of priesthood, I have often reflected on what the beginning of my vocation was like, and in particular, two religious communities that were so prominent in preparing me for the road ahead. They were Madonna House Apostolate in Combernere Ontario, and Mt Tabor Monastery in California.

Each community I visited in the mid 80's. Madonna House helped me with anxieties related to public ministry in the life of a priest and public speaking, and Mt Tabor Monastery introduced me to the life of the church in solitude and prayer, and the beauty and incredibly rich diversity of the city of San Francisco.

For some time I have thought to reconnect with the members of those communities, to take time for some extended rest, to make more room for reading and reflection, to be more present to my family, and to pursue and more healthy and creative lifestyle.

This is otherwise known as a "sabbatical."

Bishop David of the Eparchy of Edmonton has recently granted my request to go on a sabbatical, and has confirmed this action with your Parish Pastoral Council Chair, Mark Ewanchyna.

It will begin this July 1st-2016 and end June 1st-2017 for a period of eleven months, at which point I will return to the parish of St Stephens for the remaining duration of my pastoral assignment until August 1st-2018.

Fr Bohdan Nahachewsky will assume all pastoral duties during my absence, with an assistant from the Eparchy assigned to the parish during said period of sabbatical.

I remain grateful to Fr Bo for his support, and likewise to Bishop David and the Eparchy of Edmonton for this incredible opportunity.

I am excited to also announce my application to the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the Pontifical North American College in ROME, Italy, for the Spring Semester of next year.

Wherever I happen to be, Combermere, San Francisco or Rome, please be assured of my continued prayers to Our Lady of Pochaiv for your health and salvation.

We'll continue to pray for one another, and be in touch as the Body of Christ.

I wish you God's blessings!

-Fr MArk Bayrock, Pastor of St Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

So here are the latest and greatest developments that have evolved over the six weeks. (I might add that speculation has abounded to the point of one person actually asking me if I plan to leave the priesthood and get married!! Not the case, I assure you. But I digress).

July 3rd Sunday will be my last at the parish. The next two weeks I'll be in Edmonton with Mom, then leave on an extended Road Trip! By July 26th I'll

have passed through Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Chicago, landing in Detroit to take in the Fiat of America annual car show. August 2-4 the K of C Supreme Convention is in Toronto, and by August 11th I'll be in New York for two weeks checking out churches and museums. Then I travel to Madonna House,

Combermere to reside until September 11th (my

31st anniversary of priestly ordination is Sept 8th). The monks at Mt Tabor Monastery in San Francisco will be expecting me October 1st so I'll have more than two weeks to traverse the USA highways from the east coast to the west coast. (Should I take the famous Route 66?) The rest of October, all of November, all of December, first half of January I'll be growing a beard at the monastery, avoiding Brother Seraphim's soup, driving monks around, and taking in the life of prayer.

I'm really happy to announce that I was accepted into the Pontifical NA College in Rome!! From January 16th to April 7th It'll be four hours a day of intense study with thirty-two other sabbatical candidates from around the world. The location is just behind St Peter's and Google Maps has excellent pictures.

April 16th-2017 is Easter - the same date for both Julian and Gregorian Calendars. By then I hope to be in Ukraine with relatives, visit the Ukrainian Catholic University, and rest a bit.

In early May I will return to San Francisco, pick up my car from wherever, and make a final trek back to Edmonton to be with family for the rest of the month.

June 1st-2017 in my first official day back. I remain until the next set of clergy appointments due to occur August 1st-2018.

Before I leave I intend to start a blog of my adventures, much like the one I did for the Parish Holy Land Trip back in 2011. (Anyone remember? It was fun!) For the present I am tying up loose ends as much as possible.

All my possessions will go into storage in the Rectory basement to make room for Deacon Nykiforuk and his family, who will arrive September 1 st.

Stay tuned for news of a final party of farewell!

| will miss everyone more than you will know. God bless!!!!! -Fr MArk

Liturgy Intentions for this week:

Sunday, May 29 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – for blessings for health and healing for Ann Kostiuk

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

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

Monday, May 30:

8:00am – in memory for the repose of the souls of +Gertrude Rock and +Kathleen Stewart

Tuesday, May 31:

8:00am – for blessings for healing, comfort and peace for Deacon John Doll & family

Wednesday, June 1:

9:00am – for blessings for health and healing for Bill Siroishka

Thursday, June 2:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Greg Kyba

Friday, June 3:

9:00am – for the repose of the soul of +Joseph Karapinka

Saturday, June 4:

9:00am – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Sunday, June 5 - THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST:

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

10:30am – for blessings for healing and strength for Judy Yurkiw

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

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@mnp.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 403-547-3226; <tysow@shaw.ca>

MAY / JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	W
Second Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday of The Venerable-Martyr Theodosia the Virgin (286-305)	Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery (406-25)	The Holy Apostle Hermas; the Holy Martyr Hermes (138-61)	The Phili Him
29 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST 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 TAG DAY	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 Potluck Lunch and Meeting 7:00 pm Working together for Safer Environments	9:00 1:00
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19 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST FATHERS' 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. UCWLC FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP IN CENTRE	20 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	21 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	9:00

EDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Martyr Justin the osopher and Those with (Second century)	Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor (829)	The Holy Martyr Lucillianus and Those with Him	Our Holy Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople (312-37)
am Divine Liturgy pm LightWeigh Program	02 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	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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Divine Liturgy pm Property Management Meeting	16 No Divine Liturgy	No Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	18 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
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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
403-220-9624

<marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>

International Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to international charities in 2nd and 3rd world countries.

Contact: Steve Groch

403-239-4699; <swgctc@aol.com>

Family Support Trust Fund: Solicits & invests donations and disburses earned income to parishioners in need.

Contact: Eugene Woychyshyn
587-891-9898;
<eugene.woychyshyn@gmail.com>

Calgary Pro-Life Association: Raises funds for educational awareness programs.

Contact: John Siroishka
403-271-2128;
<johnsiroishka@shaw.ca>

Snowflakes for Zambia: Raises funds to build schools for orphaned/at risk children in developing countries.

Contact: Jeanette O'Reilly
403-826-5481

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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

First Solemn Communion (FSC):

</klowey@hotmail.com>

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

Children of Mary & Altar Servers:

<s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com>

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 <fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com>

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
<philipbird@gmail.com>

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

Contact: Philip Bird <philipbird@gmail.com>

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 <fr.bo.nahachewsky@gmail.com>

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: Siroishka 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 board-room.

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

BIBLE STUDY: on Monday, May 30 at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome!

PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

UCWLC Tag Day TODAY! Please join us after 10:30pm Divine Liturgy for coffee and treats. All welcome!

PLUS 50 POTLUCK LUNCHEON & MEETING: on Tuesday, May 31 at 11:00am in the Hall.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER ENVIRONMENTS MEETING: on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00pm in the Boardroom.

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

M.A.F.I.A. MEETING AND PLAYDATE: on Saturday, June 4 at 10:00am in the Knights Room.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSE: on Saturday, June 4 at 10:00am in the Hall.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT LASER TAG: on Saturday, June 4 at 6:00pm in the Hall.

SSMI - "CELEBRATION OF THANKGIVING":

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. Tickets are \$15. For tickets or more information, contact Dennis Yurkiw at 403-818-9883.

Last Week we forgot to include a "Congratulations", so here it is... one week late.

Congratulations: and best wishes to the Berg family on the occasion of the Baptism,
Chrismation and first Communion, of the servant of God, Garrick Xavier,
son of Zenon and Andrea Berg. We welcome Garrick into the family of God.

Mnohaya Lita! Many Happy Years!



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

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

At <u>Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre</u> 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY?

We are looking anybody interested in helping us to get into the 21st century with our website and social media ministries.

Join us Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 PM @ Church. Contact Laurie Kindrachuk at 403-614-5581 or <laurie.kindrachuk@shaw.ca> if you can help in any way.



YEEHAW!

It's time to grab your boots and come on out for our Annual

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Saturday, June 25th, 2016 St. Stephen's Parish Centre

6:00PM - Doors Open

7:00PM - BBQ Steak and Perogie Dinner

9:00PM - Entertainment & Dance

For tickets please contact:

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



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 Sat. Sept. 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 our clothing collection on Sun. Sept. 18, the clothing sort day on Mon. Sept. 19, event set up on Friday, Sept. 23 and the Giveaway day on Saturday Sept. 24. 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>.

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.

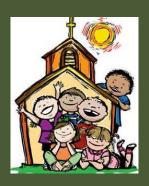
We love pew art! Please use the blank papers and colouring sheets provided in the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for your child to draw us some beautiful art. We can hang them on our parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.

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.

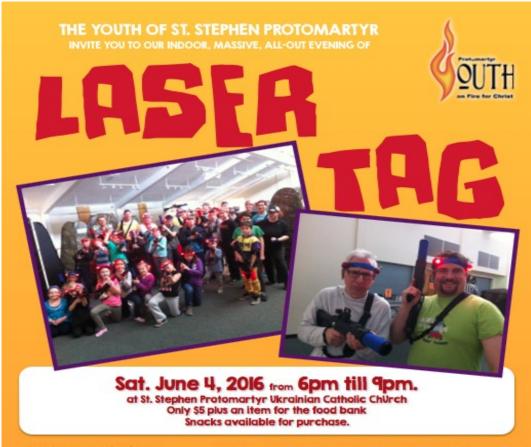
At St. Stephen Protomartyr, ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME who wish to live a Christian and Catholic way of life, regardless of their ethnic, economic, history or any other backgrounds. We are part of God's Holy Church, here to joyfully lead the life taught by the Risen Christ, reaching out with love and proclaiming 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 cprotomartyr.ca> or visit us in person. We look forward to getting to know you.



WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH COOL STUFF TO BUY FOR YOU!

MORE INFO IN THE CHURCH'S ATRIUM OR BY EMAIL @ LKLOWEY@HOTMAIL.COM



equipment and referees brought to you by:



adventuretag.ca

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

TEENS

Please bring appropriate shoes. NOT SO YOUNG ADULTS

KIDS PRE-TEENS

YOUNG ADULTS