



# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JUNE 12 - 2016

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE

Our Venerable Father Onuphrius the Great (c. 337); Our Venerable Father Peter of Athos (892);  
Krystynopil' Icon of the Mother of God

### *Troparia and Kontakia*

*Troparion:* Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,\* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.\* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;\* He saved us from the abyss of Hades\* and granted great mercy to the world.

*Troparion:* O you, who glorified Christ:\* princes and bishops,\* monastics and martyrs,\* and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times,\*pray Christ God to look with favour on our people\* and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith\* that the souls of prayerful faithful\* who revere your sacred memory\* may be saved.

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

*Kontakion:* You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,\* and led us out from the gates of death.\* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,\* and the prophets together with the patriarchs\* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion:* You shine as bright beacons,\* O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church.\* By your encouraging example,\* you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.\* Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you\* thanking our great and all-gracious God\* Who has made you our intercessors in heaven\* where you pray for our souls.

### *Prokeimenon*

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

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

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

### *Epistle*

*Romans 6:18-23;8:28-39*

Brothers and Sisters, you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be

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### **Parish Website:**

<protomartyr.eeparchy.com>

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<www.edmontoneparchy.com>

### **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:

Fr. Mark A. Bayrock  
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slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**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: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 8:5-13; 5:1-16

At that time when Jesus entered Caparnaum, there came to him a centurion who begged him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted." Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him." But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." And when Jesus heard this, he marveled, and said to those who were following him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west, and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put out into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done to you." And the servant was healed at that hour.

### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. \* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\*

Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.



A weekend to be thankful for 68 years of service by our beloved Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI)

As most of us know, the beautiful and kind SSMI community needed to shut

down their convent in Calgary. Over the past many years these dedicated nuns have been teaching our children and caring for our elderly, beautifying our churches and bringing joy to our hearts. We will miss them immensely. Let us honour their many years of service to our communities in Calgary with a grand thank you, constant prayers for their continued works, and most of all with an abundance of new vocations from among our daughters, so that they can speedily reopen the convent here with us.

May God's blessings be upon you sisters, and may your Patroness guide you always.

We will miss you greatly.



# Why do we use incense?

Incense has been used in the worship of God for countless generations starting from the earliest times. In scripture Cain and Able were invited to offer their gifts to God.

Noah by offering his gifts who's smoke rose to God as a pleasing fragrance, convinced the Lord never to destroy the earth again. In Jerusalem's temple, the holiest place where God Himself dwelt, there was a constant burning of incense, with multiple services dedicated to the burning of it for the salvation of the people. God has made his presence known in smoke and fire through history. To this day, we burn incense at various church services to bless, cleanse, humble, awe, and move the people into holiness. In the bible you can find the word incense 116 times, and burnt offerings nearly 300 times. To burn something as an offering to God, where effort and sacrifice has been given in providing the gift, has been central to the Judeo-Christian tradition since the begging, and is particularly evident in our Eastern Christian liturgical tradition today.



Smells also have a great way of bringing a person into a particular state of mind. Certain smells attract, others repulse, some excite while others calm. Humans and animals have used scents to communicate for hundreds of thousands of years. Think of how dogs and cats rub up against their owners to both leave their scent and to gain their owner's scent. Aroma therapy has a huge influence on millions of people around the world, reducing anxiety and giving energy. Churches also recognize that scents can be powerful tools to transport people into prayer. When we enter into a space that smells of incense, we consciously or subconsciously are moved into a mental place conducive to prayer.

Is incense good for everyone? Well... we recognize that some people are more sensitive to certain smells than

others. Some people also have breathing problems like asthma which are stressed by things like smoke. Therefore as a parish we have done several things to allow for a better environment for these people. Firstly, we use good incense that is hypo-allergenic. Cheap incense does indeed negatively affect us all not only those with sensitive lungs and noses. Secondly we use incense sparingly (not huge spoon full onto hot coals, but rather one little rock at a time). Thirdly we have one Liturgy each day which does not use incense at all. Those who have respiratory issues are encouraged to take advantage of this. (There is no incense used at the 5pm Sunday Liturgy.)

I recognize that smells and smoke affect some people seriously, and it is no laughing matter, however I also have done an experiment several times that... makes me laugh. Due to requests from several people, I have sometimes not lit the charcoal, nor have I put anything into the kadylo (aka the therable, sensor), but I have swung the kadylo as usual for the sake of the visual and audio effect. It is funny, and simultaneously sad, how many people start coughing, sputtering, complaining and even leave the building when I do this.

Should we remove incense from our worship because some have difficulty with it. Probably not. Incense does much spiritual good for the church and is pleasing to God (as we understand in scripture). But we can work with people so that their needs are taken care of, reducing or eliminating the negatives while increasing the positives gained.

Fr. Bo

## Liturgy Intentions

### for this week:

*Sunday, June 12 - FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST:*

*8:30am – for the repose of the soul  
of +Joe Karapinka*

*10:30am – in memory for the repose  
of the souls two beloved ones*

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

*Monday, June 13:*

*9:00am – NO DIVINE LITURGY*

*Tuesday, June 14:*

*9:00am – NO DIVINE LITURGY*

*Wednesday, June 15:*

*9:00am – NO DIVINE LITURGY*

*Thursday, June 16:*

*9:00am – NO DIVINE LITURGY*

*Friday, June 17:*

*9:00am – NO DIVINE LITURGY*

*Saturday, June 18:*

*9:00am – for the repose of the soul  
of +Orest Zabinsky*

*Sunday, June 19 - FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST:*

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

*10:30am – for the repose of the soul  
of a beloved one*

*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@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

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

# JUNE / JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine, Tone 3; Our Venerable Father Onuphrius the Great (c. 337); Our Venerable Father Peter of Athos (892); Krystynopil' Icon of the Mother of God	The Holy Martyr Aquilina (286-305); Holy Triphillius, Bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia) on Cyprus (343)	The Holy Prophet Elisha (9th c. BC); Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847)	The Holy Prophet Isaiah (8th c. BC); Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847)
<b>12 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>13</b> No Divine Liturgy	<b>14</b> No Divine Liturgy	<b>15</b> No Divine Liturgy
<b>19 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHERS' DAY</b>  8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 10:30 am Sunday School - Last session 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng. <b>UCWLC FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP IN CENTRE</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
<b>26 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Plus 50 Lunch & Meeting 4:00 pm Working Together for Safer Environments Meeting	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Plus 50 Meeting <b>FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>
<b>3 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  FR. MARK'S LAST DAY WITH US BEFORE HIS SABBATICAL  8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  <b>CAMP DECORATING &amp; SETUP</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  <b>CAMP DECORATING &amp; SETUP</b>	<b>6</b> No Divine Liturgy  <b>CAMP DECORATING &amp; SETUP</b>
<b>10 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>  8:30 am Divine Liturgy: Ukr. 10:30 am Divine Liturgy: Eng. 1:00 pm Melkite Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy: Eng.	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy <b>7:00 pm PPC Meeting</b>	<b>13</b> No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Prophet Amos (c. BC); Venerable Amos, Presbyter of Jerusalem (420)	Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon of Amathus (408-50)	The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael; Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of Ruphenia (446)	The Holy Martyr Leontius (69-79)
Divine Liturgy	16 No Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Property Management Meeting	17  No Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy 4:00 pm Prosphora Group - Prep	18 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 am Prosphora Group - Baking
PRERGY RETREAT			
am Divine Liturgy	23 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	24  9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	25 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 12:00 pm PLAST Meeting  UKIE STAMPEDE STOMP
am Festal Divine Liturgy pm Festal Divine Liturgy AST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	30 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	1  9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy  CANADA DAY  CAMP DECORATING & SETUP	2 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  CAMP DECORATING & SETUP
Divine Liturgy CAMP DECORATING & SETUP	7 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  CAMP DECORATING & SETUP	8  9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy  CAMP DECORATING & SETUP	9 9:00 am Divine Liturgy  STAMPEDE BREAKFAST RUMMAGE SALE CAMP DECORATING & SETUP
CHURCH CLEANING WEEK			
Divine Liturgy	14 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	15 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Westview Liturgy	16 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
ER DAY CAMP			

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Woychysyn  
587-891-9898;  
<eugene.woychysyn@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  
<jhendrickson689@gmail.com>

**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

<lklwey@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

<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

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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 - Gerald Strashok

10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki

5:00pm - Brad & Karen Swidzinski

### **HOSTS/USHERS**

8:30am - Gerald Strashok

10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki

**ROSARY** (10:00am): Glen Kulak

**ARK STORE** - OPEN: Dwulit Family

## **PRAYER & CATECHESIS**

**ANNUAL EPARCHIAL CLERGY RETREAT:** Fr.

Mark and Fr. Bo will be away Monday, June 13 to Friday, June 17 to attend this retreat.

Wishing them a safe, spiritual and blessed journey.

**NO WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES: on Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17** while Fr.

Mark and Fr. Bo are away.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATECHESIS CLASSES ARE FINISHED** for the summer. Classes will resume in September.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** at 10:30am in the classrooms. **Note that last class before summer break is NEXT SUNDAY, June 19.**

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES ARE FINISHED** for the summer. Classes will resume in September.

## **PARISH MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

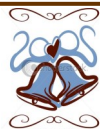
### **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MEETING:** on Thursday, June 16 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

**PROPSHORA GROUP:** Preparation on Friday, June 17 and baking on Saturday, June 18.

### **FATHER'S DAY ANNUAL STRAWBERRY**

**SOCIAL:** on Sunday, June 19 in the hall after 10:30 Divine Liturgy. Everyone Welcome!



**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Avrey and Stephanie Sakundiak who were joined together in Marriage on Saturday, June 11, 2016. May God grant them many, many happy years together! Mnohaya Lita!

## **DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS...**



### **UKIE STAMPEDE STOMP!**

**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

### **Bible Workshop Series: June Workshops (Gospel of John & Revelation)**

Join the series of beginner workshops on the Bible and see God's Word come to life. The last workshops in Fr. John Kohler's Bible series is happening in the month of June, focusing on the Gospel of St. John and the Book of Revelation. Workshop schedule: **June 16 (St. Joseph's, Calgary); June 18 (Holy Family, Medicine Hat).** If you have any questions please e-mail <john.kohler@calgarydiocese.ca >

A **Byzantine Iconography Workshop** with Marianna Savaryn is being held at St. Mary's University June 13-17. Join in on this artistic and spiritual adventure! The workshop will focus on the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. See <www.stmu.ca/sacred-arts> for details or call 403-531-9130.

### **Pilgrimage to Sts. Peter and Paul Vidpust in Mundare**

on June 26, 2016. Motor coach (air conditioned with washroom) leaving ABVM Church at 5:15 am and returning before 7 pm. Cost of the trip is \$50 per person. Dinner ticket (full course meal) is \$20 per person. Limited number of seats available. Youth (under 25) may have costs covered by Eparchial Youth Fund. Please join us. Call Ivan at 403-816-5105 for information and to book your seat.



# massive church clean up!

On **July 4 - 8, 2016**, we will be cleaning out all the corners, cupboards, closets and storage rooms in the whole church. **We ask all groups and individuals to:**

- Clean up all your *stuff* in the whole building **prior to** this date. (Make sure you can access all your gear, equipment, paper, binders, files etc. by booking the room and time you will be in to clean with the Office Administrator)
- Get a **pink** "cleaned & sorted" paper from the main office, fill it out, and tape it on all the stuff you have cleaned up and want to keep.

Things without a pink "cleaned & sorted" paper attached to them will be assumed abandoned or for general church use. These non-labeled items will then be gone through and dealt with as the cleaners / organizers see fit.

We may ask you (your organization/ministry) to move your stuff to a particular area to keep things orderly. (For example: Sunday School stuff should be together in the Class Rooms, Knights stuff in the Knight's storage area, Choir stuff in the choir loft, etc...)

**Thanks for your cooperation!**



## PASTORAL CARE

Being present to people is nice. Recognizing the presence of Christ in people and serving them in the times of their need is profoundly moving.

Our Pastoral Care Director is inviting all parishioners to join us in serving those in need, especially those in hospitals, nursing homes and shut ins. In the fall we will have a Pastoral Care Training course which will help us to know what to say, what to do, and what perhaps not to do when spending time with others.

Also we are looking to have some good reliable, faith filled volunteers to help us distribute

Eucharist to those who are unable to come to the Church. We will have a Pastoral Eucharistic Training Session on Saturday June 25th at 10 am, where we will help our volunteers understand about the Eucharist, and to know how to distribute Him (yes, HIM not it).

All those interested in volunteering with Pastoral Care, either as Volunteer Visitors, or as Pastoral Eucharistic Ministers are invited to apply by contacting Marilyn Comchi at <marilyncomchi@shaw.ca>

Please note: any and all males and females are most welcome to apply. The pastors will then discern with the applicant if they are a suitable candidate to visit people and/or distribute Eucharist. All volunteers will be asked for a Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector in accord with our Safer Environments policy.

If you know of anyone who is in a hospital, a nursing home or senior's lodge, or who is shut in at home, please also let us know about them by contacting Marilyn at the above address.

*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.*

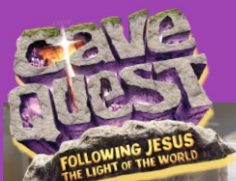
*We love pew art! Please use the blank papers and colouring sheets provided in the "cry room" (not pew envelopes) for your child to draw us some beautiful art. We can hang them on our parish bulletin boards for all to enjoy.*

*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...*

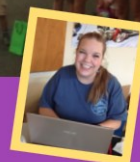
*A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.*



It's not too late yet. Register your family today for our  
**Awesome Summer Day Camp!**



For more info, see the display in the atrium or contact  
Lynsey at [lklowey@hotmail.com](mailto:lklowey@hotmail.com)



*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.*

## Faith Formation Possibilities

We all need to understand our faith. In particular, as a parish we need good people who can lead and help with various programs and ministries; people who are trained to do their job and who understand their faith.

Therefore as a parish we are willing to help with or even cover the tuition for those who are willing to share their talents with the rest of the community.

Newman Theological College (NTC) is a Catholic College in Edmonton that offers Certificate Courses in house but also online. There are several different courses for those who wish to teach catechism, prepare people to receive sacraments (Marriage, Baptism, etc.), work with youth, evangelize, work with the poor, visit the dying and more. (see [www.newman.edu](http://www.newman.edu) for more details) Classes that would help us all are also available through Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytsky Institute (MASI) in Ottawa (see [www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca](http://www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca) for more details), and periodic workshops offered by our own Eparchy.

The Certificates in Eastern Christian Traditions offered by NTC are something I would dearly like to promote. It would be ideal for all parishioners, not just those who wish to work within the parish.

I (Fr. Bo) propose that we have an "in church" group class in the upcoming academic year, where we study together and then share after class. Some people can take the classes for credit, and others can audit the program. If you can't come and study with us as a group, you can also study from home.

If you are willing to multiply your talents by studying and perhaps working within the church, please talk to Fr. Bo. He would dearly love to hear from you.

Here are more details about this program:

The Certificates in Eastern Christian Traditions includes six courses each, of approximately 25 hours over a five-week period. Each course requires that you complete readings and assignments, and participate in online discussions.

Audience:

- General Interest in your personal faith formation
- Volunteer catechists
- Catholic school teachers
- Pastoral Assistants in the parishes
- Others whose ministry would be enriched by formal certification in this field.

Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I (EASI)

Courses:

- CCS-046 The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part I
- CCS-047 The Theology of Eastern Christianity Part II
- CCS-048 Worship and Spirituality of Eastern Catholic Churches
- CCS-049 Praying with Icons
- CCS-050 The Holy Mysteries: An Introduction
- CCS-002 Scripture



### Coming Soon!

Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions II (EASII) (Prerequisite - Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions I (EASI))

Courses:

- CCS-070 Theology of Icons
- CCS-071 Jesus Prayer
- CCS-072 Eastern Christian Moral Thought
- CCS-073 Eastern Christian Tradition: History
- CCS-074 The Liturgical Year
- CCS-075 Eastern Christians and Ecumenism

Other certificates offered at Newman.

- Foundations in Faith Year I (FFI)
- Foundations in Faith Year II (FFII)
- Certificates in Catechesis
- Certificate in Catholic School Trusteeship
- Certificates in Diaconate Discernment
- Certificates in Eastern Christian Traditions
- Certificate in Liturgy (LIT)
- Certificate in Mercy in the Catholic Tradition (MER)
- Certificate in New Evangelization (NE)
- Certificate in Pastoral Care (PC)
- Certificate in Religious Education (RE)
- Certificate in Sacramental Preparation (SP)
- Certificates in Scripture
- Certificate in Social Justice (SJ)
- Certificate in Youth Evangelization (YE)

Fr. Bo



This is Sr. Zoe SSMI (yes another one of our Ukrainian Catholic Nuns). She is currently running things at Newman Theological College. May God bless her work