

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

JULY 31- 2016

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fore-feast of the Procession of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord;
Holy and Just Eudocimus

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

Kontakion: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour,* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brothers and Sisters, if I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defence to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord

and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

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 Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-34

The Lord told this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Sundays:
8:30am – Ukrainian [chanted]
10:30am – English [choir]
1:00pm – Arabic / English [Melkite]
5:00pm – English [recited & incense free]

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat:
9:00am – English

Fridays:
10:00am at Westview - 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. Bo.

Baptism-Chrismation-Eucharist:
Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

Anointing of the Sick: For emergencies call 403-249-4818, press 9.

Funeral: Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

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settlement, one was brought to him who owed him millions. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a small amount, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' But he would not; but went away and threw him into prison until he would pay what was due. His

fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, 'Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you begged me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on YOU?' And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he would pay all that was due to him. So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts."

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Barrie and Holly Gillam who are celebrating their **60th** Wedding Anniversary.
Mnohaya lita!
May you be blessed with many more happy years together!

INVITATION



Calgary Friends of Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) Fundraising Banquet Thursday Oct 13, St. Stephen's Cultural Centre.

UCU is a leading institution for advancement of civil society in Ukraine and is involved in an active student exchange with St. Mary's University, Calgary.

Special guest of Honour, Most Rev. Bishop Borys Gudziak, Bishop of Paris and President of UCU. For more Information 403-670-9145. Tickets on sale Aug 1. Please contact:

Ed Krakiwsky: 403-671-0049; Deborah Johnson: 403-201-6225; Don Bobyn: 403-830-3515.

"I will not leave you orphaned" - John 14:18



← This is a picture of **Fr. Jim Nakonechny**. While I (Fr. Bo) am away on holidays for the next few weeks (July 25—August 12), I have arranged for Fr. Jim do Sunday services for our parish (both Sundays). I trust you will make Fr. Jim feel welcome. During my absence there will be no regular weekday nor Saturday morning services. Fr. Jim has agreed to come in on Saturday August 6th, at 7pm to celebrate a festal Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration. As it is a big feast I hope you can all make it.

If you have any priestly pastoral (sacramental) emergencies during the weekdays while I am away, such as Anointing of the Sick, funerals and even confessions, you can contact **Fr. Michael Bohun** of our sister parish: the Assumption of the BVM at 403-230-7013 (if not answered, wait for end of announcement and then press "0" for Pastoral Emergency).

And finally as another backup, you can also contact **Fr. Ephrem Kardouh** (the Melkite priest) for hospital visits and confessions. Call 403-249-4918 (our parish's line) and press 302 to reach him.

LITURGICAL HELP

EPISTLE READERS

8:30am - Dianna Rygiel
10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki
5:00pm - Christine Knights

HOSTS/USHERS

8:30am - Dianna Rygiel
10:30am - Harry & Annette Kozicki

ROSARY (10:00am): Glen Kulak

ARK STORE - Siroishka family

PARISH NOTICES

REMINDER - Fridays at Westview at 10:00am and Sunday Divine Liturgies will continue as normal scheduled during Fr. Bo's break.

Liturgies are celebrated in the Chapel on the 3rd floor (south west corner of the building).

HERITAGE DAY - Monday, Aug. 1 and the parish office will be closed.

FEAST of the TRANSFIGURATION - Saturday, August 6 - Festal Liturgy at 7:00pm

JULY/AUG PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

CHOIR PRACTICE: on Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7:00pm.

PROSPHORA BAKING PREP AND BAKING: on Friday, Aug. 12 at 4:00pm and Saturday, Aug. 13 at 9:00am.

SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP IN CENTRE: collected on Sunday, Aug. 21 at all Divine Liturgies.

DISTRICT GRAND KNIGHT MEETING: on Monday, Aug. 22 at 5:00pm in the K of C room.

PARISH COUNCIL BBQ: on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 6:00pm.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINIAN PIONEERS IN CANADA GALA BANQUET & ZABAVA: on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 5:00pm in the hall (see posting for details).

UPCOMING COURSES / PROGRAMS

Please sign up for the following through the parish office:

CHILD BAPTISMAL PREP COURSES:

- * October 15, 2016, 10am - 4pm
- * January 21, 2017, 10am - 4pm
- * March 25, 2017, 10am - 4pm

ADULT BAPTISM & FAITH EXPLORATION COURSE (RCIA):

- * Sept. 17 - April 16 (Saturdays, 12 - 3pm)

FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION COURSE:

- * September 18 - May 7 (Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00pm)

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE:

- * February 10 - 12, 2017

MOTHERS AND FATHERS IN ACTION (MAFIA):

- * Twice Monthly... see group for details

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- * Classes begin September 11, on most Sundays at 10:30 Liturgy (see parish calendar)

CHILDREN OF MARY & ALTAR SERVERS:

- * Meetings begin September 30, on every other +/- Friday (see parish calendar)

YOUTH (Junior & Senior High Students):

- * Meetings begin September 23, on every other +/- Friday (see parish calendar)

YOUNG ADULTS (18—35):

- * Meetings begin September 22, on every other +/- Thursday (see parish calendar)

BIBLE STUDY:

- * November 7 - June 12 (Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00pm)

CERTIFICATE IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS (Newman Theological College):

- * September 27 - June 13 (Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00pm in the church) ...or anytime at your home online.
- * FREE TUITION! - for many parish volunteers. Free College Education!

CHOIR:

- * Sings on Sundays at 10:30 Liturgy and at weddings, funerals, etc...
- * Practices on some Wednesday nights

UCWLC, KNIGHTS, +50 (Seniors)

- * Monthly meetings (see parish calendar)

ADULT UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES:

- * Tues at 6:30 - 9:00pm and Wed 7:00 - 8:30pm (Sept 20 - Dec 14, 2016)

Liturgy Intentions

for this week:

Saturday, July 30:

9:00am – No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 31 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – for blessings in celebration of Mike and Jean Tycholiz on their 70th Wedding Anniversary (DL# 2502)

10:30am – for the repose of the soul of + Annie Zabrick (DL# 2490)

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

Monday, August 1:

9:00am – No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 2:

9:00am - No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 3:

9:00am – No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 4:

9:00am – No Divine Liturgy

Friday, August 5:

10:00am (Westview) – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

Saturday, August 6: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

9:00am – No Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm – Festal Liturgy

Sunday, August 7 - TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – for blessings for good health and healing for Edward Pichlyk

10:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Mykola Chobych

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



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

INTRODUCTION

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

BIBLICAL STORY

The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: [Matthew 17:1-9](#), [Mark 9:2-8](#), and [Luke 9:28-36](#). Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

taken from: http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/transfiguration/index_html

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.