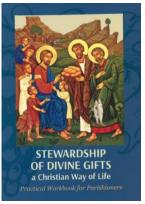
### **SEPTEMBER 4 - 2016**

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Holy Priest-Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (250); Holy Prophet Moses Who Saw God



Today, as we read the Gospel of the Talents, our bishop has declared that all parishes in our Eparchy should celebrate "Stewardship Sunday". Everyone throughout our province, who attends a Ukrainian Catholic Church, will receive a very good little booklet entitled "Stewardship of Divine Gifts: A Christian Way of Life" and each priest will preach about how everything that we have is both God's and from God, and we are called to be stewards of His world, His people.

Please Take your booklet home, take one for your family and friends, and read it. Let's all respond to God's call to be good and faithful servants.

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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 – Enalish

#### Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying it s powers.\* Hades is bound.\* The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion: O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you,\* bring us up from the pit and depth of sin,\* for you have saved those subject to sin\* by giving birth to our Salvation,\* O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth,\* and still a Virgin after childbirth.

The Lord will give strength to His people;\* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

#### Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Brothers and Sisters, as we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as

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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#### HALL KITCHEN

*verse:* To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### Gospel

Matthew 22:35-46

he Lord told this parable: "A man going abroad, called his servants and handed over his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his particular ability, and then he went on his journey. And he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more. In like manner, he who had received the two gained two more. But he who had received the one went away and dug in the earth and hid his master's money. Then after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And the one who had received the five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Master, you gave me five talents; look, I have gained five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many; enter into the joy of your master.' Likewise, the one who had received the two

the one who had received the one talent came and said, 'Master, I know you are a stern man; you reap where you have not sowed and gather where you have not winnowed; and as I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the earth; behold, you have what is yours.' But his master answered and said to him, 'Wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I do not sow, and gather where I have not winnowed. You should therefore have entrusted my money to the bankers, and on my return I should have got back my own with interest. Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him who does not have, even that which he seems to have shall be taken away.] But as for the unprofitable servant, cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." And when Jesus had finished, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

#### **Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, alleluia, \* alleluia.

During the month of September, the Eparchy of Edmonton conducts its annual Vocations and Seminary Collection. "It takes a whole village to raise a child." It likewise takes the support of the whole Church to form a deacon, priest, religious, monastic and lay member for ministry in the Church. It also takes our support to offer on-going education and formation for those already in sacred orders or involved in lay ministry. The faithful can acknowledge the role they play in nurturing vocations by offering their financial support to help defray such expenses as formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board. The collection supports Holy Spirit Seminary, Ottawa; the Basilian House of Studies, Edmonton; the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Novitiate, Winnipeg; Clergy Study Days; and the Eparchial Diaconal and

Studying at Holy Spirit Seminary this year are:

- Reader Cyril Kennedy (Doctoral Studies in Sacred Scripture, Catholic University, Washington, DC);
- Roman Kobyletskyy (English language and theology studies, Sheptytsky Institute – Saint Paul University, Ottawa);
- Deacon Andrij Nykyforuk (Pastoral Internship, Saint Stephen Parish, Calgary);
- Julian Savaryn (Philosophy Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton); and
- Orion Wiebe (Philosophy Studies, Concordia University, Edmonton)

The suggested donation amount is \$25.00 per family. A special envelope can be found in your envelope box. If you don't have an envelope box... please fill out a new member application which you can find in the atrium. In the mean time, you can ask



Julian's decision was not "volcanic", as it has been for some who have chosen the priestly or monastic vocation, he says. "God gently led me for about 10 years."

Julian began thinking about the priesthood when he entered the

University of Alberta at the age of 16. He spent three years working towards a Bachelor of Music degree, with cello being his performance instrument. After these studies he entered the Faculty of Law.

While working towards his law degree, Julian lived at the Basilian House of Studies and found that it was a "good time of spiritual growth." He smiles when it is suggested to him that he is following in the footsteps of his relative, the first Edmonton Eparch from 1948 to 1986, the Most Reverend Bishop Neil Savaryn, OSBM. He explains that he would prefer to leave the door open to married priesthood rather than the monastic tradition.

Julian has been a cellist since 1995, when he was five years old. He has founded a number of small businesses and like his grandfather, prominent Ukrainian Catholic community leader Peter Savaryn, solicitor and chancellor of the University of Alberta from 1982-1986, Julian entered the legal profession. Earning a JD (juris doctor) degree in 2013, he practiced commercial litigation law in Edmonton from 2014 – 2016. In both his musical and law pursuits, he received numerous awards.

In his first year, Julian will be concentrating on philosophy at the University of Alberta. The following three years will be dedicated to the study of theology.

Although he felt that the Holy Spirit was gently nudging him towards a priestly vocation, Julian delayed making this momentous decision. Finally, in February of 2016, he contacted Most Reverend Bishop David Motiuk, Eparch of Edmonton, to inform him of his desire to undertake preparation for the priesthood.

Since then, he says, he has found a "deep peace with the decision."

#### What does your donation to the Vocations and Seminaries Collection do?

When you make a donation, you are nurturing vocations by financially assisting seminarians, priests and religious, and educational institutions to defray costs for formation programs, retreats, conferences, seminars, tuition, books, and room and board. Your donation supports Julian, Orion, Andrij, Roman, Cyril and any number of priests and sisters who are continuing to grow in their vocations through the work being done by the

- Holy Spirit Seminary in Ottawa,
- Basilian House of Studies in Edmonton,
- Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Novitiate in Winnipeg,
- Clergy study days,
- Eparchial diaconal and lay ministry formation programs, and
- Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies academic and spiritual

#### SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

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

10:30am – for blessings and good health for Teri

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

#### Monday, September 5:

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

#### Tuesday, September 6:

9:00am – for blessings for good health for Joyce Martynuik

#### Wednesday, September 7:

9:00am - No Divine Liturgy

# Thursday, September 8: THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

9:00am - Festal Divine Liturgy

7:00pm – Festal Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, September 9:

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

#### Saturday, September 10:

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

#### Sunday, September 11 -

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8:30am – for the repose of the soul for +Helen Keller

10:30am – for blessings for good health and comfort for Olga and Frank Kizlyk Scapari

tin).

Below is a little greeting from them (written by Mariya) to all of you (with only one edit about sports from me).

#### Hello!

First of all, let us just say how grateful we are to be here, at St. Stephen Parish, for our internship year. Though the internship just officially began on September 1, we have visited the parish a few times throughout the summer and have felt overwhelmingly welcomed each time.

Both Deacon Andrij and his wife, Mariya, were born in Ukraine. Their families moved to Alberta in 1994 and 2000, respectively. They lived in Edmonton and attended the same community events but never actually met each other until the summer of 2012 (thanks to Patriarch Sviatoslav, but that's a long story...) Once things got rolling, it quickly turned into an avalanche... After getting married, they lived in Ottawa while Andrij worked through his seminary formation. Both of their daughters

Mahdalyna and Zakhariya - were born in Ottawa. Now they are excited to be living in Calgary. They are not really into sports, so neither the Edmonton Oilers, the Calgary Flames nor any CLF team will be in his homilies (unlike Fr. Bo with those Riders). For us in the end, home is where the family is.

Deacon Andrij loves to learn new things, whether it be outdoorsy stuff or home improvement or martial arts or history, you name it. He also spends his free time playing with his daughters, making wine, playing musical instruments, and being an awesome husband. Besides his theology degree he also has degrees in political science,

economics and psychology; but working for God seems to offer the best retirement benefits.

Mariya (yes, it is spelled weirdly) loves to drink black tea and read, though since having kids she has only had time to read cook books (the ones with the pretty pictures). In the far past (so, 5 years ago), she was an accountant and a family photographer on the side. Now she dreams of one day knowing everything about homesteading - growing enough food to feed the family year round; pickling and canning;

hemming, sewing and mending; and maybe even having some chickens.

The girls are just a blessing, and teach us something new practically every day. Mahdalyna loves to do her own thing, and, to her disappointment, Zakhariya just loves to follow her around most of the time.

#### What is a deacon?

Deaconate is the first of three major ordained Holy Orders in the Church. (Lectors, candlebearers, readers, etc. are minor orders.) One must be a deacon before becoming a priest, and a priest before becoming a bishop. The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word  $di\acute{a}konos$  (διάκονος), which is a standard Greek word meaning "servant", "waiting-man", "minister", or "messenger". One commonly promulgated speculation as to its etymology is that it literally means "through the dust", referring to the dust raised by the busy

of the Anaphora. In keeping with Eastern tradition, he is not permitted to perform any Sacred Mysteries (sacraments) on his own, except for Baptism *in extremis* (in danger of death), conditions under which anyone, including the laity, may baptize. When assisting at a normal baptism, it is often the deacon who goes down into the water with the one being baptized (Acts 8:38).

In contrast to the Roman Catholic Church, deacons in the Eastern Churches may not preside at the celebration of marriages, as in Eastern theology the

# It's now time to "PASS IT ON"! At all litur- PASS

gies on **Sunday September 18 ONLY**, we will accept clean, gently used fall and winter clothing, coats, boots, mitts, hats and footwear for all ages (babies to adults) and toys. (Gently used = freshly laundered, in good repair, no animal hair.) **It would be wonderful if each family could also donate 1 winter coat. Please package clothing and label according to gender and size (e.g. boys—size 12).** 



Clothing Collection Shared with Calgary Families in Need

On September 18th we will also accept donations of store-bought cookies and juice boxes, to share with our guests at the Giveaway event.

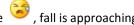
Please consider giving the gift of your time! We will need volunteers for Collection Day: Sunday Sept. 18; Sort Day: Monday Sept. 19; and Giveaway Day: Saturday Sept. 24. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM** or **REGISTER ONLINE at:** <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1H-IJdC5IUt-yCUkvxLH4pkwyr3rkjCAiTtHY5r4sujY/edit">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1H-IJdC5IUt-yCUkvxLH4pkwyr3rkjCAiTtHY5r4sujY/edit</a> (the link is on the new parish website too.)

For more details contact Theresa Lewchuk at 403-815-6055 or lewchukt@hotmail.com



Hi there/ Привіт!

The summer is starting to draw to a close



and it's time to think about Ukrainian language classes . I lo forward to seeing you all.

Information about the fall sessions is:

**Beginner** - For those who have no or very limited knowledge of the Ukrainian language. Class time will be distributed evenly among

**Level II, Level III and Advanced** Ukrainian Language Classes are also offered.

**Tuesday evenings**, commencing Sept 13: 6:30 - 7:45 pm & 7:45 – 9:00 pm

FEES / CLASS/ STUDENT: Adults \$140.00; Youth \$80.00 WHERE: St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church 4903-45th Street SW, Calgary, AB

Please note that except for Beginners classes on Wednesdays, all classes will take place Tuesday evenings.

For returning students, I am very pleased to advise that Tanya is now sufficiently recovered and she will be returning for conversational Ukrainian.

Please register on-line below. If you experience any difficulties, please let me know.

I've invited you to fill out the form **ADULT UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 2016Fall**. To fill it out, visit: (link also on the new parish website.)

https://docs.google.com/forms/

#### LITURGICAL HELP

#### **EPISTLE READERS**

8:30am - Paul Kyba 10:30am - Glen Kulak 5:00pm - Christine Knights

#### **HOSTS/USHERS**

8:30am - Paul Kyba 10:30am - Glen Kulak

ROSARY (10:00am): Donna Korchinski

**ARK STORE** - Lewchuk family

#### **PRAYERS & CATECHESIS**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 4pm or by appointment.

**GREAT VESPERS:** Have resumed as of this past Saturday, Sept. 10 at 5:00pm. Come join us in this hour of beautiful prayers.

MAJOR FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD: on Thursday, Sept. 8. Festal Divine Liturgies at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: begins Sunday, Sept. 11 during the 10:30am Divine Liturgy. All children aged 3 to Gr. 2 are welcome!

MAJOR FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE **HOLY CROSS:** on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Festal Divine Liturgies at 9:00am and 7:00pm. (this is also a fasting day)

**BLESSINGS OF ALL STUDENTS TEACHERS** AND SCHOOL STAFF: will take place after each liturgy on September 18th. Invite your friends and family to come and share in the blessings.

RCIA / ADULT CATECHESIS: Are you looking to learn about the Catholic Faith? Do you want to understand the faith you have been raised in? Are you considering getting Baptised? Or Chrismated (Confirmed?) Our RCIA program is for all adults who want K of C 4th DEGREE MEETING: on Thursday, to learn about who we are as a church. Our **Sept. 8** at 8:00pm following Festal Liturgy

YOU AWHILE?" Training Program for Pastoral Care Volunteers. Open to all St Stephen's

Parishioners. Usually this program is held over 3 Saturdays but presenters have collapsed it into one weekend especially for us. Please join us Friday, Nov 4, 6:30 -10:30 pm and Saturday, Nov 5, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

#### CHILD BAPTISMAL PREP COURSES:

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

If you know of someone who is pregnant, or who wants to, but has not yet baptised their child, ask them to contact the parish.

#### **PARISH NOTICES**

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: from Aug. 23 - Sept. 6. Please call the main office line at 403-249-4818 and dial 202 to reach Fr. Bo with any office related items.

**BULLETINS WILL BE BETTER** after our Office Administrators are back. Thanks for your patience with me as I try to get these done.

**MONDAY:** Due to the Labour Day Statutory holiday, and the fact that we have no staff around, the office will be closed. Fr. Bo and Dcn. Andrij will be in the office on Tuesday. Liturgy does proceed as usual at 9am.

#### **PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: on Tues**day, Sept. 6 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

PASS IT ON COMMITTEE MEETING: on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00pm in the boardroom.

**15th at 7pm** – please spread the word.

Our first FAITH FRIDAY will take place on Friday, September 16th at 6pm (with meal) and 7pm with program. See the explanation in this bulletin for more details, and next week's bulletin to figure out what you can bring for the potluck. "Faith Fridays" are scheduled twice a month and are for everyone!

**PASS IT ON:** Clothing collection and sort days on Sunday, Sept. 18 & Monday, Sept. 19; Set up on Friday, Sept. 23 & Giveaway on Saturday, Sept. 24. Volunteers needed! Please see the signup sheets in the Atrium. For more info contact Theresa Lewchuk at 403-815-6055 or lewchukt@hotmail.com.

Perogy Work Bee PREP Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am - noon. For more info contact Carolyn Sclanders.

Perogy Work Bee PINCHING Wednesday September 21st at 9am - 1pm. For more info contact Carolyn Sclanders.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Ryan Bremer & Pamela Bodnarchuk who received the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish yesterday. May God bless you both abundantly. Many happy years.

#### **INVITATIONS**

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.



There are four major feasts in the Church honouring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on the eighth of September.

The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant—"the poor and the needy"—who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God's disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering

whole universe. The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse he bestowed a blessing. By destroying death he has granted us eternal life (Troparion).

By your nativity, O most pure virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life (Kontakion).

The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary's birth is incidental to the meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it "for us men and for our salvation" is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents.

The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary.

Written by Fr. Thomas Hopko.

### This Major Feast is celebrated this Thursday. Festal Divine Liturgies will be held at 9am & 7pm.

Okay Everyone of All Ages: Infants, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Regular Adults, Seniors...

Get ready for the most ambitious, incredible, fun, social and educational program in all history:



**AGE:** Cradle to Grave (via Breakout sessions)

**DESCRIPTION:** A multi-byzantine parish intergenerational catechetical program with food. Similar to "Generations of Faith", this program starts with a community meal, then goes into a group introduction of the topic of the day, followed by age appropriate breakout sessions.

**DATES:** Typically twice a month on Fridays. Normally but not always on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Fridays. See Schedule to the right.

TIMES: 6:00pm meal; 7pm – 9pm Interactive and Fun Faith Learning

Date	Topic
Friday, Sept 16	Who are we? Byzantine Christians
Friday, Sept 30	Who are we? What is the mission of the Church?
Friday, Oct 14	Who are we? as Humanity? Bible PART 1 Genesis to the Kingdom
Friday, Oct 28	Who are we? as Humanity? Bible PART 2 Kingdom to Messiah
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## HEY KIDS!

It's Sunday. Father is preparing to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, but he needs your help.

- Get a bigger copy of this image from the bulletin board in the hallway near the offices.
- Colour the Priest and his vestments
- Cut out the vestments.
- Glue the Priest to a thin piece of cardboard and cut him out. Old cereal boxes work great.
- Attach the vestments to the Priest.
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